

**APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP  
EDWARD L. SCHWAB MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
2026/27 SCHOOL YEAR**

**GUIDELINES**

1. The recipient must be a graduate from **Clark High School, Hamlin High School, Henry High School, Florence High School, or Willow Lake High School** who is currently in an undergraduate postsecondary program or is a high school senior on track for graduation from one of the above-mentioned schools.
2. This is a **One-Year scholarship**. Applicants **MUST** reapply each year they wish to be considered for the scholarship.
3. If a student **does not attend** post-secondary schools for **ANY REASON**, they will **forfeit** the remainder of the scholarship. If eligible, the student **MUST** resubmit an application for the following year. Applications will **NOT** be held over to the next year.
4. The recipient must be **currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of undergraduate study** at an institution of higher learning, including a vocational/ technical school, or two-year or four-year college or university.
5. The recipient must have a **cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher**.
6. The Schwab Scholarship Committee will select recipients & scholarship amounts.
7. The quality and appearance of the application will be taken into consideration.
8. All students must complete the entire application and provide a complete official transcript and three current letters of recommendation. **All documents must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2026 or your application will not be considered.** It is the student's responsibility to ensure the entire application, including transcripts and recommendation letters, is received. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
8. Please return the **ORIGINAL** application and supporting documents as follows:

EDWARD L. SCHWAB MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
c/o Dacotah Bank Trust Department  
Attn: Cassie Backman  
PO Box 1210  
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1210

Electronic copies of official transcripts may be sent from the school directly to [Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com](mailto:Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com) (be sure to double-check the email address when you provide it to the school to ensure everything is spelled correctly) and must be received no later than March 1, 2026. **It is the student's responsibility to ensure the transcript is received and recorded by March 1, 2026.**

**Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter on or before June 15. Checks will be distributed to the school of the scholarship recipients by the beginning of the fall term provided all scholarship requirements are met.**

*No candidate shall be denied being a recipient of a scholarship on the basis of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or any other basis, which is prohibited by Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Cassie Backman at (605) 229-7119 or [Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com](mailto:Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com).

# Application Checklist

## Did you...

- Complete ALL fields of the application? The application **MUST** be the **CURRENT** application or it will be rejected.
- Sign and date the bottom of the application (must be original signature)?
- Include a short essay?

High School Seniors must write a short essay, not more than one page in length, describing his or her present expectations in terms of a lifetime vocation and why this scholarship would help attain these expectations.

College, Tech School or University applicants must write a short essay on their progress in college or university and if their goals have changed

- Include a **FULL OFFICIAL transcript (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND/OR SEAL REQUIRED) (NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED)**. Electronic copies of official transcripts may be sent from the school directly to [Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com](mailto:Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com) (be sure to double-check the email address when you provide it to the school to ensure everything is spelled correctly). **It is your responsibility to ensure the transcript(s) is received by Ms. Backman prior to the deadline.**

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College, Tech School or University Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must have a current complete original postsecondary transcript (include an original transcript showing grades for any transfer work from the original school).

- Attach three (3) current letters of recommendation with **ORIGINAL SIGNATURES**. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ANY RELATIVE (INCLUDING A RELATIVE WHO IS AN EMPLOYER) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** □

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College, Tech School or University Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must have at least one current college official. No recommendations from high school teachers, coaches, etc. may be used.

- Obtain a Parent/Guardian's signature on the application?
- Submit the **ORIGINAL** application?

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**If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified by Dacotah Bank via US Mail. For recipients of the award, a thank you note will be REQUIRED to be received by the Board no later than July 1.**

1. Name in full \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete **mailing** address (Street or Box) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Email Address (not high school) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen \_\_Yes \_\_No (if No – **STOP**, You MUST be a US Citizen to apply)  
South Dakota resident \_\_Yes \_\_No (if No – **STOP**, You MUST be a SD resident to apply)
4. Identification of Parent/Guardian (please complete both a & b or provide a reason for only completing one):
  - a. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Present address or date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Present address or date of death \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of high school you graduated or will be graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of High School graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated College Graduation (Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name of Postsecondary school you attend or plan to attend (2026/27): \_\_\_\_\_
8. Major subjects of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Applying for: ☐ Fall & Spring ☐ Only Fall ☐ Only Spring
10. At time of application, I am a (check one): ☐ High School Senior ☐ 1<sup>ST</sup> Year College ☐ College  
Sophomore/Junior/Senior
11. **ATTACH** a **short essay**, not more than one page in length ☐

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12. **ATTACH** a **FULL OFFICIAL** transcript (**ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND/OR SEAL REQUIRED**) ☐  
(**NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**). **NO AWARDS WITHOUT TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES.**

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Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's immediate household consists of (Check All that Apply): Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ (# \_\_\_\_\_)  
Sisters \_\_\_\_\_ (# \_\_\_\_\_)  
Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members (including yourself) attending college in 2026/2027: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any other pertinent information that may reflect need for financial assistance to provide for college expenses of applicant:

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY THE FOUNDATION, BUT IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MEET THE FINANCIAL NEED CRITERIA.

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**2026-2027**

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**TO**

**EDWARD L. SCHWAB MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

(To be a thoughtful appraisal of the applicant, his/her strong and weak points, his/her character, personality, abilities, emotional stability, adaptability to new conditions, his/her seriousness of purpose, and his/her probability of success in further study.)

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend college training for applicant? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If “YES”, state your reasons:

Length of time this applicant has been personally known by the undersigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship, if any, of the undersigned to this applicant (may not be a family member): \_\_\_\_\_

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