



Agriculture & Natural Resources 2017 Scholarship Application

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship is sponsored by the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. There are four (4) \$1,000 scholarships available. Finalists will be interviewed during the Black Hills Stock Show on **Saturday, January 30, 2017** from **8:00-11:00am**. Please note: should you be chosen as a finalist you must be present for your scheduled interview or you will be disqualified.

The Scholarships are for young men and women pursuing a career in agriculture and natural resources related fields and attending a South Dakota accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program. Eligibility is limited to young men and women who were South Dakota high school students in the spring of 2016 or who will graduate from a South Dakota high school in the spring of 2017. Former scholarship winners are not eligible.

Please type or print responses in black and complete all sections.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name _____
Last First

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip

Daytime Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name _____ Daytime Phone _____
Last First

Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip

Name of accredited, post-secondary educational institution that you plan to attend next year or are currently attending: _____ located in _____.

School is a:

- Four-year academic college or university
- Vocational/technical school
- Other recognized program

Please address the following using additional sheets of paper where applicable (use one side of paper only).

I. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation from non-family members. Please use the **Recommendation Form** found on page 3 of the application.

II. COMMUNITY/CHURCH/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List the community, church, and extra-curricular activities you have participated in the past four years, any offices held and/or awards received, and year(s) of involvement.

III. WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe paid work experience and/or volunteer work you have had in the past four years. List position, employer, and dates of employment or attach a resume.

IV. ESSAY

Explain why you are choosing a career related to Agriculture and Natural Resources and how you are planning to make a living in your chosen vocation.

V. SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Include a copy of your high school and college transcript, if applicable.

VI. CERTIFICATION

I am a graduating high school senior or I did graduate from _____.
I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature

Applicant's name (print)

Date

*Submit this application and all required forms by **January 8, 2017** to:*

Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce
Ag& Natural Resources Scholarship
P.O. Box 747
Rapid City, SD 57709

If you have questions, please call the Scholarship Administrator, Rachel Day at the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce 605.718.8454 or email Day@RapidCityChamber.com.

Agriculture & Natural Resources Scholarship Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name _____

This student is applying for a scholarship and has asked for your recommendation as part of the application process. All recommendations are kept strictly confidential by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

- Please do not write or type on back side of this paper.
- Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.
- When finished, place form in a sealed envelope and write your name across the seal.
- Return to applicant as soon as possible. Applications are due **January 8, 2017**.

Please type or use black ink.

1. How long have you known the applicant?
 - All his/her life
 - 5-10 years
 - 3-5 years
 - 1-3 years

2. How have you been acquainted with this applicant?

3. What qualities make this applicant a good candidate for this scholarship?

4. Additional comments. Please add any information you feel might assist the selection committee in making a scholarship award.

Signature

Address

Print or type name

City State Zip

Title (if school official)

Telephone

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