



South Dakota Retailers Association

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SDRA Jerry Wheeler Scholarship Program - 2012/2013 School Year

The quantity and dollar amount of the SDRA Scholarships vary depending on availability of funds through the SDRA Trust Fund.

In 2011, thirteen scholarships were awarded ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$1,000.

Instructions

1. Please type or print your answers.
2. This form may be photocopied. The application is also available in Word format at www.sdra.org.
3. Completed application, references and grade transcripts may be mailed to the South Dakota Retailers Association at the address provided above (must be postmarked by April 10, 2012) -or- may be emailed to donna@sdra.org by April 10, 2012.

Name of applicant _____

E-mail address _____

	Permanent	During school year (if different than permanent)
Mailing address		
City		
State		
Zip		
Phone		

Scholastic Information

In the fall of 2012, applicant will be enrolled in:

☐ Technical Institute / Vocational School / Trade School

☐ College / University

School you plan to attend in the Fall of 2012 _____

Location of school (city and state) _____

Your major field or fields of study _____

Number of credit hours you will be taking in the fall of 2012 (approximate) _____

Anticipated month and year of graduation _____

How many years do you estimate it will take (total) to obtain your degree or certification:

☐ 1 year

☐ 4 years

☐ 2 years

☐ 5 years

☐ 3 years

☐ 6 or more years

Year of study - Fall 2012:

☐ 1st year

☐ 2nd year

☐ 3rd year

☐ 4th year

☐ Postgraduate study

Other _____

High School Education

Name of high school you attended _____

Location of high school you attended (city and state) _____

Month/year of graduation _____ ☐ Obtained GED

Transcript + Post-Secondary Education

Please provide a copy of your **most recent** grade transcript to SDRA. Must be postmarked by April 10, 2012.

☐ Transcript is enclosed ☐ Transcript will be mailed separately

Provide names of post-secondary schools you are currently attending or have attended previously.

Vocational School • College • University	Attended (from - to)	Major

Financial Information

Indicate the approximate amount of income you receive per year from employment (*other than work study*) \$ _____

From which of the following other sources are you likely to receive funds to assist with educational/living expenses during the 2012/13 school year: ☐ Grants ☐ Scholarships ☐ Work Study ☐ Parents ☐ Other

Family

Please tell us what occupation (i.e. teacher, farmer, hardware store owner, bank teller) your parents/guardians are or were engaged in. (For "place of employment", please provide the name of the company or agency the individual works or worked for, or owns).

1. Name of parent/guardian _____

Occupation _____

Place of employment _____ City/State _____

2. Name of parent/guardian _____

Occupation _____

Place of employment _____ City/State _____

Two Letters of Reference / One Must Be From a Business Owner or Manager

Please provide two letters of reference. **At least one of the letters of reference must be from a person who CURRENTLY owns or manages a business.** (Note: Please do not include a letter of reference from your parent, even if they are your employer).

☐ Letters of reference enclosed

☐ Reference letters will be mailed separately (NOTE: reference letters must be postmarked by April 10, 2012)

Career Goals

Specific type of business you want to own, manage or work in: _____

Position you plan to hold in that business: _____

Where (city or state) would you like to be located? _____

Why do you want to live and work in that city or state? _____

Tell Us More About Your Goals

Please type or print the following information on a separate sheet or sheets of paper, and enclose it with the application.

- 1 Goals:** Please tell us about your plans for the future. Include information about:
 - Your career goals - be very specific about the type of business you are interested in, and the position you want to hold
 - Why do you want to be in the field you have chosen?
 - What persuaded you to choose this field of study?
 - Why is a career in retail or business important to you?
 - What skills do you possess which will help you reach your goals?
 - What job experience do you have which will help you reach your goals?
 - Where do you hope to be, and what do you hope to be doing 10 years from now?
 - How will this scholarship help you reach those goals?
 - 2 Personal Challenges:** What is the most difficult challenge or obstacle you have faced? How did you handle it?
 - 3 Accomplishments/Activities:** Please tell us about any special accomplishments in your personal, community or academic life. If you are or have been involved in school or community activities, tell us about that.

Employment History

LIST YOUR CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB FIRST. Include full time, part time, temporary, and seasonal work. (If you have job experience, this section must be completed even if additional information is attached).

Place of employment (Include name of business & city)	Type of business	Employment dates (from - to)	Your position and job duties

By submitting this application, the applicant certifies that they have answered all questions truthfully, and understand that the application and all attachments may be confirmed by SDRA and will be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection by the Scholarship Committee of the South Dakota Retailers Association.

By submitting this application, the applicant certifies that they understand that scholarships provided by SDRA may be paid in two installments, and that scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time in a retail or business related course of study to receive any and all monies.

ELIGIBILITY

This application is for students who plan to attend post secondary school during the 2012-2013 school year.

1. To be eligible, applicant must enroll in a retail or business related course of study at a vocational technical school, college or university, or other trade school in the fall of 2012. Students planning to attend post secondary schools outside of South Dakota are eligible if they graduated from a South Dakota high school.

Examples of areas of study considered to be retail or business related may include (but are not be limited to): Accounting, Agribusiness, Animal Science/Veterinary Technician, Apparel Merchandising, Auto Mechanics, Automotive Technology, Banking, Business Administration, Business Management, Collision Repair, Computer Science, Commercial Baking, Culinary Arts, Diesel Mechanics, Electrical Maintenance, Heating/Ventilation, Hotel/Restaurant Management, Landscape Design, Pharmacy, Photography, Printing Industries, Refrigeration, Sales/Marketing Management, and Tourism Industry Management. (Note: this list is not all-inclusive).

2. Applicant **must** desire a career in a retail or business field.
3. Applicant **must** have completed at least one year of college or one semester of vocational school by September of 2012 to be eligible. (Students who are in high school and have not attended college or vocational school are not eligible).
4. Student **must** enroll full-time at a post secondary school for the fall of 2012. Internships are not eligible for scholarship funds.
5. Awards will not be based solely on financial need or grades.
6. **Application must be postmarked or emailed by April 10, 2012** to be eligible for consideration.
7. Additional materials: most recent **grade transcript and letters of reference must be postmarked or emailed by April 10, 2012.**
8. Names of scholarship recipients will be announced in July of 2012.
9. Previous recipients are eligible to apply for the scholarship program.
10. Children and spouses of current members of the SDRA Scholarship Committee are not eligible for consideration.
11. Applicants will be notified by postcard when SDRA receives the application.
12. All scholarships awarded will be paid directly to the school to be applied to tuition.

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