

South Dakota Elks Association Vocational Grant Guidelines

1. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary technical or vocational program which terminates with completion of that program. Applicants shall have no immediate or long range plans to pursue a baccalaureate degree program.

PLEASE NOTE: If your plans change and you enroll in a 4 year college, you become ineligible for the grant and must contact your local Elks Lodge immediately.

2. All scholarship are in the form of certificates of award issued by the State Office conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in a technical degree program in an accredited American post-secondary school. Upon receipt of a verification of enrollment from proper school officials, a South Dakota Elks Association check in the amount of the award (\$1,000.00) will be forwarded to the post-secondary school to establish credit for the student.
3. Fill out the application completely.
4. Attach the following:
 - a) Official transcript from your high school;
 - b) A 350 to 500 word typed essay about yourself. This should include a description of the applicant, the applicant's financial needs, the applicant's involvement in extracurricular and community activities, and a summary of the applicant's intended career plans and goals. Explain the course of study or other activities taken to prepare for your anticipated career;
 - c) At least two (2) letters of reference/recommendation from someone (not related to you) who knows you and your career goals. One letter of recommendation must be from a community member not associated with the school system.

South Dakota Elks \$1,000.00 Vocational Grant

Application for the 2016 - 2017 School Year

For Students Who Will Be Enrolled In A Post-Secondary
Vocational/Technical School Program

Important: Before preparing this application, review and carefully follow the procedures on page two. Applications must be filed with the Elks Lodge in your home area on or before Friday, December 4, 2015. (NOT postmarked)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ SSN: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Anticipated Career: _____

Last High School Attended: _____ Last Date Attended: _____

Date Graduated: _____ Grade Point Average _____

Today's Date: _____
Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature (mother/stepmother) Parent/Guardian's signature (father/stepfather)

MUST HAVE ELKS LODGE ENDORSEMENT TO BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING

The Scholarship Chair, Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the Elks Lodge in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is a resident must sign the endorsement below. Applications should not be signed if they do not conform to the requirements outlined in the application.

Lodge Name and Number: _____

Signature of Lodge Official: _____