



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION for

South Dakota High School Rodeo Association Scholarships

Western South Dakota Buckaroos Scholarships

and

Western Legacy Foundation Scholarships for SDHSRA

This application will be used for ALL THREE Scholarship Programs. The Scholarship Selection Committee will meet at the SDHSRA Finals and will select the recipients of all Scholarships.

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Consists of eight (8) \$500 scholarships
2. Two scholarships (one senior boy/one senior girl) will be awarded in each region of the SDHSRA
3. Scholarship funds will be awarded during the 3rd semester of College/Technical School.
4. *Applicant MUST participate in College Rodeo during the first semester of College/Technical School. Proof of participation will be necessary to receive funds.*

WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BUCKAROOS RODEO SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Consists of six (6) \$2000 scholarships and one (1) \$3000 scholarship
2. Three \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to three senior girls. An alternate will be selected.
3. Three \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to three senior boys. An alternate will be selected.
4. One \$3000 scholarship will be awarded to the top applicant (boy or girl).
5. Scholarship funds will be awarded during the 3rd semester of College/Technical School.
6. *Applicant MUST participate in College Rodeo during the first semester of College/Technical School. Proof of participation will be necessary to receive funds.*

WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BUCKAROOS NON-RODEO SCHOLARSHIP

1. Consists of two (2) \$2500 scholarship
2. Awarded to a (1) senior boy and (1) senior girl with an immediate family member who is/was a member in good standing of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos. This includes departed and current Buckaroos. Immediate family members include grandfathers, fathers or brothers.
3. An alternate will be selected.
4. The PERSONAL STATEMENT for this scholarship is required to be 500 WORDS in length.
5. Applicants WILL NOT interview at the SDHSRA Finals. Interviews will be completed via Zoom or Facetime on JUNE 6TH, 2026. Applicants will be contacted via phone 15 minutes prior to interview so should plan to be available all afternoon on June 6th, 2026.
6. *This scholarship DOES NOT require participation in High School or College Rodeo*

WESTERN LEGACY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

1. Consists of two (2) \$2000 scholarships
2. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior girl. Alternate will be selected.
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3. *These scholarships DO NOT require participation in college rodeo.*

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

1. Applicants must be senior members of the SDHSRA and qualify for the SDHSRA State Finals
 - a. **ONE EXCEPTION:** Western South Dakota Buckaroos Non-Rodeo Scholarship
2. Applicants must submit a completed and postmarked by **THURSDAY, MAY 28TH, 2026.**
3. Applications should be MAILED to:
Rick Johnston
PO Box 86
Union Center, SD 57787
4. Your application **MUST** be post-marked **ON** or **BEFORE** May 28th, 2026.
5. Personal Statement **STILL NEEDS TO BE HAND WRITTEN**, even if emailing application.
6. Absolutely **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Send it assuming you **WILL** qualify for the State Finals.
7. **ALL** eligible applicants must appear before the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview on Friday, June 19th, 2026 at the SDHSRA Finals in Fort Pierre, SD.
 - a. Interviews will be held 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Expo Center, north of the Grandstands.
 - b. Any changes of time or location will be posted.
8. Applicants must have enrolled or demonstrate bona fide intention of enrolling in a college, university or vocational school. Correspondence schools are not acceptable.

AWARD COLLECTION CRITERIA

1. Scholarship winners will receive a certificate to be awarded on Saturday, June 20th, 2026 at 1:00 PM CST at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierre, SD.
2. To receive payment of scholarships, recipients must:
 - a. Be enrolled and in good standing in college, university or vocational school.
 - b. Recipient is responsible for contacting scholarship's sponsoring organization for payment.
 - i. Proof of enrollment must be included.
 - ii. Western SD Buckaroo Scholarship Checks will be made out to BOTH School and Recipient, requiring endorsement by BOTH parties.
 - iii. SDHSRA Scholarship Checks will be made out to recipient.
3. Buckaroo and SDHSRA Scholarship winners must show enrollment for 3rd Semester of School
 - a. Buckaroo Scholarship winners have two (2) years to claim the scholarship from date they are eligible to collect.
 - b. SDHSRA Scholarship winners have one (1) year to claim scholarship from date they are eligible to collect.
 - c. Western Legacy Scholarships must be used by the Spring Semester of the following year received. Requirements must be sent in by Jan 1, 2027. Funds will be dispersed for the 2027 Spring Semester.
4. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in revocation of scholarship.
 - a. Alternate will then be awarded scholarship monies provided they meet the required criteria.
5. Certificates presented at the time of the award ceremony will contain information on collection of scholarship monies, the contact personnel and the appropriate time frame. These contacts will also be posted on the sdhsra.com website under Forms > Scholarships.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: ____ Miss ____ Mr ____

ADDRESS:(Street) _____

City State Zip

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

City State

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

FATHER: _____ MOTHER: _____

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION: _____

(City)

(State)

GRADUATION DATE: _____ NUMBER IN CLASS _____

CLASS RANK: _____ GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

2026 COMPETING REGION: ____ EAST ____ NW ____ RIVER ____ SW

BUCKAROO RELATIVE & RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: (for Buckaroo Non-Rodeo Scholarship):

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS AND AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Include years of participation. ie. Choir (2), Band (4), FFA (3))

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, OFFICES HELD, AWARDS (4H, Dance, Club Sports, Church Activities etc.)

OTHER COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES

ENROLLMENT PLANS FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: (Include Institute's Name and Address)

DO YOU PLAN TO COLLEGE RODEO? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF SO, WHAT EVENTS DO YOU PLAN TO ENTER: _____

LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED, NOTING THE ONES YOU WILL BE RECEIVING: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID. PLEASE GIVE DETAILS:

+++++ PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS +++++

1. PERSONAL STATEMENT

a. Maximum 300-word, HAND-WRITTEN essay

i. Buckaroo Non-Rodeo Scholarship requires 500-word, HAND WRITTEN essay

b. Summarize your activities and accomplishments

c. State your objectives for further education

d. Explain why you want to be considered for this scholarship

2. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A SCHOOL OFFICIAL

3. COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

❖ Envelope with application must be POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, MAY 28th, 2026 to the address below.

Scholarships

Rick Johnston

PO Box 86

Union Center, SD 57787

**ENVELOPES POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 28th, 2026
OR APPLICATIONS MAILED TO THE WRONG ADDRESS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.