



## 2026 Scholarship Application

Ally Dakota Development, your trusted ally for small business finance, is pleased to offer ten - \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a business/finance related field.

**Please print or type:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b> ____/____/____
<b>Home Address:</b>	<b>Mailing Address (if different than home address):</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>

**To be eligible for an Ally Dakota Development 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 March 31, 2026. Required documentation is listed below.

**All applications must be sent to:**

Ally Dakota Development  
Attn: Scholarship  
730 East Watertown Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

For more information about the Ally Dakota Development scholarship program, please contact us at 605-221-8729.

**Application Postmark Deadline:** March 31, 2026

### **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 Ally Dakota'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 an Ally Dakota Development 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 Ally Dakota Development. 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.