



2026 BILL CROSS MEMORIAL PAST PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

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WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BUCKAROOS



What is the Bill Cross Past President's Scholarship?

Bill Cross was a longtime member of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos, a Past President of the organization and was on the scholarship committee for many years. To celebrate Bill's commitment to the Buckaroos and the Scholarship Committee in particular, the Cross Family wishes to annually award a \$4000 college scholarship to a high school senior who qualifies for the South Dakota State High School Rodeo.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must qualify for the South Dakota State High School Rodeo.
- Applicants must have enrolled or demonstrate bona fide intention of enrolling in a college, university or vocational school program.
- ALL seniors participating in SDHSR are encouraged to apply.

Application Requirements

- Completion of the following application.
- A 250+ word HAND WRITTEN essay describing the Western South Dakota Buckaroos organization and what they do to support High School Rodeo in South Dakota.

Award Criteria

- A Scholarship Certificate in the amount of \$4000 will be presented to the Scholarship Winner during the Saturday Awards Ceremony at the South Dakota High School Rodeo Finals.
- An alternate winner will also be chosen.
- Payment of the scholarship is contingent upon enrollment in a college, university or vocational school.
- The Scholarship Winner must request the payment of the scholarship their third (3rd) semester of school by furnishing proof of enrollment to the Secretary of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos.
- The Scholarship Winner will have three (3) years after high school graduation to enroll for their third (3rd) college semester.
- Should the Scholarship Winner fail to meet these requirements the scholarship will be revoked and awarded to the alternate, provided the alternate meets the criteria.



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STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____ Miss _____ Mr _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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**

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

Please Attach Your Essay to This Page

This application must be MAILED to the following address & POSTMARKED by Thursday, May 28th, 2026.

- ***Essay NEEDS TO BE HAND-WRITTEN.***

We suggest you ASSUME YOU WILL QUALIFY for the SDHSRA State Finals and complete the application and mail it by the deadline.

Any applications POSTMARKED AFTER Thursday, May 28th, 2026 OR sent to the wrong address OR not fully completed WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please MAIL all applications to:

Bill Cross Memorial Past President's Scholarship

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