

2021 Amy P. Todd Education Scholarship

Important Information:

- o This scholarship is open to **South Dakota high school seniors** who will be entering their freshman year of college in the fall 2021 semester and pursuing **no less than a bachelor's degree in early, elementary, or secondary education.**
- o Eligible students must have obtained a minimum **cumulative GPA of 2.8.** Cumulative GPA will be verified with the student's high school guidance counselor.
- o One **\$500** scholarship will be awarded per year.
- o **Completed application, essays, and letter of recommendation are due 11:59 pm March 15, 2021.** Submit all as email attachments to Sara Hopkins at smhopkins7383@gmail.com. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. (Questions concerning the scholarship may also be directed to the above person.)
- o Decision of the judges is final. Scholarship recipient will be notified no later than April 15, 2021.
- o Two \$250 payments will be made to the student's college during the student's sophomore year, or the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
- o Recipient will be contacted prior to the start of the fall 2022 semester. At that time, failure to provide college contact information and be in good academic standing will disqualify student for the scholarship and the award will go to the 2021 applicant who receives second place consideration.

Selection Criteria: Selection for the scholarship will be determined by applicant's letter of recommendation and essays.

Applicant Information (handwrite legibly or type in information):

Name of applicant: _____

Contact: (Email) _____ (Phone) _____

Mailing address: _____

Name of high school: _____

Name of high school guidance counselor: _____

Contact: (Email) _____ (Phone) _____

Getting to know you (handwrite legibly or type in information):

List your high school extracurricular activities and/or employment

List your hobbies and interests

Letter of Recommendation (submit as a separate email attachment):

Submit a one-page letter of recommendation from one of your high school teachers, support staff, or administrators.

The letter of recommendation should include the following:

1. The writer's name and position at their school district
2. The writer's email and phone contact information
3. How the writer knows the student

Please have the writer answer the following questions in their letter of recommendation:

1. What is this student's best quality?
2. In what area does this student most need to improve?
3. What makes this student unique?
4. What makes this student a leader?

Essays (type in the space below or submit as a separate email attachment):

In 250-500 words, respond to the following questions:

1. What field of education do you want to pursue and why?
2. What do you feel is the most important thing you will do as a teacher and why?

In 150-300 words, respond to the following prompt:

1. Describe your greatest challenge and how you overcame it/are currently working to overcome it.