



South Dakota Association of County Officials  
2026 County Government Scholarship  
Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending for 2026-2027 School Year \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Status for 2026-2027 School Year (Please Circle):    Sophomore                  Junior                  Senior

County Official Is Your (Please Circle):    Mother                  Father                  Grandmother                  Grandfather

Parent(s) Or Grandparent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

County and Position \_\_\_\_\_

**To complete the scholarship application, you must:**

- 1) Include a resume or listing of work experience.
- 2) Include a personal essay (at least 500 words) on *"In county budgets that are already tight, if property taxes were reduced or eliminated, could increased sales taxes sustainably fund schools and road infrastructure, and what would be the economic and social tradeoffs of shifting the tax burden?"*
- 3) Include a personal statement (at least 300 words) on your academic goals and expectations.

Please submit the required materials as a group to:

**SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS  
211 E PROSPECT AVENUE  
PIERRE, SD 57501**

The scholarship packet must be postmarked no later than **Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to a child or grandchild of a county auditor, treasurer, register of deeds or their employee. The recipients must be at least second year registered full-time students in a South Dakota University, college (public or private), or vocational/technical certification program.

If you have questions, please call the SDACO office at (605) 224-4554.

Check is submitted directly to the educational institution.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_