



## 2024 Scholarship Application

First District Development Company, South Dakota's small business finance partner, is pleased to offer five - \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a business/finance related field.

**Please print or type:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than home address): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be eligible for a First District Development Company scholarship, you must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a high school senior attending a South Dakota High School
- Be accepted into a business/finance program at an accredited, post-secondary institution in South Dakota
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or greater, calculated on a 4.0 grading scale
- Submit an application (with documentation) by April 5, 2024. Required documentation is listed below.

**All applications must be sent to:**

First District Development Company  
Attn: Amy Waite  
PO Box 1207  
Watertown, SD 57201

For more information about the First District Development Company scholarship program, please call 605-882-5115.

**Application Postmark Deadline: April 5, 2024**

**Terms and Conditions:**

All eligibility requirements must be met. Scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition. If selected as a recipient, I consent to the release of my name and photo to the public, on social media, and/or FDDC's website. Scholarship applicants will be notified by mail of scholarship decisions and scholarship payment process.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

### **1. Essay**

In 500 words or less, describe why you should be considered for a First District Development Company scholarship, reasons for choosing a business-related field, and your career goals. The essay should be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet.

### **2. Activities**

Being involved and helping others within South Dakota is a priority at First District Development Company. To illustrate your contributions to your community, please include a summary of your school, extracurricular, civic, religious, volunteer work, work experience, and special interest activities. You should note any leadership roles/positions. The summary should be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet(s).

### **3. Character**

Please attach two personal recommendations from unrelated third parties. Give specific examples regarding character, dependability, involvement and other distinguishing characteristics of the applicant. Recommendations must be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet.

### **4. Academic**

Please include an official transcript, including your cumulative GPA, from the last semester. Also, include proof of acceptance into a business/finance program at an accredited, post-secondary institution in South Dakota.