

# *South Dakota Elks \$1,000.00 Vocational Grant*

## **Application for the 2012-2013 School Year**

For Students Who Will Enroll In A Post Secondary  
Vocational/Technical School Program

Important: Before preparing this application, study and carefully follow the procedures on page two. Applications must be filed with the Elks Lodge in your home area **on or before December 2, 2011.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Career: \_\_\_\_\_

Last High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Date Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature

**MUST HAVE ELKS LODGE ENDORSEMENT TO BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING**

The Scholarship Chair, Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the Elks Lodge in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is a resident must sign the endorsement below. Applications should not be signed if they do not conform to the requirements outlined in the application.

Lodge Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Lodge Official: \_\_\_\_\_

## *South Dakota Elks Association Vocational Grant Guidelines*

1. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary technical or vocational program which terminates with completion of that program. Applicants shall have no immediate or long range plans to pursue a baccalaureate degree program.
2. All scholarship are in the form of certificates of award issued by the State Office conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in a technical degree program in an accredited American post-secondary school. Upon receipt of "verification of enrollment" from proper school officials, a South Dakota Elks Association check in the amount of the award (\$1,000.00) will be forwarded to the post-secondary school to establish credit for the student.
3. Fill out the application completely.
4. Attach the following:
  - a) Official transcript from your high school;
  - b) A 350 to 500 word typed essay describing yourself. This should include a description of the applicant, the applicant's financial needs, the applicant's involvement in extracurricular and community activities, and a summary of the applicant's career plans and goals. Explain the course of study or other activities taken to prepare for your anticipated career;
  - c) At least two (2) letters of reference/recommendation from someone (not related) who knows you and your career goals. One letter of recommendation must be from a community member not associated with the school system.