



SDTA Memorial Scholarship Application

\$6,000 available

Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded

Deadline: June 14, 2024

Scholarship Criteria:

- A High School Diploma, GED equivalent or will have it at graduation in 2024;
- Accepted into or attending a multi-year program degree at any accredited technical college or other accredited post-secondary higher education institution in South Dakota for the fall 2024 semester;
- Are majoring in a degree/program or field of study that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry or which significantly relies on the use of broadband services and related technologies (examples of majors eligible for this scholarship can be found at https://sdtaonline.com/sdta_scholarships.php) and
- A customer/member or have a parent or legal guardian that is a customer/member of a SDTA member company.
- Previous SDTA Memorial Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

How to Apply:

- 1- Complete the online application at: https://sdtaonline.com/sdta_scholarships.php or
- 2- Submit typed application via E-mail: karasemmler@sdtaonline.com or
- 3- Submit typed application via Mail to: South Dakota Telecommunications Association, PO Box 57, Pierre, SD 57501.

Instructions - Complete and submit the application along with:

- A minimum of two letters of recommendation. At least one from a teacher, instructor, or advisor. The other may be from someone who knows you well (but not a family member).
- An unofficial transcript.

Selection of awards will be announced on or before July 19th. If a scholarship winner does not wish to accept the award, SDTA should be notified promptly, but by no later than August 19th. The scholarship will be distributed for the spring semester (2025).

Student Information

Student Name _____

Student Email Address _____ Phone _____

Present Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from present address above) _____

Serving Telephone Cooperative/ Company _____

Technical College or other College/University of enrollment _____

If you were claimed as a dependent by your parent(s)/legal guardian for federal income tax purposes, provide the following:

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name _____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Phone & Email Address _____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Address _____

Essay Questions

Type the answer to each of the questions below in your own words. No length requirement or cap.

1. What is your current or planned area of study and explain how telecommunications or broadband technologies and services are important to your intended profession and will help you as an individual in achieving your career goals?
2. In what community service, leadership development, or other personal growth activities do you participate?
3. What personal habits, traits or characteristics will help you excel in your intended career or profession?
4. Describe five criteria that would need to be met for you to choose to stay in South Dakota after graduation from college.
5. Describe your vision of how high-speed broadband services assist those who reside and work in rural areas with the following:
 - a. Economic and Community Development
 - b. Education
 - c. Healthcare
 - d. Overall Quality of Life
6. How did you learn about this scholarship?

The statements in this application are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Applicant)

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