

## **Scholarships –March 2015**

### **1. South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship**

- a. \$5000 over Four Years
- b. Applicant must attend a South Dakota college or technical school
- c. Applicant must complete the Regents Scholar Curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better, an ACT score of 24 or higher, and no grade below a C in the core classes. The Regents Scholar Curriculum is
  - i. 4 credits of English
  - ii. 3 credits of Social Studies
  - iii. 4 credits of algebra or higher mathematics
  - iv. 4 credits of Science
  - v. 1 credit of Fine Arts
  - vi. .5 credit of economics or personal finance
  - vii. .5 credit of physical education
  - viii. 2 credits of either of the following or a combination of the two
    - Approved CTE courses
    - Modern or classical language
- d. Beginning with the Fall 2013 term, students can also establish eligibility for the scholarship by obtaining a composite ACT score of 28 and meeting college readiness benchmarks in the areas of English (18), Reading (21), Mathematics (22), and Science (24)
- e. Deadline –September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you will be starting college
- f. Application is available at <http://sdos.sdbor.edu/>

### **2. South Dakota iHELP Scholarship**

- a. (5) \$1000 scholarships
- b. Scholarship winners will be chosen at random. Every scholarship application will be automatically entered into a drawing for a free iPad
- c. Application is available in the guidance office
- d. Deadline – March 31, 2015

### **3. South Dakota Fire Service Scholarship Program**

- a. (2) \$1,000
- b. Applicant must be the son/daughter of any member (living, deceased or retired) of a fire department in South Dakota or an active member of a junior fire department in South Dakota
- c. Applicant must be sponsored by a fire department that has 100% membership in the SD Firefighters Association of the current year
- d. Applicant must be sponsored by a member of the SD Firefighters Auxiliary, a local fire department Auxiliary or a member of the Dear Old Timers
- e. Application is available in the guidance office
- f. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

4. **Curtis Marvin Hohn Scholarship**

- a. \$1,000
- b. Applicant must plan on attending a public or private college, university, or technical school in South Dakota
- c. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing studies in history, political science, or water resources (water conservation, water quality, hydraulics, water system management or operation, or environment).
- d. Application is available in the guidance office
- e. *Deadline – March 10, 2015*

5. **Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire**

- a. Multiple \$1,000 scholarships
- b. Applicant must reside in Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha or Turner County
- c. See scholarship application for required courses or study to apply
- d. Application is available in the guidance office
- e. *Deadline – April 1, 2015*

6. **Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship**

- a. \$1,000
- b. Applicant must have minimum GPA of 3.2 or higher
- c. Applicant must submit resume and have character reference letters
- d. Note – preference may be given to a student from Burke, Bon Homme or Wagner High Schools
- e. Application is available online at [www.coachmorrellscholarship.org/home](http://www.coachmorrellscholarship.org/home) or in the guidance office.
- f. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

7. **Golden West Scholarship**

- a. \$1000 - Dell Rapids High School Senior
- b. Student/parent must reside within the Golden West Telecommunications service area and utilize Golden West services.
- c. Based on ACT score, leadership, extracurricular activities, academic achievement, motivation to succeed, and personal character
- d. Application is available in guidance office or online at [www.goldenwest.com](http://www.goldenwest.com)
- e. **Applications must be returned to Mrs. Ruesink – do not mail them in**
- f. *Deadline –March 15, 2015 to Mrs. Ruesink*

8. **2015 Citi Youth Leadership Awards**

- a. (6) \$1,000
- b. Applicant must be a senior attending a Sioux Empire high school (this includes Dell Rapids)
- c. Applicant must have contributed at least 100 hours of service within the past 12 months
- d. Application is available in the guidance office or online at [www.helplinecenter.org](http://www.helplinecenter.org)
- e. *Deadline – March 20, 2015*

**9. Build Dakota Scholarship Program**

- a. 300 scholarships in first 5 years of scholarship
- b. Scholarship will cover tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses at the eligible technical institute programs
- c. Applicant must be pursuing a course of study in a “*high demand work force-area*”: see *website for identified/approved programs*
- d. Applicant must demonstrate financial need, and demonstrate aptitude through one or more of the following
  1. NCRC or other industry-recognized certifications in the career area
  2. Technical, dual or concurrent coursework completed in the career interest area
  3. Career and Technical Education coursework completed in the career interest area
  4. Work-based learning experiences, internships or work experience in the career interest area
- e. Scholarship recipient will agree to enroll in a technical institute program determine as a high-need workforce in South Dakota
- f. Following graduation, the student must work full-time in the field of study in South Dakota for a minimum of three years
- g. Application is available in the guidance office or online at <http://doe.sd.gov/builddakota>
- h. *Deadline – April 15, 2015*

**10. Zach Leighton “Believe” Scholarship**

- a. Multiple \$500 Scholarships
- b. This scholarship was established in memory of Zach Leighton. “If you believe, you can achieve” is a tribute to Zach
- c. Application is available in the guidance office
- d. *Deadline –April 1, 2015*

**11. Dell Rapids Lions Club Scholarship**

- a. \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from one of the area schools; Dells Public, St. Mary Catholic School or Baltic
- b. Applicants must demonstrate legitimate commitment to community service
- c. Application is available in the guidance office
- d. *Deadline – April 7, 2015 – return to Mrs. Ruesink*

**12. “Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow” Scholarship**

- a. (25) \$1,000
- b. Applicant must have participated in any South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned activity or be a Farmers Union Insurance policyholder or South Dakota Farmers Union Member or Friends of the SDFU Foundation member
- c. Applicant must attend a post-secondary education at a South Dakota college, university, or technical school.

- d. Selection criteria based upon academic record, school and community involvement, financial need, as well as written essay about “How do you hope to impact a Brighter Tomorrow in South Dakota?”
- e. Application is available in the guidance office or online at [www.sdfufoundation.org](http://www.sdfufoundation.org)
- f. *Deadline –April 15, 2015*

**13. Dells Forward Youth Scholarship**

- a. (2) \$300.00 scholarships to Dell Rapids Public School students
- b. Applicants must demonstrate the characteristics of forward-thinking, volunteerism and service to the community
- c. Applicants must have plans to further their education
- d. Applicants must have a 2.0 or higher GPA
- e. Application is available in the guidance office
- f. *Deadline – April 1, 2015 – Return to Mrs. Ruesink*

**14. Sioux Falls Business and Professional Women’s Organization Scholarship**

- a. (3) \$500.00
- b. Applicants must be female students pursuing a post-secondary education; traditional and non-traditional students are eligible to apply.
- c. Selection is based on demonstrated academic excellence and financial need.
- d. Applicant is available in the guidance office
- e. *Deadline – May 31, 2015 – Return to Mrs. Ruesink*

**15. PEO Scholarship**

- a. \$350.00
- b. Applicants must be senior females that have 3.0 or higher GPA
- c. Application is available in the guidance office
- d. *Deadline – March 31, 2015 – Return to Mrs. Ruesink*

**16. L.G. Everist Scholarship**

- a. \$1,000 per year for two years
- b. Applicant should demonstrate a strong interest in Mechanical/Technical training and be willing to attend two years of tech school.
- c. Selection is based upon student’s drive, attention, motivation, and interest in mining, railroading or mechanical work.
- d. Scholarship winner may have the opportunity for an internship at L.G. Everist in conjunction with schooling
- e. *Deadline – April 30, 2015*

**17. Junior Achievement of South Dakota – Leo Crawford Scholarship**

- a. \$500
- b. Applicant must have participated in a junior achievement program during their K-12 education – includes high school JA Ethics program
- c. Applicant can major in any field

- d. Application is available in the guidance office or online at <http://jasd.org/Programs/scholarships.html>
- e. *Deadline – March 30, 2015*

**18. South Dakota Society for Technology in Education Scholarship**

- a. Applicant must have enrolled and been accepted in an educational institution in the field of Educational Technology or Informational Technology
- b. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- c. Applicant must have a current member of SDSTE in their district or have a parent who is a current member of SDSTE
- d. Application is available in the guidance office
- e. *Deadline – March 23, 2015*

**19. Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships**

- a. This Foundation administers many scholarships, some of which only Dell Rapids students are eligible to apply for. Most of these scholarships have a **March 15<sup>th</sup>** deadline and are available online at [www.sfacf.org](http://www.sfacf.org) or in the guidance office. The following are available for Dell Rapids High School students with some just for \*\*Dell Rapids students.

- i. **Altrusa Scholarship**

- 1. Must graduate from high school in Minnehaha or Lincoln county
    - 2. Must plan to attend Southeast Technical Institute
    - 3. Must demonstrate financial need, have GPA 3.0 or higher and participated in school and community affairs
    - 4. Interested students should visit STI financial aid office

- ii. **AXA Advisors Sioux Empire Scholarship**

- 1. \$750.00
    - 2. Must graduate from high school in Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner or McCook counties
    - 3. Must plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university
    - 4. Must demonstrate diligence, determination to overcome challenges, and willingness to undertake unusual responsibility in pursuit of a worthy, nonacademic personal achievement.
    - 5. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

- iii. **Bill Barlow “Second Chance” Scholarship**

- 1. \$1,500
    - 2. Must graduate from Sioux Falls area high school or have GED
    - 3. Must plan to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school and demonstrate financial need
    - 4. Must have a history of at-risk behavior and a growing commitment to lead a responsible, productive life
    - 5. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

iv. **Cogley-Buffington Certified Property and Casualty Underwriters Fund**

1. \$1,000
2. Must attend a four year college, have a 3.5+ GPA, demonstrate financial need, participate in extra-curricular and community activities
3. Must have an interest in and understanding of the role of business in American society.
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

v. **Dale Lokke Law Enforcement Scholarship**

1. \$400
2. Must graduate from Minnehaha County public or private high school
3. Must attend a South Dakota college or university, have participated in extra-curricular and community activities, and demonstrate a desire and ability to succeed in his/her chosen career field.
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

vi. **Davenport Evans Scholarship**

1. \$2,500
2. Must graduate from Brookings, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, or Turner county high schools
3. Must have a high academic achievement based on GPA, class rank, and ACT
4. Must attend a college/university in South Dakota
5. Must demonstrate a strong desire to pursue and meet educational goals
6. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

vii. **David Jay Schmidt Memorial Scholarship \*\***

1. \$2,500
2. Available only to Dell Rapids High School Students
3. Must plan to attend a college, university, or technical school
4. Cannot be ranked in the top 10% of graduating class
5. Must have participated in extra-curricular and community activities and demonstrate financial need
6. Preference is given to qualified students who have not received other scholarship awards
7. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

viii. **David Profilet Scholarship**

1. \$500
2. Must plan to attend Augustana College in Sioux Falls

3. Must have GPA of 3.0 or higher GPA, demonstrate financial need, show character traits such as courage, determination, and ability to overcome adversity
4. *Deadline - April 1, 2015*

ix. **Fred and Marie Christopherson Scholarship**

1. \$2,500
2. Must attend a four year college or university in South Dakota
3. Must have minimum GPA of 3.9 after seven semesters and minimum ACT score of 28
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

x. **Gloria Beck Scholarship \*\***

1. \$750
2. Available only to Dell Rapids High School Students
3. Must plan to attend Augustana College in Sioux Falls
4. Must have GPA of 3.0 or higher and be involved in community activities and community service
5. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xi. **Herman and LaVerne Griller Scholarship**

1. \$3,000
2. Must be a graduate of high school in Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner or McCook county who plans to attend and accredited college/university
3. Must have GPA of 3.0 and higher and demonstrate financial need
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xii. **Jeremy Baum Hope Scholarship \*\***

1. \$1,500
2. Must be a graduate or graduating senior of Dell Rapids High School or a person who has earned a GED or equivalent and resides in Dell Rapids
3. Must demonstrate financial need and plan to attend a college, university, or technical school.
4. *Deadline - March 15, 2015*

xiii. **Jerry Hoftiezer Memorial Scholarship \*\***

1. (2) \$1,250
2. Available only to Dell Rapids High School Students
3. Must attend a four year college/university and be involved in school and community activities
4. Special consideration given to students who have a 3.0+ GPA and have taken or will complete five math courses, including AP Calculus
5. Applicant not required to pursue a math-related college major

6. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xiv. **Joe Foss “An American Hero” Scholarship**

1. \$1000
2. Must attend a college, university, or technical school
3. Must have a GPA of 3.5+, ACT score of 21+, and demonstrate characteristics of an American patriot
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xv. **Junior League of Sioux Falls Scholarship**

1. \$500
2. Must be a female student that resides in Minnehaha or Lincoln County
3. Must attend a college, university or technical school
4. Must have minimum ACT score of 23
5. *Deadline – April 1, 2015*

xvi. **Osmann Family Native American Scholarship**

1. \$1,000
2. Must graduate from South Dakota high school and be an enrolled member of a Native American tribe
3. Must plan to attend a South Dakota college, university or a technical school in Sioux Falls, Watertown, Mitchell, or Rapids City
4. Must have GPA 2.5 or higher and have desire and ability to succeed and further academic study
5. Must have participated in extra-curricular activities and community service
6. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xvii. **Regina “Grandma” Evans Scholarship**

1. \$500
2. Must graduate from a public or private school in Dell Rapids
3. Must plan to attend an accredited technical school for four-year academic college or university
4. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher
5. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xviii. **Sally Bertina Meyer Scholarship**

1. \$800
2. Must attend a high school in Minnehaha County
3. Must plan to attend a four year college or university
4. Must have a GPA of 3.0+ and show an interest in the outdoors and have the desire and ability to succeed in further academic study
5. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xix. **Sunrise Sertoma – Kevin Roth Memorial & Minnehaha Sertoma Club Scholarship**

1. Up to \$2,000
2. Must have been served by the South Dakota School for the Deaf due to a hearing or speech disability
3. Must attend an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xx. **Trent Area Scholarship \*\***

1. Amount varies from year to year
2. Must live in the Trent area as bounded on the south by Moody County line, on the north by South Dakota Hwy 34, on the east by the South Dakota state line, and on the west by the Colman Road (470<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
3. Must be of good moral character and plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution
4. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xxi. **Waneta Drake Miller Edmison Memorial Scholarship**

1. \$2,500
2. Must graduate from high school in Minnehaha, Lincoln, Turner or McCook county
3. Must plan to attend a college, university or technical school
4. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and participated in school and community activities
5. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

xxii. **Wyatt Ammon Memorial Scholarship \*\***

1. \$750
2. Must graduate from Dell Rapids public or private high schools
3. Must plan to attend a college, university or technical school
4. Must demonstrate originality and an interest in seeking personal challenges.
5. Applicants may be evaluated according to special circumstances, motivation to pursue goals, and the inspiration for those goals
6. *Deadline – March 15, 2015*

## **Local Scholarships**

The following are local scholarships that will be awarded to someone in the senior class. **These scholarships are not available yet. The amounts are from last year and may change this year. These**

**scholarships will be announced so students need to make sure they check the announcements or with Mrs. Ruesink when they become available.**

**1. Lions Club Scholarship**

- a. \$1000
- b. Based on service to the school and the community
- c. April 7, 2015

**2. John Solem Scholarship**

- a. \$500-\$1000
- b. Based on merit –academics, leadership, service, and character
- c. *Deadline –assigned by the counselor – not available yet*

**3. Dells Forward Youth Scholarship**

- a. (2) \$300 last year
- b. Based on the importance of serving the community and school
- c. April 1, 2015

**4. Dell Rapids Public School Education Scholarship**

- a. Amount varies
- b. Must go into the teaching field
- c. *Deadline –assigned by the counselor – not available yet*

**5. PEO Scholarship**

- a. \$300
- b. For girls only with GPA of 3.00 or higher
- c. March 31, 2015

**6. Henry Speh Scholarship**

- a. \$500-\$1000
- b. Must attend USD
- c. Get application from the USD website and follow their directions and deadlines

**7. Dan Daugaard Scholarship**

- a. \$500
- b. Must major in engineering and preference is given to students who will attend the University of North Dakota. If we have no engineering students attending UND, students attending another college and majoring in engineering will be eligible
- c. *Deadline –assigned by the counselor – not available yet*

**8. American Legion Post 65 Scholarship**

- a. \$300-\$500
- b. All students are eligible to apply
- c. Deadline –assigned by the counselor – not available yet

**9. Golden West Scholarship**

- a. \$1000
- b. Student/parent must reside within the Golden West Telecommunications service area
- c. Based on ACT score, leadership, extracurricular activities, academic achievement, motivation to succeed, and personal character
- d. Deadline – March 15, 2015

**10. Zach Leighton “Believe” Scholarship**

- a. \$500 scholarships
- b. This scholarship is a tribute to Zach. “If you believe, you can achieve.”
- c. April 1, 2015

**11. David Schmidt Scholarship**

- a. \$2500
- b. Available only to Dell Rapids High School Students
- c. Cannot be ranked in the top 10% of graduating class
- d. Preference is given to students who may not receive any other scholarship
- e. Deadline – March 15, 2015

**12. Gloria Beck Scholarship**

- a. \$750
- b. Available only to Dell Rapids High School Students
- c. Preference is given to students who plan to attend Augustana College. If no student attends Augustana, preference then is given to students attending a private college
- d. Deadline – March 15, 2015

**13. Jeremy Baum Hope Scholarship**

- a. \$1500
- b. Must be a Dell Rapids area student
- c. Given to students who have developed a motivation to succeed late in life or after high School making the applicant ineligible for most scholarships
- d. Deadline – March 15, 2015

**14. Jerry Hoftiezer Memorial Scholarship**

- a. (2) \$1250
- b. Available only to Dell Rapids High School Students
- c. Must attend a four year college, involved in school and community activities, have a 3.00+ GPA, and have taken or will complete five math courses, including AP calculus
- d. Deadline – March 15, 2015

**15. Trent Area Scholarship**

- a. Amount varies from year to year

- b. Must live in the Trent area as bounded on the south by Moody County line, on the north by South Dakota Hwy 34, on the east by the South Dakota state line, and on the west by the Colman Road.
- c. Deadline – March 15, 2015

**16. Wyatt Ammon Memorial Scholarship**

- a. \$750
- b. Must attend either Dell Rapids High School or Dell Rapids St. Mary High School; demonstrate originality and an interest in seeking personal challenges. Applicants may be evaluated according to special circumstances, motivation to pursue goals, and the inspiration for those goals
- c. Deadline - March 15, 2015

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**Scholarship Sites**

1. [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
2. [www.collegenet.com/mach25.app](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25.app)
3. [www.eac-easci.org](http://www.eac-easci.org)
4. [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
5. [www.finaid.org/scholarships/unusual.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/unusual.phtml)
6. [www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)
7. [www.rightchoice.net](http://www.rightchoice.net)
8. [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)
9. [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)
10. [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org)
11. [www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org)
12. [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
13. [www.scholarshipamerica.com](http://www.scholarshipamerica.com)
14. [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com)
15. [www.sdmylife.com/students/financial-resources](http://www.sdmylife.com/students/financial-resources)
16. <http://www.college-scholarships.com>

**Scholarship Tips:**

1. Applications should be typed!!
2. If necessary, scan in the application and type it.
3. Ask for references in advance...usually one to two weeks. Provide reference person with a copy of the scholarship application along with information about yourself – could be a copy of your resume from SD MyLife.

4. Keep a copy of all scholarship applications you complete...could use parts (essays) later for another scholarship application.
5. Proofread for grammatical and spelling errors... have someone else proofread your applications and essays.