



South Dakota Bankers Foundation Scholarship awarded on behalf of Plains Commerce Bank

2025 Scholarship Application

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be a South Dakota resident.
- Applicant must be a South Dakota college sophomore, junior, senior, grad student **or** a second-year South Dakota technical school student seeking employment in banking/financial services.
- Applicants from South Dakota colleges must be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year **or** graduate school during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Applicants from South Dakota technical schools must be entering their second year during the 2025-2026 school year.

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print or type.)

Name: _____

Current Mailing Address (including city, state, zip): _____

Summer Mailing Address (including city, state, zip): _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Alternate Telephone: _____

Email: _____

EDUCATION (Your college transcript is required.)

Name of Post-Secondary Institution Currently Attending: _____

Expected Graduation Date (month/year): _____

List major(s) and minor(s): _____

Overall GPA: _____ Total hours to be completed by the end of spring semester 2025: _____

Name and location of previous colleges attended: _____

of Hrs. & GPA: _____ # of Hrs. & GPA: _____ # of Hrs. & GPA: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR, COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS

HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Honorary Organizations:

Awards:

Scholarships:

CAREER INFORMATION

Describe your career goals and outline your course of study to attain these goals, including your intent to pursue a career in banking or finance. Highlight any banking/finance work experience, internships, etc. (Attach a one-page monologue.)

LEADERSHIP

Describe how you have guided, inspired or directed others in your personal, community or academic life. Continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience, is best. (Attach an explanation.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Describe your participation in up to three (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. (Attach an explanation.)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

List any other qualifications which make you stand out for this scholarship. Include 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 you overcame it. (Attach an explanation.)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Two letters are required.)

Two letters of recommendation need to be submitted with your application. The "Letter of Recommendation" form is available on the last page of this application and can be duplicated as needed. This form must be returned by June 1st, 2025.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Include your college transcript and two letters of recommendation with your application. The application will be disqualified without these items. If you cannot send the letters of recommendation or transcript with this application, please follow-up to make sure your references and college have mailed the items by **June 1st, 2025**. Finalists will be interviewed via telephone or video conference.

Mail or email your application by **June 1st, 2025** to:
Teresa Jackson, SVP Marketing Officer
5101 S Broadband Ln
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
tjackson@plainscommerce.com



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PLEASE PRINT OR 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.

Mail or email your application by June 1st, 2025 to:
Teresa Jackson, SVP Marketing Officer
Plains Commerce Bank, 5101 S Broadband Ln
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
tjackson@plainscommerce.com

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Career Information: Describe the applicant's career goals, including their intent to pursue a career in banking or finance. Highlight any banking/finance work experience, internships, etc.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 letters by June 1st, 2025
Thank you!