

University/College Scholarship Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Checklist

- ☐ 1. Students who are planning to attend a **four-year accredited college or university** must complete this four-page application (attach additional sheets if necessary). Your name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately. It is highly recommended you type your application.
- ☐ 2. Copy of your recent academic transcript. To qualify for a four-year university/college scholarship, you must have a high school cumulative grade average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to apply. Please ensure that no private health information is included in the transcript.
- ☐ 3. A copy of ACT and/or SAT exam scores are required to be considered for a Sioux Valley Energy four-year University/College Scholarship.
- ☐ 4. Essay question – One of the seven cooperative principles is ‘Concern for Community’. As an individual, how have you lived out that principle in your own life? Please use specific examples from your own life/experience. Essays must be written utilizing original thought. Artificial intelligence (AI) applications, such as Chat GPT, are not allowed. If it is determined that an artificial intelligence assistance program is used to answer the question, your scholarship application will be disqualified. Essay **MUST** be typed (handwritten essays will not be accepted.)
- ☐ 5. Letter of Reference – Include a letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor, employer, youth leader, or pastor. Letter must be signed by the reference.
- ☐ 6. Application must be signed by a parent or legal guardian for the student to be considered. The parent or guardian must be a Sioux Valley Energy member.

Send this application, and all supporting documentation, to Sioux Valley Energy, PO Box 216, Colman SD 57017 or email to scholarships@siouxvalleyenergy.com.

You may also bring the application and supporting documentation to one of our service centers:

- Brandon, 108 N Heritage Road in Brandon
- Colman, Junction of Hwy 34 and 77 east of Colman
- Pipestone, 1102 7th St SE in Pipestone
- Hartford, 1185 Ruud Trail, Suite #4 in Hartford

Applications that are hand delivered must be in one of our service centers no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 16, 2026.

The Sioux Valley Energy Scholarship selection committee will review all scholarship applications and select scholarship awardees. All decisions are final.

Four-Year University/College Scholarship Applicant Information

Name:		Home Phone:		
Permanent Address (Street/PO Box)	City:	State:	ZIP code:	E-mail:
Parent or Guardian Name:		Parent or Guardian Name:		
High School Name from which you graduated or will be graduating from this spring:				

Activities, community service, achievements, and/or honors:

(Please include a separate sheet if needed. Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format.)

Work Experience

Describe your work experience (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.)

Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

Education

Provide the most recent academic transcript. Complete the following section. A copy of your ACT and/or SAT exam score must be included.

GPA	ACT Scores					SAT Score:
	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp.	

School

Name and address of accredited four-year college or university you plan to attend in the fall of the year:

Name	City	State

☐ The above school(s) is an accredited four-year college or university.

Major Course of Study:

Minor(s):

Essay Question

As part of the application (Page 4), you are required to answer the question below. **Please use specific examples from your own life/experience to answer the question. Essays must be written utilizing original thought. Artificial intelligence (AI) applications, such as Chat GPT, are not allowed. To qualify for a scholarship, *students must not use Chat GPT or any other artificial intelligence assistance program.*** If it is determined that an artificial intelligence assistance program is used in the following questions, your scholarship application will be disqualified. Please include your name on the top right-hand corner of the essay questions. You may use a separate sheet of paper and include in the application. Essay questions **MUST** be typed. Handwritten answers will not be accepted.

One of the seven cooperative principles is 'Concern for Community'. As an individual, how have you lived out that principle in your own life?

Signatures

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Applicant's Name: _____

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Question. One of the seven cooperative principles is 'Concern for Community'. As an individual, how have you lived out that principle in your own life?