

SDCW Next Generation Scholarship

Sponsored by South Dakota CattleWomen and SDCW Past President Memorial

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 2025.
- 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, 2025 to:

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

Scholarship announcement will be made on June 20, 2025. Monies will be awarded to the two successful winners after the completion of their first semester.

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

Student Signature Required

Date

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
- Promotion on social media channels, SDCW, SDSG, SDBIC directing to SDCW on Facebook and SDCW web page for scholarship application information
- Email to South Dakota guidance counselors