



COMMUNITY CONNECT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PRIORITY DATE : APRIL 16, 2012

The Scholarship Committee will begin reviewing applications after April 16th. Awards will be made to qualified applicants on a rolling basis. Scholarship applications will be accepted until all available funds have been distributed.

CRITERIA

To be considered for a Community Connect Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a new student—starting higher education during the calendar year 2012
- Be a degree-seeking student
- Have earned a high school diploma or GED within the past three years
- Be a first-generation college student
- Demonstrate financial need

Preference may be given to applicants based on other factors such as family support or having a primary language other than English.

Qualified Applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Recipients of the Community Connect Scholarship are expected to maintain full-time student status (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester). The Community Connect Scholarship is renewable for up to four years, based on academic progress.

TO APPLY

1. Complete the application for admission.
2. Complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA (You can complete this after you have filed your 2011 tax return)
3. Write a 1-2 page essay describing your plans for your:
 - o education
 - o career goals
 - o current financial need
 - o Please also include information about your support system to seek higher education (family or friends) and your ability to succeed in college (why you will be successful)
4. Provide two letters of reference, one academic and one personal.
 - o Also include the reference phone number and/or email address
5. Submit this application form, references, and essay to:

*Vikki Van Hull, Financial Aid Advisor
4801 N. Career Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57107*

<http://www.sduniversitycenter.org/Scholarships>

COMMUNITY CONNECT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____ ID: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Are you a lawful permanent resident? **Yes** or **No**
→ If no, what is your current legal status? _____
2. Are you currently employed? **Yes** or **No**
→ If yes, please list your current employer and job title: _____
→ If no, do you plan to be employed, while attending college? **Yes** or **No**
3. Date of High School Graduation or GED (month/year): _____
4. What is your planned program of study? _____
5. Have you completed any college classes? **Yes** or **No**
→ If yes, please list names of schools and dates attended: _____

6. What is your primary language? _____
7. What is your Mother's highest level of education? _____
→ From Where? _____
8. What is your Father's highest level of education? _____
→ From Where? _____
9. Are you eligible for Tuition Assistance through your employer? **Yes** or **No**
10. Are you eligible for any scholarships/other types of financial assistance such as Vocational Rehab or Veteran's Benefits? **Yes** or **No**
→ If yes, please list: _____

I certify that the information I have provided on this form is correct and I wish to apply for this University Center scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____