

## **SOUTH DAKOTA WELL DRILLERS ASSOCIATION'S "SDWDA QUALITY GROUNDWATER SCHOLARSHIP" APPLICATION**

The South Dakota Well Drillers Association is pleased to offer the "SDWDA Quality Groundwater Scholarships" totaling **\$11,000.00** to five deserving students. There will be one \$5,000.00, one \$3,000.00, and three \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded. SDWDA scholarships will be given every other year when the association's convention is held in South Dakota. The Association recognizes the need for educational advancements at all levels of the industry and seeks to support students pursuing their educational goals.

### **Rules for Application:**

- Applicant must be a resident of South Dakota **OR** a son/daughter/dependent of an individual employed by a MEMBER COMPANY in Good Standing (having paid all dues for the current year). A higher priority will be given to a relative of an employee of a MEMBER COMPANY.
- Applicant must have graduated from a South Dakota high school.
- Applicant must be a full-time student that has ***successfully completed, at a minimum, their freshman year*** at an accredited South Dakota University or Technical School with a major emphasis on a degree related to the water/water well/groundwater industry. Areas of study include, but are not limited to: Engineering, Geology, Hydro-Geology, Environmental or Earth Sciences, Water Conservation, Pump Installation/Plumbing, Geo-Thermal, Sustainability, etc.
- Applicant must have an accumulative grade point average of 2.0 and be able to provide full college transcripts from the current educational institution.
- **Transcripts for classes completed through the most recently completed college semester must accompany the application.**
- The top award recipient will be invited and encouraged to attend the SDWDA Convention to accept their awards. The convention will be held at The Lodge in Deadwood, SD on March 2-4, 2025. The scholarship presentations will be held on Monday evening, March 3, as part of the scholarship benefit auction and meal festivities. \$300.00 will be provided for the winner to help with motel room and expenses if they attend along with meal tickets (max. 4 per recipient) will be provided by the Association. In the event that the convention is canceled, the scholarships will still be awarded as stated.
- Awards will be sent directly to the South Dakota University or Technical School prior to the fall semester of the 2025-2026 school year for sophomore and junior recipients. Senior recipients will be awarded at the time of the convention.

- Applicant must complete the following application in full and be postmarked prior to the deadline. The deadline of this year's application must be postmarked no later than **December 31, 2024**. The winners will be notified by February 1, 2025.
- A photo of the applicant **must** accompany the application.
- Applications postmarked **after** the deadline will not be eligible.
- **Applications must be typed (no exceptions).**

### **Application Procedures:**

- To be considered, applicants **must submit** the following documents:
  - Complete Scholarship Application. **Incomplete applications or applications not containing all supporting information will not be considered.**
  - A 500-1000 word statement describing your personal life, your educational pursuits, and ***how your career goals will relate to and improve the water industry.***
  - A statement of verification from company owner/representative if related to an employee of a SDWDA Member Company.
  - One letter of recommendation from one of either of the applicant's ***collegiate*** academic advisor, counselor, or instructor.
  - One letter of personal recommendation (***family members and high school and collegiate advisors, counselors, instructors, or coaches are excluded***).
  - Transcripts.
  - Recent photo.

**Return Application To:**  
Dennis Duvall  
SDWDA Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 636  
Huron, SD 57350

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle)

Are you, or a relative, currently employed by a member company in good standing of SDWDA? Yes or No (circle)

If so, by whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to this person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of College: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is this a 4-year, 2-year, or technical school? \_\_\_\_\_

Last year of education completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERSONAL AND CAREER GOALS STATEMENT**

- Describe in 500-1000 words provide an insight into your life (family, hobbies, activities, clubs, special recognitions, awards, honors, or community involvement), the nature of your educational pursuits, and ***how your career goals will relate to and improve the water industry.***

Also address the following items:

- Be specific about the type of business you are interested in and the position you want to hold.
- Why do you want to be in the field you have chosen?
- What persuaded you to choose this field of study?
- Why is a career in this industry important to you?
- What skills do you possess which will help you reach your goals?
- Where do you hope to be, and what do you hope to be doing 10 years from now?

## **VERIFICATION STATEMENT**

If applicant is related to an employee of a SDWDA member company, a statement of verification from owner/representative of said company stating how and to whom the applicant is related is required.

## **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- One letter of recommendation from one of either of the applicant's ***collegiate*** academic advisor, counselor, or instructor.
- One letter of personal recommendation (***family members, high school and collegiate advisors, counselors, instructors, or coaches are excluded***).

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

- **Transcripts for classes completed through the most recently completed college semester must accompany the application.**

## **PHOTO**

A recent photo of the applicant is required.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Please provide you complete employment history. List full-time, part-time, or summer employment. LIST YOUR CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB FIRST. An employment history sheets is attached for your convenience. Add additional sheets if necessary. **A resume may be furnished in place of filling out this section.**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS NOT CONTAINING ALL  
SUPPORTING INFORMATION (PHOTO, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC.) WILL NOT BE  
CONSIDERED.**

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Employment (from-to): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position and/or Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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