

# SDCW Next Generation Scholarship

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South Dakota Cattlewomen (SDCW) is dedicated to promoting the beef industry in South Dakota. SDCW will award two - \$1,000 scholarships to a young person attending or planning to attend an institution of higher learning in the upcoming semester. This scholarship can be used at any accredited university, 2 year or 4-year college or technical school.

## Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicant must be accepted or attending an accredited school of higher learning and planning to study a minimum of one year as a full-time student.
- Must be 17 years of age or older, a high school graduate or a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. If still in high school, must have an expected graduation date of Spring 2024.
- Applications from high school seniors must include a copy of most recent ACT score. All applicants must include current transcript with grade point average.
- Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Scholarship is applied toward tuition fees only and will be awarded after the first semester.

## The following information will be considered in selecting Scholarship recipients:

- Work experience, leadership abilities and involvement in activities
- Knowledge of significance of beef industry in South Dakota
- Academic performance, honors, and ACT score
- Two CURRENT letters of recommendation, (1 Academic, 1 Personal) with the authors contact information (phone and email), that demonstrate the student's character and potential for successful completion of a course of study. Letters must be dated.

## REQUIRED! Please include with your application:

- Official high school transcript and ACT scores, or current official college transcript
- Current resume that highlights work experience, involvement in school and community activities and leadership roles. (No longer than one page)
- Two dated letters of recommendation
- Signed Scholarship Recipient Agreement
- A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the qualified school you are planning to attend. College students, please include a letter from qualifying school confirming your enrollment.
- Answer to essay question, **How you can use your higher education to help promote the beef industry?** (250 words or less)

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Please return completed materials postmarked by June 1, 2024 to:

**Brenda Dreyer, 38630 142nd Street, Warner, SD 57479**

Scholarship announcement will be made on June 20, 2023. Monies will be awarded to the two successful winners after the completion of their first semester.

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## Scholarship Recipient Agreement

I agree that if I receive this scholarship, I must:

- 1) Maintain a minimum of grade point average of 2.5
- 2) Provide an official transcript of credits / grades at end of first semester
- 3) Make notification of the school I will be/am attending
- 4) Make notification if I transfer to another school

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Student Signature Required

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature Required

## Proposed Promotional Plan

- Statewide press release to newspapers, radio, SDSG magazine, ag publications directing to SDCW on Facebook and SDCW web page for scholarship application information
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- Email to South Dakota guidance counselors