

# CapRock Scholarship Application

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*John and Mary Schuele believe that education is the greatest asset and are committed to helping Cherry County students meet their educational goals, to the level their dreams permit. Along with The Kind World Foundation, John and Mary know the importance and value of post-secondary education, which is why they began the CapRock scholarship in 2021. John, a managing partner of the CapRock Ranch Golf Course, believes strongly in giving back to the community and feels there's no better way to do so than to invest in the lives of students.*

## **Selection Criteria**

1. Applicant must be a Cherry County resident or graduating from a Cherry County high school.
2. Applicant must be enrolled at or plan to enroll at an accredited college or university.

## **General Information**

1. The scholarship amount is \$2,000.
2. The scholarship will be awarded for the academic year in which the applicant applied.
3. Award notification and information will be emailed to the applicant.
4. Award recipient **must** attend the SAF Scholarship Reception. Recipients will be honored, and awards presented at that time. If the recipient is unable to attend, a representative **must** be present to accept the award on their behalf. *Checks will not be mailed.*
5. Incomplete or late applications will not be eligible.
6. Applicant must use the current application. Past year's applications will not be accepted.

## **Application requirements**

1. Application and all documents must be typed.
2. Letter of Intent is required with application.  
Include a typed letter describing your educational and personal goals, school and community involvement, plans for financing your education and need for financial assistance.
3. Letter of Recommendation is required with application.  
Include a typed letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with your character. This letter should be signed and dated by the writer.
4. Academic Transcript is required with application.  
Include your most current academic transcript.
5. Applicant must submit 1 original and 5 copies of application packet.  
Each packet must be stapled in the top left corner and consist of: Scholarship Application, Letter of Intent, Letter of Recommendation and Academic Transcript. Do not send materials separately.
6. Application must be received on or before the deadline.  
Mail application to: Sandhills Area Foundation, P.O. Box 444, 103 N Cherry St. Valentine, NE 69201.  
Hand deliver application to: Sandhills Area Foundation office dropbox, 103 N. Cherry Street, Valentine, NE 69201 .

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nebraska County of residence \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major or course of study \_\_\_\_\_

Academic year applying for \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Please list all school and community activities in which you participate or have participated.**

**2. Please give details of work experience.**

**3. Please explain your career plans and/or goals after college.**

**4. Have you applied for or received other scholarships? Please give details.**

**5. Please explain your need for this scholarship.**

I certify that all the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the financial information will be confidential, for review solely by the Sandhills Area Foundation.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Scoring Guide

<i>Category</i>	<i>Poor 5 pts</i>	<i>Fair 10 pts</i>	<i>Average 15 pts</i>	<i>Above Average 20 pts</i>	<i>Excellent 25 pts</i>
<i>Academics (GPA)</i>	Transcript indicates mostly grades of C or lower  2.4 or lower GPA	Transcript indicates mostly grades of B and C  2.4 or higher GPA	Transcript indicates mostly grades of B  3.0 or higher GPA	Transcript indicates mostly grades of A and B  3.5 or higher GPA	Transcript indicates all grades of an A  4.0 GPA
<i>Work, Community and School Activities</i>	0-1 example of work, community and/or school activity	2 examples of work, community and/or school activities, with no unique or leadership roles	3 examples of recent work, community and/or school activities, with unique or leadership roles	4 examples of recent work, community and/or school activities, with unique or leadership roles	5 or more examples of recent work, community and/or school activities, with unique or leadership roles
<i>Letter of Intent</i>	Poor quality writing. Content incomplete and does not answer questions required by the scholarship application	Fair quality writing. Content complete, but unremarkable	Average quality writing. Content answers the questions required by the scholarship application	Above average quality writing with content that clearly answers the questions required by the scholarship application	Excellent quality writing with content that is interesting and descriptive. It completely answers the questions required by scholarship application
<i>Recommendations</i>	Letter shows unremarkable support of applicant		Letter speaks to qualities of the student and supports award for applicant		Letter speaks to the outstanding academic and personal qualities of the student and strongly supports award for applicant
<i>Financial Need</i>	<i>Need 1-10 pts</i>	<i>Moderate Need 11-20 pts</i>	<i>Average Need 21-30 pts</i>	<i>Above Average Need 31-40 pts</i>	<i>Significant Need 41-50 pts</i>
<i>Financial Need</i>	Applicant shows little financial need or financial need was not addressed in application	Applicant shows little financial need or financial need is addressed in application but does not contribute to the overall application	Applicant mentions financial need that contributes to overall application	Applicant has clearly indicated a financial need that contributes to overall application	Applicant has clearly indicated a significant and/or extreme financial need that contributes to overall application