

**Manitou Springs Real Estate**  
**“Different Drummer” Scholarship**

*"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."*  
: -- Henry David Thoreau, From "Walden."

**Objective:** The Different Drummer Scholarship is a one-time \$1000 gift intended for two Manitou Springs High School (or home schooled) graduates each year who have a particular passion, but who don't necessarily fit into the "typical" scholarship profile. It will be awarded to two students who have a dream, goal, or passion and exhibit focus and ambition toward meeting the goal or fulfilling the dreams or passions. The scholarship can be used for anything that will help the students accomplish this: college or trade school expenses, private tutoring, special lessons, books, supplies, equipment, tools, or anything else that is a legitimate means to that end. Each scholarship will be customized to that year's recipients. No preference will be given based upon gender, religion, race, handicap, family status, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. Preference will be given to applicants having less financial resources at their disposal and/or who would not otherwise receive a scholarship.

**Criteria:** No GPA, transcript, class ranking, school activities, club memberships, or school offices held will be considered in the application. Application Packet to include: (Incomplete packets will be disqualified.):

1. Student must submit an essay explaining what their passion is and how they propose to use the scholarship.
2. In addition, the student must submit a work of art, a song, a video, or in some other way, give an example of their passion.
3. Two letters of reference must be submitted; one from a teacher and one from someone else who is significant in the applicant's life (but not a teacher).
4. An informal personal interview with the applicant may be requested.

**Scholarship Award:** The scholarship recipient will be published at the annual graduation ceremony and at least part of the money will be awarded on or before the first day of September following. Because each scholarship is unique, the disbursement will be tailored to each recipient's needs.

**Accountability:** Recipient will be expected to give informal quarterly progress reports by email, letter, phone call, or in person to the Different Drummer Scholarship Administrator for one calendar year following receipt of the first disbursement. Failure to make these reports could result in cancellation of all or part of the remainder of the scholarship.

**Deadline:** All applications must be submitted by May 15, 2018.

Please fill out this information and submit it, along with your Application Packet:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_