



# 2021 SCHOLARSHIP

## SCHOLARSHIP INTRODUCTION

Thank you for applying for the annual Dakota West Credit Union Scholarship. Please take time to read through the Scholarship Guidelines, consider the Essay Topic, and complete the Application Information and Release of Information on the following pages.

Dakota West Credit Union will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to high school seniors or current students of a post-secondary school, or a certified trade school.

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- This scholarship opportunity is open to any high school senior, or post-secondary student who is a member of Dakota West Credit Union and who will be pursuing his or her education during the 2021-2022 academic year, including trade schools.
- Only one entry per student will be allowed.
- Essays will be judged on the basis of originality, meaningful content, academic professionalism, and accuracy of facts used persuasively.
- Entries may be released to the local media, the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas, and Dakota West Credit Union members.
- Essays should be prepared digitally, but may be submitted in hard format.
- Please omit the name on the essay. If submitting in hard format, attach the essay to the application as a cover page.
- Send entries electronically to [brians@dakotawestcu.org](mailto:brians@dakotawestcu.org), or by mail to: Dakota West Credit Union, P.O. Box 1496, Watford City, ND 58854 ATTN: Marketing. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 09, 2021.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced on Friday, May 14, 2021.
- Scholarships will be paid jointly to the individual and the school the student will be attending.

## ESSAY TOPIC

Dakota West Credit Union's four core values epitomize our ideal interactions with our members, our communities, our coworkers, and anyone we may serve in the future.

When someone visits our branches, navigates our website, or attends an event we sponsor, we endeavor to live up to these values: **Communication, Responsibility, Respectfulness, and Positive Attitude.**

In at least three hundred words, please describe a time in your life where you had to use the value of **Communication** to overcome an obstacle or objection. What was the specific situation, what did you do, and what was the outcome.



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## RELEASE OF INFORMATION

*Please submit this page with your essay.*

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Dakota West Credit Union permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications and website, including but not limited to all Dakota West Credit Union's printed and digital publications. I understand and agree that any photograph using my likeness will become property of Dakota West Credit Union and will not be returned.

I acknowledge that since my participation with Dakota West Credit Union is voluntary, I will receive no financial compensation beyond the receipt of the scholarship for which I am applying, if I am selected as its recipient. I hereby authorize Dakota West Credit Union permission to use the text of my attached essay in announcing my acceptance of this scholarship, if offered and accepted, in any and all of its publications and website, including but not limited to all Dakota West Credit Union's printed and digital publications.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Dakota West Credit Union to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Dakota West Credit Union's programs or for any other related, lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Dakota West Credit Union from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of guardian if under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_





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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

*Please submit this page with your essay.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major or Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

High School Activities, Honors, and Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Community, Work, or Volunteer Involvement \_\_\_\_\_

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