

South Dakota Bankers Foundation

\$1,000 Herman Lerdal Scholarship ^ \$1,000 Joyce Hazeltine Scholarship

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2012 Letter of Recommendation

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 5, 2012

PLEASE TYPE

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle):

Through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are allowed full access to their permanent record file. Students also may waive their rights to review letters of recommendation or evaluation. If you wish to waive your right to access to this letter, please sign below. This action is completely optional.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

To the individual completing this form:

Please answer the questions below in as specific and candid a manner as possible. Your comments will be an important factor in the selection decision. We realize this requires time and effort on your part and we appreciate your assistance.

Please mail by March 5, 2012 to:



**College Scholarships
South Dakota Bankers Association
PO Box 1081
Pierre, SD 57501-1081
(605) 224-1653**

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Leadership: Describe how the applicant has guided, inspired or directed others in their personal, community or academic life. Continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience is best.
3. Community Service: Describe the applicant's participation in up to 3 unpaid volunteer activities, giving specific examples of the type of activity. Include "for whom" the community service was done (example: specific individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, agencies, school or the community at large). Simply attending regular meetings does NOT qualify.
4. Other Qualifications: Describe other qualifications which make the applicant a good choice for these scholarships. Include any special skills and/or challenges that required courage, self-reliance and determination. These challenges may be economic, emotional, physical or geographic. Describe the situation and how the applicant overcame it.
5. Please provide any further comments you feel would aid in evaluation of the applicant.

Signature:

Title:

Print Your Name:

Date:

Institution:

Phone:

Applications will be disqualified without letters of recommendation. Please return this form with your letter by March 5, 2012. Thank you!