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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Dealer Members - South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association

FROM: Christine M. Vinatieri-Erickson, President *CME*

DATE: March 7, 2024

RE: 2024 SDADA Scholarship Applications

The main focus of awarding scholarships from this association centers around the fact that member dealerships are having difficulty recruiting employees, especially when it comes to technicians. Therefore, as in past years, we will be awarding scholarship funds only to individuals that are currently working, or intend to work, in a SDADA Member's dealership.

The SDADA is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2024–2025 school year under these new rules. The application and instructions are attached and can be duplicated as needed; these documents are also available for download from the SDADA website. In 2024, there will be seven (7) one-year nonrenewable scholarships awarded in the amount of \$1,000. All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the recommendations made by the selection committee. We will notify recipients by July 1st, and the funds will be delivered to the educational establishment in August.

If you review the application instructions, you will find there is an application requirement for a sponsor letter that is signed by a dealer member of the SDADA. In the letter, please include the position the applicant currently holds or will hold at a SDADA member's dealership.

As always, if you have questions, please contact me or your SDADA Office.

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attachments

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# SOUTH DAKOTA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

By completing this application, you will be considered for an education scholarship from the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association. Scholarships will be awarded at a level of \$1,000 per recipient.

The attached application must be completed and mailed with a postmark no later than **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

Please mail all application material to:

Christine Vinatieri-Erickson  
South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association  
3801 S. Kiwanis Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

You will be considered eligible by meeting the following qualifications:


1. You must be currently working, or intending to work, in a SDADA Member's dealership.
2. You must be a degree seeking student enrolled and registered to attend an educational institution for the fall semester of this year.
3. You cannot be in default on any student loans, owe a refund or have received overpayments on any federal, state or institutional financial aid that have not been resolved.
4. With your application, you **submitted a sponsor letter** that is signed by a dealer that is a member of the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association.

### NOTE:

All applicants will receive written correspondence advising them if they were or were not awarded a scholarship.

**ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL  
BE DISCARDED (See checklist)!**





### SDADA Scholarship Checklist

Have you included:

- Letter from a Dealer Member
- Personal References
- Fully Completed Application
- Written Essay

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN  
MAY 3, 2024 OR THEY WILL BE DISCARDED!**



# SOUTH DAKOTA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Applicant Information

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_ GED \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Post High School Education \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study you are pursuing \_\_\_\_\_

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Where do you consider your hometown? \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran of military service? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide years of service and branch of service \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special circumstances, personal, financial, educational, family-related, medical or disability that we should consider when reviewing this application? Please explain briefly.

## Time Commitment

I am or will be enrolled at (name of institution) \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time student?  Part-time student?

I plan to work while attending school.  1-14 hrs/wk.  15-29 hrs/wk.  
 30-39 hrs/wk.  40 or more hrs/wk.

If you will be working, in what field will you be employed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience**

In 100 words or less, please describe your work experience and what you have learned as an employee.

**Personal References**

All applicants must provide three (3) references.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Years Known</u>
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**Activities, Awards and Honors**

All applicants must complete this section. If not applicable, mark with N/A.

List awards and honors received, school and community activities and organizations (current or past) in which you have participated. Please list complete organizational name, no acronyms.

<u>Organization/Activity</u>	<u>Office/Award/Honor</u>	<u>Number of Years of Involvement</u>
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**Essay (use additional page if necessary) (Successful applicants essays may be published)**

Submit an essay of approximately 250 words, which answers the question, “What effect does a local retail vehicle dealer have on my life and the economy of South Dakota?” (When preparing your essay, please keep in mind that the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association is composed of auto, heavy truck, power sport and recreation vehicle dealers.)

**REQUIRED RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

All the information I have provided is correct. By signing and submitting this application, I authorize the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association (SDADA) to obtain copies of my school transcripts and to check my listed references. If I am awarded a scholarship, I authorize the SDADA to use my name, photo and scholarship information on the SDADA website or in publications including my hometown newspaper.

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Scholarship Applicant's Signature

Date

**APPLICATIONS DEADLINE  
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