



2024 SDATAT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The South Dakota Association of Towns & Townships is offering one \$1000 and one \$500 scholarship to two senior high school students who reside in South Dakota, are currently attending a South Dakota public, private, parochial high school or a home school program, and lives in a town or township that is a **current member of SDATAT**. (A membership list is available on the sdtownships.com website) or contact your local town/township board. Graduates of the class of 2023 are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The student must use the scholarship for a college, university, or vocational school which has a physical presence in South Dakota. Applicants must complete an application form and submit it along with their essay on this year's topic:

Consider the meaning of “paying it forward” as it relates to service and volunteerism. What are the potential positive effects and/or perceived negative affects? Provide a detailed real life example or experience to support your position. Reflect in your essay how this principal influences you today and in your near future.

Guidelines for the essay are:

- Essays must be no more than 500 words, and must be typed with double spacing.
- Applicants should **not include** identifying information such as their name, school, town or township, or their local officials anywhere in the essay or on the essay itself.
- Essays will be judged on: following guidelines, originality, depth of subject matter in relationship to the title, correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The application may be accompanied by no more than two, one-page support letters.

The completed application, typed essay, and letters of support, if any, should be submitted in one envelope addressed to: SDATAT Scholarship, PO Box 903, Huron, SD 57350.

Deadline for the application is April 1, 2024. No late applications will be considered.

The scholarship award will be paid to the appropriate financial aid office upon notification of enrollment at a SD college, university, or technical school in September of the winner's second year of study.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Your phone number _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ School Presently Attending _____

Local Unit of Government where you reside: Town or Township _____ / County _____

Is your small town/township a member of SDATAT? _____ Yes _____ No (list at sdtownships.com web site)

Parent's names _____

Hobbies or activities of interest: _____

Future Goals _____

***You may submit one typed double spaced page with additional information about yourself.**