Agriculture & Natural Resources  
2018 Scholarship Application

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship is sponsored by the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. There are four (4) $1,000 scholarships available as well as two (2) $500 scholarships to Western Dakota Tech. Finalists will be interviewed during the Black Hills Stock Show on **Saturday, January 27, 2018** from **8:00-11:00am**. Please note: should you be chosen as a finalist you must be present for your scheduled interview or you will be disqualified.

The Scholarships are for young men and women pursuing a career in agriculture and natural resources related fields and attending a South Dakota accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program. Eligibility is limited to young men and women who were South Dakota high school students in the spring of 2017 or who will graduate from a South Dakota high school in the spring of 2018. Former scholarship winners are not eligible.

Please type or print responses in black and complete all sections.

### I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student’s Name__________________________________________

Last First

Permanent Address_____________________________________

Street City State Zip

Daytime Phone ___________________________ Email Address ___________________________

Parent(s) or Guardian Name__________________________________ Daytime Phone_________________________

Last First

Permanent Address_____________________________________

Street City State Zip

Name of accredited, post-secondary educational institution that you plan to attend next year or are currently attending: ___________________________________________________ located in ___________________________.

School is a:

☐ Four-year academic college or university
☐ Vocational/technical school
☐ Other recognized program
Please address the following using additional sheets of paper where applicable (use one side of paper only).

I. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
   Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation from non-family members.
   Please use the Recommendation Form found on page 3 of the application.

II. COMMUNITY/CHURCH/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
   List the community, church, and extra-curricular activities you have participated in the past four years, any offices held and/or awards received, and year(s) of involvement.

III. WORK EXPERIENCE
   Describe paid work experience and/or volunteer work you have had in the past four years. List position, employer, and dates of employment or attach a resume.

IV. ESSAY
   Explain why you are choosing a career related to Agriculture and Natural Resources and how you are planning to make a living in your chosen vocation.

V. SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
   Include a copy of your high school and college transcript, if applicable.

VI. CERTIFICATION
   ☐ I am a graduating high school senior or I did graduate from __________________________.
      I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

________________________________         __________________________________          ________
Applicant’s signature                     Applicant’s name (print)                     Date

Submit this application and all required forms by January 8, 2018 to:

Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce
Ag& Natural Resources Scholarship
P.O. Box 747
Rapid City, SD  57709

If you have questions, please call the Scholarship Administrator, Rachel Day at the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce
605.718.8454 or email Day@RapidCityChamber.com.
Agriculture & Natural Resources Scholarship Recommendation Form

Applicant’s Name________________________________________________________

This student is applying for a scholarship and has asked for your recommendation as part of the application process. All recommendations are kept strictly confidential by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

- Please do not write or type on back side of this paper.
- Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.
- When finished, place form in a sealed envelope and write your name across the seal.
- Return to applicant as soon as possible. Applications are due **January 8, 2018**.

*Please type or use black ink.*

1. How long have you known the applicant?
   - [ ] All his/her life
   - [ ] 5-10 years
   - [ ] 3-5 years
   - [ ] 1-3 years

2. How have you been acquainted with this applicant?

3. What qualities make this applicant a good candidate for this scholarship?

4. Additional comments. Please add any information you feel might assist the selection committee in making a scholarship award.

______________________________  ________________________________
Signature                        Address

______________________________  ________________________________
Print or type name                City                     State         Zip

______________________________
Title (if school official)

______________________________
Telephone

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