2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

NOW available from South Dakota Bankers Foundation to students at:

♦ South Dakota Colleges & Universities
♦ South Dakota Technical Schools

$3,000 Herman Lerdal Scholarship
$3,000 Joyce Hazeltine Scholarship
$3,000 David S. Birkeland Scholarship

Each of the above scholarships will be awarded to a South Dakota College or University junior with an expressed interest in banking, finance or business. Application must be submitted by March 4, 2016. Application forms are available from your campus guidance counselor, financial aid office or on the South Dakota Bankers Association website at www.sdba.com/college-scholarships

$4,000 Alan M. Graff Scholarship

At any South Dakota College or University awarded to a junior with an expressed interest in banking, finance or business. Application must be submitted by March 4, 2016. Application forms are available from your campus guidance counselor, financial aid office or on the South Dakota Bankers Association website at www.sdba.com/college-scholarships

$1,500 @ University of South Dakota
Awarded to a junior at the School of Business. For additional information and application forms contact: Dean A.K. “Venky” Venkatachalam, School of Business, USD, Vermillion, (605) 677-5455.

$1,500 @ South Dakota State University
Awarded to a junior studying ag economics or ag business. For additional information and application forms contact: Dr. Don Marshall, College of Agriculture, SDSU, Brookings, (605) 688-5133.

$1,500 @ Dakota State University
Awarded to an incoming graduate student in information assurance with bank security specialization. For additional information and application forms contact: Jill Ruhd, Dakota State University, Madison, (605) 256-5650.

$1,500 @ Lake Area Technical Institute
Awarded to a first year student majoring in consumer banking or agri-banking. For additional information and application forms contact: Tammy Hunter, Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, (605) 882-5284 ext. 292.

$1,500 @ Southeast Technical Institute
Awarded to students majoring in financial services for an applied science degree. For additional information and application forms contact: Chellee Nemec, Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, (605) 367-7464.

$1,500 @ Black Hills State University
Awarded to a junior majoring in economics and finance in the School of Business. For additional information and application forms contact Dr. Priscilla Romkema, BHSU School of Business, Spearfish, (605) 642-6212, or Kanda Guthmiller, BHSU Scholarship Coordinator, (605) 642-6335.

$1,500 @ Northern State University
Awarded to a junior or senior majoring in banking and financial services. For additional information and application forms contact Bill Broucek, Dean of School of Business, Aberdeen, (605) 626-2400.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

SOUTH DAKOTA BANKERS FOUNDATION

PO Box 1081 * Pierre, SD 57501
http://www.sdba.com/college-scholarships
PH: 605.224.1653
debgates@sdba.com
2016 Scholarship Application
(For eligibility, you must currently be a junior entering your senior year during the 2015-2016 school year.)

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print or type.)
Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________
College Address (including city, state, zip): _____________________________________________________________________
Cell Phone #: ___________________   Alternate Telephone: ___________________
Permanent Address (including city, state, zip): __________________________________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

EDUCATION (Your college transcript is required.)
Name of High School: _______________________________________________________________________________________
Address of High School (including city, state, zip): _______________________________________________________________
Name of University Currently Attending: _______________________________________________________________________
Expected University Graduation Date (month/year): _______________________________________________________________
List major(s) and minor(s): _________________________________________________________________________________
Overall GPA: ___________
Total hours completed by the end of spring semester 2016: __________
Name and address of previous colleges attended: _______________________________________________________________

# of Hrs. & GPA: ___________________

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EXTRA CURRICULAR, COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS
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HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS
Honorary Organizations:
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Awards:
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Scholarships:
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CAREER INFORMATION
Describe your career goals and outline your course of study to attain these goals, including your interest in a career in business, finance or banking. (Attach a one-page monologue.)

LEADERSHIP
Describe how you have guided, inspired or directed others in your personal, community or academic life. Continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience, is best. (Attach an explanation.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Describe your participating in up to three (3) unpaid volunteer activities, giving specific examples of the type of activity. Include “for whom” the community service was done (example: specific individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, agencies, school or the community at-large). Simply attending regular meetings does NOT qualify. (Attach an explanation.)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
List any other qualifications which make you stand out for these scholarships. Include special skills and/or challenges that required courage, self-reliance and determination. These challenges may be economic, emotional, physical or geographic. Describe the situation and how you overcame it. (Attach an explanation.)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Two letters are required.)
Two letters of recommendation need to be submitted with your application. The “Letter of Recommendation” form is available on the last page of this application and can be duplicated as needed. This form must be returned by March 4, 2016.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________________________ Date _____________________________

Include your college transcript and two letters of recommendation with your application. The application will be disqualified without these items. If you cannot send the letters of recommendation or transcript with this application, please follow-up to make sure your references and college have mailed the items by March 4, 2016. Your application will be considered for each of the scholarships.

Mail your application by March 4, 2016 to:
South Dakota Bankers Association
Foundation Scholarship Program
PO Box 1081
Pierre, SD 57501
South Dakota Bankers Foundation

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2016 Letter of Recommendation

PLEASE TYPE

Applicant’s Name (Last, First, Middle): ________________________________________________________________

Through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are allowed full access to their permanent record file. Students also may waive their rights to review letters of recommendation or evaluation. If you wish to waive your right to access to this letter, please sign below. This action is completely optional.

Signature of Applicant: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

To the individual completing this form:

Please answer the questions below in as specific and candid a manner as possible. Your comments will be an important factor in the selection decision. We realize this requires time and effort on your part and we appreciate your assistance.

Please mail by March 4, 2016 to:

College Scholarships
South Dakota Bankers Association
PO Box 1081
Pierre, SD 57501-1081
(605) 224-1653

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Leadership: Describe how the applicant has guided, inspired or directed others in their personal, community or academic life. Continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience is best.

3. Community Service: Describe the applicant’s participation in up to 3 unpaid volunteer activities, giving specific examples of the type of activity. Include “for whom” the community service was done (example: specific individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, agencies, school or the community at large). Simply attending regular meetings does NOT qualify.

4. Other Qualifications: Describe other qualifications which make the applicant a good choice for these scholarships. Include any special skills and/or challenges that required courage, self-reliance and determination. These challenges may be economic, emotional, physical or geographic. Describe the situation and how the applicant overcame it.

5. Please provide any further comments you feel would aid in evaluation of the applicant.

Signature: ___________________________  Title: ___________________________

Print Your Name: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

Institution: ___________________________  Phone: ___________________________

Applications will be disqualified without letters of recommendation. Please return this form with your letter by March 4, 2016. Thank you!