Sandhills Area Foundation
Scholarship Application

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 will be awarded for the academic year in which the applicant applied.
2. Award notification and information will be emailed to the applicant.
3. Award recipient **must** attend the SAF Scholarship Reception. Recipients will be honored, and awards will be 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.*
4. Applicant must use the current application. Applications from previous years will not be accepted.
5. Incomplete or late application will not be eligible.

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 must 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 drop box, 103 N. Cherry Street, Valentine, NE 69201 .

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1. PLEASE SELECT ONE

- ◉ Graduating Cherry County High School Student
- ○ Full Time College Student
- ○ Non-Traditional Student

2. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____First Name: _____

Address: _____Phone:_____

Nebraska County of Residence: _____ E-mail address: _____

3. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

College/University you plan to attend: _____

Address of School: _____

Major/Area of educational concentration: _____

Credit hours planned per semester: _____

4. VOLUNTEER, COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Describe your current volunteer, community and school activities.

5. EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? _____ If yes, please list your employer and a brief description of duties and time commitment.

6. FINANCIAL NEED

Please provide a detailed estimate of your school expenses (i.e. tuition, room and board, books and fees).

Have you completed the current FAFSA?_____

What does your Student Aid Report (SAR) show? _____

List all scholarships and sources of financial assistance you **are receiving or expect to receive** during the upcoming school year and their **value** (include grants and aid through the ins tu on and/or any other federal, state, or local government agency).

Please describe any circumstances related to your financial status which would give the Sandhills Area Foundation Scholarship Committee a better understanding of your need for assistance.

7. CERTIFICATION

I certify that all the information on this form 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

Category	***Poor*** ***5 pts***	***Fair*** ***10 pts***	***Average*** ***15 pts***	***Above Average*** ***20 pts***	***Excellent*** ***25 pts***
Academics (GPA)	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
Work, Community and School Activities	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
Letter of Intent	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
Recommendations	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
Financial Need	***Need*** ***1-10 pts***	***Moderate Need*** ***11-20 pts***	***Average Need*** ***21-30 pts***	***Above Average Need*** ***31-40 pts***	***Significant Need*** ***41-50 pts***
Financial Need	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