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## 2025 Scholarship Application

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- MUST BE IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR DURING THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
- EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A CAREER IN BANKING OR FINANCE (may include business, finance, IT, cybersecurity, HR, marketing, etc.)
- HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP LISTED ABOVE FROM THE SD BANKERS FOUNDATION

### GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print or type.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address (including city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Mailing Address (including city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # OR Last 4 of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION (Your college transcript is required.)

Name of University Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a senior in fall 2025 (Please check a box.)?  Yes  No

Expected University Graduation Date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

List major(s) and minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of previous colleges attended:

#1: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hrs. & GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

#2: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hrs. & GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

#3: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Hrs. & GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE VIA EMAIL TO [EVENTS@SDBA.COM](mailto:EVENTS@SDBA.COM) NO LATER THAN **MARCH 31, 2025**.**

## **APPLICATION PACKAGE:**

### **1. AN ESSAY OR VIDEO ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING:**

Please answer this question in either a written essay, not to exceed 500 words OR a three-minute video: “How can my career positively impact South Dakota’s banking industry?”

In your essay or video, please describe your career goals in the banking/finance industry. Highlight any banking/finance work experience, internships, etc. that may help you attain your goals. Include information outlining your leadership experiences, community services, extracurricular activities, etc. that you have had that have impacted your career goals.

### **2. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Two letters are required.)**

Two letters of recommendation need to be submitted with your application. The authors of the letters should describe in detail why the applicant is a promising candidate for this scholarship. Include testimonials that speak to the accomplishments, character, and leadership qualities of the applicant.

### **3. TRANSCRIPT**

Include your college transcript in your application package. An unofficial copy will be accepted.

### **4. APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE**

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- </= 500-word essay or three-minute video file.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Signed application form (above)

Scoring will be based on depth of your essay/video content, completeness of the application package. Notification of award status will be made by April 30, 2025. If chosen, your scholarship award will be paid directly to your university.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2025.**



**Questions?**

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