

# Rapid City Foundation Scholarship

Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) and Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Guidelines & Procedures**

The Rapid City Foundation Scholarship is possible because of the original contribution establishing the Foundation, which is now the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. Scholarships are awarded in partnership with the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Scholarships are awarded to Rapid City residents who are pursuing further education to advance their business skills in order to successfully participate in the business sector of Rapid City. Approximately six to ten awards will be made. Awards will typically be \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 scholarships paid directly to the student's educational institution.

## **I. Applicant/Recipient Eligibility Criteria for the Rapid City Foundation Scholarship at Black Hills Area Community Foundation**

1. Applicant must be a resident of Rapid City and either:
  - a graduating senior in a Rapid City area high school pursuing further education in Fall 2017; or
  - have lived in Rapid City for the past twelve months (as of Apr. 1) and will be enrolled in the Fall 2017 as a student in a Rapid City area postsecondary educational institution.
2. Applicant must plan to attend an accredited, post-secondary educational institution located in Rapid City, such as but not limited to the following: Black Hills Beauty College, Black Hills State University classes being offered at Rapid City area locations, Headlines Academy, National American University, Rapid City Extension Campus of Oglala Lakota College, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, University Center-Rapid City, West River Extensions of South Dakota State University-Rapid City, University of South Dakota-Rapid City, and Western Dakota Tech.
3. Applicant must demonstrate a desire to pursue further education that will advance their skills in order to successfully participate in the business sector of Rapid City.
4. Applicants must submit an official completed and signed scholarship application no later than March 31, 2017. A completed application includes the following:
  - a) **One letter** of personal recommendation submitted on recommendation form. Under no circumstances may family members serve as references.
  - b) A summary of community/church/extra-curricular activities during the past four years.
  - c) A summary of work and/or volunteer experience over the past four years.
  - d) A written essay of no more than 500 words describing your education plans and career goals. The essay should address how you plan to contribute to Rapid City's economy and business community in the future.
  - e) A copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript.
  - f) No staples please.

**Deadline for Applications is March 31, 2017.** Please submit to:

Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce  
Attn: Debbie Leber  
P.O. Box 747  
Rapid City, SD 57709

*If you have questions, please call Debbie Leber at the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce (605) 718-8450 or email [leber@rapidcitychamber.com](mailto:leber@rapidcitychamber.com).*