

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Please attach a headshot photo with application

Recent Grade Point Average from high school or college, university or technical school you have attended or are currently attending: _____

School that you are presently attending or most recently attended: _____

College, University or Technical Institute you are planning to attend: _____

What is your course of study/major? _____

THANK A TEACHER

Nominate a current or past teacher/educator you believe has made the biggest impact on your life and why:

Please submit the completed application form and headshot to be received on or before **January 16, 2026** to:

**Dakotaland Federal Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
2297 Kansas Ave SE, Ste 1
Huron, SD 57350**

Financial Goals Essay: (worth 30% of your application score - please answer in 500 words or less)

How important is financial literacy in preparing for your future and reaching your career goals?

Accomplishments | Honors | Awards

Please list any/all of your honors or awards and the year in which you received them. (If more room is needed, please attach an extra sheet.)

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| 1. _____ | Date: _____ |
| 2. _____ | Date: _____ |
| 3. _____ | Date: _____ |
| 4. _____ | Date: _____ |

Extracurricular Activities | Organizations

Please list the extracurricular activities/organizations you have participated in, including the length of involvement, offices held and dates of participation. (If more room is needed, please attach an extra sheet.)

- | Activity | Length of Involvement | Position Held | Date |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------|------|
| 1. _____ | | | |
| 2. _____ | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | |
| 4. _____ | | | |
| 5. _____ | | | |
| 6. _____ | | | |

Volunteer Work | Job Experience

Please list the volunteer/community service work or job experience you have participated in including the dates worked. Also, please indicate the type of experience, activism/work: (If more room is needed, please attach an extra sheet.)

- | Type of Experience | Volunteer Work or Job | Date |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------|
| 1. _____ | | |
| 2. _____ | | |
| 3. _____ | | |
| 4. _____ | | |
| 5. _____ | | |

- 10 – \$1,000 Scholarships Awarded
- Scholarship is non-renewable
- A scorecard system will be utilized to evaluate entries
- Application criteria to include:
 1. essay on financial goals of 500 words or less
 2. volunteer efforts
 3. academic achievement
 4. work or job experience
 5. extra curricular activities
 6. overall presentation of application
- \$200 gift to be awarded by the scholarship winners to their teacher nominee to use in their classroom for projects or supplies.
- Scholarship applications are released on November 24, 2025 and available online at www.DakotalandFCU.com
- Scholarship entries are due by January 16, 2026
- Scholarships are judged and winners notified by February 13, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICY

Last update: November 7, 2025

- Accepting one (1) entry per eligible member
- Cannot be a past winner of this scholarship
- Employees or board members from Dakotaland Branch locations will participate on the scholarship selection committee for a minimum of seven members with a majority vote rule.
- Awarded to a current Dakotaland Federal Credit Union Member in good standing
- Must have at least six months of Credit Union membership at Dakotaland Federal Credit Union as of the application closing date
- Monies to be used toward continued secondary education expenses at an accredited university, college or technical institution for the 2026–2027 school year
- In the event of a tie, the lowest judged score will be eliminated until there is one winner amongst those with the same score.
- Scholarships are available to full-time students of all ages
- A media release will be required to include press releases, web site, Facebook, lobby digitals, annual meeting, etc.
- The scholarship check will be made payable jointly to the recipient and the designated school

Selections will be made without regard to color, race, credit, national origin or sex.