



2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All BankStar Financial locations will award a **\$1,000 scholarship** to a student that meets the eligibility requirements and completes the application in its entirety.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the BankStar Financial Scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

- Graduating High School Senior
- Attending an accredited post high school educational institution, preferably in South Dakota.
- You or your immediate family must be either a primary or secondary owner on a deposit account, a primary owner or co-borrower on a loan account, or a primary owner of an insurance policy.
- Employees and members of the Board of Directors of BankStar Financial, and their immediate families (spouse, parents, siblings, and children, and each of their respective spouses regardless of where they live) and persons living in the households of these individuals, whether related or not, are **not** eligible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s): _____

BankStar Financial Account Number: _____

If your immediate family member has the account, what is their name and relationship to the applicant? _____

Current School Attending: _____

College or Post-Secondary School: _____

Intended Major: _____

I certify that all the information I have provided for this application is current, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Applications will be collected and sorted by branch location. A committee will review all applications, and a point system will be used as noted in the application. Recipients will be notified by **April 17, 2026**. The \$1,000 scholarship award money will be payable to the recipient's account at their enrolled school of choice prior to the fall 2026 semester. BankStar will require applicant's proof of enrollment before sending check.

All eligibility requirements must be met to be considered for an award, and scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition. If the requirements are not met, it may result in disqualification of the application. Award recipients agree to have their name and photo released to the media.

For more information about the BankStar Financial Scholarship Program, please call Leah Brink at 605.692.3636 or email leah.brink@ebankstar.bank.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE EVALUTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Please include the following elements in your application:

ACADEMIC (Up to 25 points awarded)

- Transcript (including your cumulative GPA & Class Rank) – unofficial is fine
- ACT Score (if available)

ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE (Up to 30 points awarded)

- A list or summary of your activities including extracurricular, volunteer, religious, or other special interest activities. Please include number of years of participation and any contributions you made.
- Describe any employment experiences you've had or include a current resume.

CHARACTER & GOALS (Up to 35 points awarded)

- In 200 words or less describe yourself including your values, academic goals, and career goals.
- BankStar is especially interested in applicants who demonstrate a career interest in the local financial services industry, or a career you may pursue locally.

OVERALL PRESENTATION (Up to 10 points awarded)

- Total application will be reviewed on professional presentation of all materials.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT VIA MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

BankStar Financial
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