

Hello School Counselors,

Once again it is time to seek outstanding high school seniors for the Elks “Most Valuable Student Scholarship Award Program”.

The Elks help students recognize their academic dreams. Each year, the Elks National Foundation awards scholarships to at least 480 outstanding, service-minded high school seniors.

For students who apply for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship, the local Elks lodge will judge and then advance six (6) applicants from our district to the state level where the award winners could receive scholarship dollars and be advanced further on for additional awards. Applicants must be planning on being full time students at a U.S college or University and a U.S. Citizen. During the application process online, be sure to select the Rapid City Elks as your closest lodge.

Applications must be submitted online by **November 12, 2025** for the Most Valuable Student (**any high school senior**). Apply online at enf.elks.org/MVS.

Legacy Awards for (children or grandchildren of Elk members only) are also available online at enf.elks.org/leg. Deadline to apply is February 2, 2026.

The Elks also offer up to \$1500 Tech. Ed grant to students that will be enrolling in a post-secondary Technical Ed Institution in the fall. The forms are included please make as many copies as needed. This is a hard copy application that must **arrive** at the Rapid City Elks Lodge by Wednesday November 12, 2024 (**not postmarked**).

Sincerely,
Rex Goon
Scholarship Chairman
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South Dakota Elks Association Career & Technical Ed. Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary career and technical education 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 the student's plans change and the student enrolls in a 4 year college, the applicant becomes ineligible for the grant and must contact their local Elks Lodge immediately.

2. All scholarship are in the form of certificates of award issued by the State Elks 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 (\$1,500.00) will be forwarded to the post-secondary school to establish credit for the student.
3. Directions: Fill out the application completely.
4. A completed application must also attach the following:
 - a) Official transcript from the student's high school;
 - b) A 350 to 500 word typed essay about the student. 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 the student's anticipated career;
 - c) At least two (2) letters of reference/recommendation from someone (not related to the student) who knows the student and the student's career goals. One letter of recommendation must be from a community member not associated with the school system.
5. Send all required documents to the local Elks Lodge promoting this scholarship program.



South Dakota Elks Career & Tech Ed. Scholarship

Application for High School Seniors Graduating in 2026

This \$1500 award is given by the South Dakota Elks Association for students who will be enrolling in a Post-Secondary Career & Technical Ed Institution by Fall 2026.

Important: Before preparing this application, review and carefully follow the procedures on page two. Applications must be received by your local Elks Lodge in your home area on or before Wednesday, November 12, 2025. (NOT postmarked)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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

Last High School Attended: _____

ACT Composite Score (not required) _____ Grade Point Average _____

Today's Date: _____

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE AN 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: _____