

SD Association of Cooperatives

Scholarship Application Form

SDAC is awarding two individual \$1,000-scholarships to students enrolled in a South Dakota college, university, or technical school who are pursuing a degree related to a career at a cooperative. Eligibility is open to those who are a member or whose parents/guardians are members of a SDAC member cooperative.

Application deadline: March 1, 2026

Winners announced: April 30, 2026

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Name(s) of Cooperative(s) where you or your parents/guardians are members (include REA, banking, farm supply, communications, marketing): _____

Name of college/university/technical institute you currently attend: _____

Major or field of study: _____

What degree are you pursuing? _____

Current GPA: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Attach an essay of at least 150 words not to exceed one typewritten page for each of the following:

1. What does it mean to be a member of a cooperative?
2. Which of the Seven Cooperative Principles is most important to you, and why?
3. Why did you choose your program of study?

Seven Cooperative Principles:

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| 1. Open and voluntary membership | 5. Education, training, and information |
| 2. Democratic member control | 6. Cooperation among cooperatives |
| 3. Members' economic participation | 7. Concern for community |
| 4. Autonomy and independence | |

Return form and essay responses to SD Association of Cooperatives

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