The Dapper Distinction Award

Beginning in 2026, the foundation will award The Dapper Distinction Award for Young Entrepreneurs, a startup grant designed for youth ages 15-25 who want to start or grow a business in trades, craft, agriculture, service, mechanics, digital work, or any ethical enterprise.

Unlike typical scholarships, applicants do not need:

- A perfect GPA
- College enrollment
- Letters proving academic excellence

How to Support or Apply

- Youth applications for the first Dapper Seed Grant open **10/20/2025.**
- Businesses, donors, and individuals wishing to sponsor a grant or mentor a recipient can visit www.thedapperwrench.com.
- Completed application form (next page).
- A short essay 500–1000 words on:
- "*Why I want to grow a business and how this grant will help me achieve that goal.*"
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or mentor.

About The Dapper Distinction Foundation: The Dapper Distinction Foundation exists to fund young problem-solvers, leaders, and creators who are ready to build their future — not just study it. By awarding startup grants, mentorship, and community support, the foundation empowers youth to become employers, not just employees.

Award Amount Options: $1,000 (one recipient) OR **$500** each (two recipients)

Eligibility

- Youth age 15-25.
- Must live in Crawford or Sebastian County.
- Would like to start or grow a business in trades, craft, agriculture, service, mechanics, digital work, or any ethical enterprise
- **Application Deadline**: March 31, 2026
- **Winner Announced**: April 2026

Recognition

The Dapper Distinction winner will be announced publicly and honored at our car show in April 2026. The winner will also be featured on The Dapper Wrench's website and social media.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School Attended: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Intended Business or Trade: _____

Have you taken any courses or researched the business?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list: _____

Do you currently work (or volunteer) in a related job?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

Signature: _____

Date:

Submission Instructions

Submit your application, essay, and recommendation letters by:

- Email: hello@TheDapperWrench.com
- Mail or drop off: The Dapper Wrench, 10638 N Hwy 59, Cedarville, AR 72932