



May 26, 2008

DEAR RAPID CITY AREA NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT:

Thank you for your interest in applying for one of the \$1000 scholarships awarded to post-secondary non-traditional adult students and made available by the Black Hills Community Foundation. These scholarships are applicable to any of the following schools: South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Black Hills State University at Rapid City locations, National American University, West River Campus of the University of South Dakota or South Dakota State University in Rapid City, Western Dakota Tech, or Rapid City Extension Campus of Oglala Lakota College. Please return your completed application and all attachments to the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 747, Rapid City, SD 57709. The deadline is August 1, 2008

Acceptance of scholarship applications are based on the following criteria:

- (1) Applicant must be a non-traditional student who previously attended college and is returning to college after a break of at least six (6) months or a student who graduated from high school at least twelve months prior to the application deadline stated in paragraph one and has not previously attended college. If you are currently enrolled in college you are not eligible for this scholarship.
- (2) Applicant must be a graduate of a Rapid City high school or have lived in Rapid City for the past five years.
- (3) If awarded the scholarship, applicant must make use of the monies within the academic year that the scholarship was awarded. In the event a recipient is unable to use the scholarship, an alternate recipient will be selected.
- (4) Applicant must be available for a scheduled interview-either in person or by phone.

SELECTION CRITERIA

ASSIGNED WEIGHT

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| • Academic aptitude / achievement | 25% |
| • Community service / volunteer work / extracurricular activities | 25% |
| • Personal statement substantiating your qualifications / interview | 50% |



**BLACK HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
Application Deadline: August 1, 2008**

Eligibility requirements:

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Date: _____ Years lived in Rapid City: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

High School graduated from: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College or vocational school previously attended: _____

College or vocational school planning to attend: _____

Full-time or part-time student: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Degree program enrolled in: _____

Current employer: _____ Full-time or part-time: _____

Community service / volunteer work / extracurricular activities;

The following documents must accompany this application form in order to have your application considered by the selection committee. If any required items are missing, your application will not be considered.

- Fully-completed Scholarship Application Form
- Your personal statement of 200-250 words substantiating your application qualification as to why you would be a qualified recipient. Also include how this scholarship money will assist you in reaching your educational goals.
- Copy of college transcripts, if available.