



Application for the 2026 El Dannen Memorial Scholarship

Oregon Destination Imagination, Inc. announces the continuation of its DI Scholarship Program. Each spring, one or more applicants who intend to begin or continue study at a community or junior college, college, university, or trade school in the following fall may be awarded a \$500 scholarship, based upon their demonstrated commitment to Oregon Destination Imagination and creative problem solving (CPS). Applications will be evaluated without regard to applicants' financial need, GPA, gender, age, citizenship, sexual preference, or ethnicity. Applicants must be Oregon residents. Recipient will be announced at the 2026 Oregon DI affiliate tournament. This scholarship is named in memory of El Dannen, a long time Oregon DI volunteer.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ Birth Date: _____

High School (name, city, state): _____

Number of years you have participated in DI and/or other CPS programs: _____

Nature of participation (check all that apply):

team member _____ team manager _____ volunteer _____ other (please explain): _____

Highest level of CPS competition in which you have performed or participated:

regional _____ state (affiliate) _____ global finals _____

School you will attend this fall if known (name, city, state): _____

Please complete page 2 with specific DI and Creative Problem Solving experience.

REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Failure to fully comply with these requirements may result in rejection of your application.

Deadline: Applications must be received by March 1, 2026.

1. Please complete and submit both pages of this application form, including your signature at the bottom of page 2.
2. Please submit a creative presentation addressing how DI and creative team-based problem solving have affected your life. This may take the form of an essay (no longer than two typed pages), and/or a video or audio presentation (no longer than five minutes), and/or a visual (2-D or 3-D) display, and/or any other mode of presentation that you imagine, excluding live presentations. Applicants may take a humorous and/or serious approach and may utilize any style or content which they deem interesting and appropriate.
3. Please submit two brief letters of reference. Neither may be from a close relative. One letter must be from someone who has personal knowledge of your participation in DI and/or creative problem solving. The other letter should be from a person who knows you from school or from a non-DI extracurricular activity. **Both letters should specifically address your creativity and teamwork skills.**
4. Applications must be delivered, with postage and delivery costs prepaid, to the following address:

Scholarship Committee - Oregon Destination Imagination
5308 SE Oakland Avenue, Milwaukie, OR 97267
Or by email to: donna@oregondi.org

A return receipt of application will be emailed to each applicant. Only one application may be tendered per applicant. Applicants may receive the scholarship only once, but an applicant who has not yet received a scholarship may continue applying in future years, subject to the above criteria. Oregon Destination Imagination, Inc. reserves the right to reject any application for any reason and is not obligated to issue any awards. All applications become the property of Oregon Destination Imagination, Inc. and may be used in promotional materials. Recipient will be selected based upon their demonstrated commitment to DI and creative team-based problem solving, the creativity and quality of workmanship of their required presentation, and the content of their letters of reference. Every effort will be made to notify the recipient prior to the Oregon Affiliate Tournament.

Name of Applicant _____

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Destination Imagination and Creative Problem Solving (CPS) Experience

Please list the years and DI challenges you participated in:

If your team received any awards such as first through third place finishes, Da Vinci, Renaissance, or Spirit of DI, please note the tournament level and year received:

Please list any Destination Imagination or other volunteer experience:

By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions specified in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____