



What is the Dakota Energy Cooperative Scholarship Program?

The Dakota Energy Scholarship Program is designed to recognize certain academic achievements by children of member-consumers of Dakota Energy, to encourage students to attend a South Dakota post-secondary institute which we feel will encourage them to stay in South Dakota.

The recognition will be in the form of scholarships.

How much is the scholarship?

The Dakota Energy Scholarship Program will award four scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. The scholarships must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given. Checks will be made payable to the student, and will be distributed by Dakota Energy.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dakota Energy will pay scholarships in two equal installments, the first installment in May and the second installment in December.

Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

Dependent children of member-system consumers are eligible. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen.

The applicant must be a student who is planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/ technical school located in South Dakota.

How are the recipients selected?

Awards are based on the following criteria: ACT score, grade-point average, activities and achievements, a statement of 100 words or less by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals, and two recommendations by third parties.

What are the recipient's obligations?

Except for the requirements outlined in this brochure, no obligations will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship award winner. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligations or liability are assumed by Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.

How can I apply?

To apply, you must complete the required criteria and the scholarship application, which can be obtained from a cooperative office or from the school counselor.

Children of member-consumers must return applications to a Dakota Energy office at either Miller or Huron by January 30, 2026.

The applicant is responsible for submitting all necessary information to apply for a scholarship.

The applications must reach your cooperative by the given deadline.



Scholarship Application

Please complete the form below. Information such as schooling, achievements, and career plans may be used for publicity purposes.

1. Name:		Phone Number	
2. Email Address		Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
3. Permanent Address: (street)	(city)	(state)	(zip)
4. Mother's Name:	Father's Name:		
5. High School name and address from which you will graduate this spring:			
6. Accredited School name and address you will be attending in the fall of the year:			
7. Major Course of Study:		Minors:	
Student Signature:		Date:	
Parent Signature:		Date:	

Scholarship Submittal Requirements

- ☐ 1. Complete this form by typing or printing (attach additional sheets if necessary).
- ☐ 2. Enclose your most recent academic transcript from high school.
- ☐ 3. Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT) scores.
- ☐ 4. Enclose a short essay (100 words or less) written by you explaining your educational and career goals.
- ☐ 5. Enclose two letters of reference from third parties. (i.e. teacher, counselor)
- ☐ 6. Enclose a list of your activities, achievements or honors.
- ☐ 7. Mail your complete application packet to the address below by **January 30, 2026**:

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