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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences will award Dean Joan Metcalf Schaefer Scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year to continuing USC undergraduate students with a major in USC Dornsife. Students will earn recognition based on demonstrating a continuous love for learning and scholarly excellence while addressing social, artistic, educational, health, or public service issues through active leadership in university and community organizations. These merit scholarships range in amount up to \$5,000.

The scholarships were created in honor of Dean Joan Metcalf Schaefer, who served as Dean of Women at the University for over thirty-seven years. During her many years at USC, Dean Joan touched the lives of thousands of students. She was an outspoken advocate, a demanding critic, a loyal supporter, and a trusted adviser. More information about Dean Joan and this scholarship may be obtained at her web site, www.deanjoan.net.

Applicants for the awards must be full-time undergraduate students at the University of Southern California for the 2025-2026 academic year with a major in USC Dornsife. In addition, they must be of junior or senior standing in the 2025-2026 academic year and must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average in their cumulative work at USC. As these are tuition-based awards, USC Trustee Scholars are not eligible to apply. Students who received the award as a junior must submit a new application for their senior year as awards are not guaranteed to be renewed.

Please submit your completed application materials to USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, February 21, 2025. All semi-finalists will be notified during the week of March 31 and must be available to interview with the selection committee on Saturday, April 12, 2025 for final selection. If you have any questions, please contact USC Dornsife Admission and Student Success at scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu.

Sincerely,



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