



**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
FOR  
SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND  
WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BUCKAROOS SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND  
WESTERN LEGACY FOUNDATION SDHSRA SCHOLARSHIP**

This application will be used for all three (4) scholarship programs. The Scholarship Selection Committee at the SDHSRA STATE FINALS will select all four scholarships.

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

1. This scholarship program consists of eight (8) \$500 individual scholarships.
2. Two scholarships (1 senior boy and 1 senior girl) are awarded to each region of the SDHSRA.
3. *Applicant MUST participate in college rodeo during first semester of college or technical school, proof will be necessary before award is given.*

**WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BUCKAROOS RODEO SCHOLARSHIP**

1. This scholarship consists of six **(6) \$1500 individual scholarships & one (1) \$2,000 scholarship.**
2. Three scholarships will be awarded to three senior girls. Alternate will be selected.
3. Three scholarships will be awarded to three senior boys. Alternate will be selected.
4. One scholarship will be awarded to the top (boy or girl) considered the top winner **(\$2,000).**
5. Applicant MUST participate in college rodeo during first semester of college or technical school, proof will be necessary before award is given.

**WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA BUCKAROOS NON-RODEO SCHOLARSHIP**

1. This scholarship program consists of one (1) \$2,000 individual scholarship.
2. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior boy or girl. Alternate will be selected.
3. *This scholarship does not require participation in college rodeo.*
4. Applicant must have an immediate family member that is/was a member, in good standing, of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos. This would include departed Buckaroos and all existing Buckaroos. Immediate family members would include fathers, brothers, or grandfathers.

## WESTERN LEGACY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

1. This scholarship program consists of two (2) \$2,000 individual scholarships.
2. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior girl. Alternate will be selected.
3. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior boy. Alternate will be selected.
4. *These scholarships do not require participation in college rodeo.*

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

1. Applicant must be senior member of SDHSRA and qualified for SDHSRA STATE FINALS.
2. Applicant must submit completed application emailed or postmarked by **Tuesday, May 30th, 2023.**  
Please mail or email application to **Rick Johnston PO Box 86 Union Center, SD 57787 or johnstonrick734@gmail.com**  
*\*if emailing application, scan all documents and send them in ONE file, NOT individual scans.*  
*Personal statement STILL NEEDS TO BE HAND WRITTEN if emailing.*
3. Remember, *no late applications will be considered*, send it assuming you will qualify for State Finals.
4. All eligible applicants must appear before scholarship committee for a personal interview. Interviews will be conducted during the STATE FINALS Rodeo in Fort Pierre, SD on Friday, June 16, 2023.  
Interviews will be from 8:00am – 2:00pm at the Expo Center(north of the grandstands). Any changes of location or time will be posted.
5. Applicant must have enrolled or demonstrate bona fide intention of enrolling in a college, university, or vocational school, excluding correspondence school.

### AWARD CRITERIA

A certificate will be awarded to each of the scholarship winners on the final day of the SDHSRA Finals. Time of award presentations will be at 2:00 pm CST(check State Finals Schedule to confirm time) at the Stanley County Rodeo Grounds in Fort Pierre, SD. Recipients of the scholarships will be required to meet the following criteria to receive payment of scholarship:

1. Recipient must be enrolled and in good standing in college, university or vocational school.

2. Recipient is responsible for contacting the appropriate organization sponsoring the scholarship. Proof of enrollment from school must be attached to notice. Payment will be made to school AND recipient requiring endorsement by both parties for Buckaroo scholarship and to the recipient for SDHSRA scholarship.
3. Buckaroo and SDHSRA Scholarship winners must return information for 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of school.  
Buckaroo Scholarship winners have two years (2) years to claim the scholarship before it expires.  
SDHSRA Scholarship winners have one (1) year to claim the scholarship, from date eligible to collect.  
WLF Scholarship winners have one (1) year to claim the scholarship.
4. Failure to meet requirements during this time period means scholarship winner will have scholarship revoked. The Scholarship Selection Committee will then award the scholarship to the alternate; provided the alternate meets the same criteria.
5. The certificate presented at the time of the award ceremony will also contain the information needed to collect the scholarship at the appropriate time.
6. The Buckaroo scholarship winners will mail or email proof of enrollment to:  
Western SD Buckaroos  
Clay Birkeland  
PO Box 729  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
ClayB@pioneerbankandtrust.com
7. The SDHSRA scholarship winners will mail or email proof of enrollment to:  
SDHSRA Secretary  
Ann Sundermann  
PO BOX 303  
Baltic, SD 57003  
office@sdhsra.com
8. The Western Legacy Foundation scholarship winners will mail proof of enrollment to:  
Western Legacy Foundation  
Tif Robertson, Scholarship Chair  
444 Rushmore Road N  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
info@westernlegacyfoundation.com



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: (Ms. or Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S ADDRESS: (street) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (city)

\_\_\_\_\_ (state)

\_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS: (FATHER): \_\_\_\_\_ (MOTHER) \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED SENIOR YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER IN CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK IN CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

***REGION YOU COMPETED IN 2023 (must check one)    East    River    NW    SW***

**HIGH SCHOOL HONORS & AWARDS:**

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**MAJOR HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

(indicate number of years of participation.) e.g. – choir (2) or football (4)

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**OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, OFFICES HELD, AWARDS, Etc.:**

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**COMMUNITY RELATED ACTIVITIES:**

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**ENROLLMENT PLANS IN COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:  
(List the institution's name and address)**

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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. Indicate which you will receive.

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Do you expect scholarship or financial aid from any other source? (Give details)

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Please include the following three items:

1. *Personal Statement* -

**A one page *hand written* statement of not more than three hundred words summarizing your activities and accomplishments; stating your objectives for furthering your education; and telling why you want to be considered for this scholarship.**

2. *A letter of recommendation* from a school official.

**\*\*\*If this is in a sealed envelope, your entire application and supporting documents will need to be mailed, not emailed.**

3. *A copy of your high school grade transcript.*

Mail or Email this application to the address below by  
**TUESDAY, MAY 30th, 2023.**

*\*if emailing application, scan all documents and send them in ONE file, NOT individual scans. Personal statement STILL NEEDS TO BE HAND WRITTEN if emailing.*

**Any applications Postmarked or Emailed after this date, or sent to the wrong address WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**IF you have not yet qualified for State Finals, send the application in and it will be kept if you do qualify.**

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