



## 2018 Scholarship Application

First District Development Company, South Dakota's small business finance partner, is pleased to offer five - \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a business/finance related field.

### Please print or type:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than home address): \_\_\_\_\_

### To be eligible for a First District Development Company scholarship, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a high school senior attending a South Dakota High School
- Be accepted into a business/finance program at an accredited, post-secondary institution in South Dakota
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or greater, calculated on a 4.0 grading scale
- Submit an application (with documentation) by April 6, 2018. Required documentation is listed below

### All applications must be sent to:

First District Development Company  
Attn: Paula Hulscher  
PO Box 1207  
Watertown, SD 57201

For more information about the First District Development Company scholarship program, please call 605-882-5115.

**Application Postmark Deadline:** April 6, 2018

### Terms and Conditions:

All eligibility requirements must be met. Scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition. Recipients agree to have their names released to the media. Scholarship applicants will be notified by mail of scholarship decisions and scholarship payment process.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

### **1. Essay**

In 500 words or less, describe why you should be considered for a First District Development Company scholarship, reasons for choosing a business-related field, and your career goals. The essay should be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet.

### **2. Activities**

Being involved and helping others within South Dakota is a priority at First District Development Company. To illustrate your contributions to your community, please include a summary of your school, extracurricular, civic, religious, volunteer and special interest activities. The summary should be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet(s).

### **3. Character**

Please attach two personal recommendations from unrelated third parties. Give specific examples regarding character, dependability, involvement and other distinguishing characteristics of the applicant. Recommendations must be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet.

### **4. Academic**

Please include an official transcript, including your cumulative GPA, from the last semester. Also, include proof of acceptance into a business/finance program at an accredited, post-secondary institution in South Dakota.