SDAEP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The South Dakota Association of Environmental Professionals (SDAEP) Scholarship Program provides one or more scholarships annually to students with directed studies relating to the protection and enhancement of our natural resources, the environment, and other similar fields.

Who is eligible for the SDAEP Scholarship?

- Applicants should desire a career in a trade supportive to the protection and enhancement of our natural resources, environment, and/or related fields.
- Students that are intending to enroll or are already enrolled at a South Dakota university, technical institution, or other post-secondary trade school. Applicants must intend to enroll for the fall semester.
- Applicants must possess a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or greater
- Part-time studies will be considered if applicant can show good cause for other than full-time studies and that the course of study is directed toward a degree, certificate or similar identification of graduation.
- Students who have received an SDAEP scholarship in the past are eligible to apply each year.
- High school seniors are eligible to apply.
- Children and spouses of Scholarship Committee members are not eligible.

What is considered a course of study that will provide protection and enhancement of our natural resources and the environment?

Related fields include business administration, accounting, biology, chemistry, trucking, geology, hydrology, engineering, auto mechanics, computer science, education, heating/ventilation/refrigeration, environmental sciences, engineering technicians, government administration, agribusiness, energy technology. However, all majors are eligible to apply.

How can individuals apply for a scholarship?

Each November, this scholarship announcement is furnished to South Dakota high school counselors and financial aid offices and instructors at post-secondary schools. This announcement is also available from the SDAEP website (www.sdaep.org).

To apply, you must submit an application letter. The application letters must be postmarked no later than **June 15** of each year, with award presented for the following fall semester. Further information can be obtained by contacting SDAEP by phone (605-

484-6886) or sending an email to the association at sdaep@yahoo.com or wehaags@yahoo.com.

When is the application deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted by **June 15**. Applications submitted after the **June 15th** deadline will not be considered for the scholarship.

What information must be supplied in the application?

- A cover letter including the following:
  - Contact information
  - Career goals and goals for the future
  - Interests
  - Background
  - Work history and/or extracurricular activities
  - Financial need
- A copy of the most recent grade transcript – Applicants must possess a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for the SDAEP Scholarship.
- Three letters of reference.
- If you are a high school senior or if this is your first semester enrolling at a university, technical institution, or other post-secondary trade school, please include a copy of your acceptance letter from the school.
- Submit applications to:

South Dakota Association of Environmental Professionals
Attention: Scholarship Program
PO Box 88854
Sioux Falls, SD 57109

How are scholarships awarded?

The SDAEP Board appoints a committee of SDAEP members who review all applications. Applications are reviewed on a point system basis. Applicants with the highest points are awarded scholarships.

How many scholarships are awarded?

The number of scholarships awarded will vary from year to year; however, a maximum of $2,000 will be divided among the applicants with the highest points.