

# First Bank & Trust 2025 Community Scholarship

First Bank & Trust will annually award scholarships to students attending accredited colleges, universities, or technical schools in the fall. Scholarships will be awarded at \$1,000 each, and the number of scholarships awarded will vary by location.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a First Bank & Trust scholarship, the applicant/student must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a First Bank & Trust Checking and/or Savings account holder (*account must be opened before the application deadline*).
- Be enrolled full-time and attending an accredited post-secondary institution for the Fall 2025 semester.
- Have not previously received a First Bank & Trust scholarship.
- Employees and members of the Board of Directors or Advisory Board of Directors of First Bank & Trust, its affiliates, and the immediate families (spouse, parents, siblings, and children, and each of their respective spouses regardless of where they live) and persons living in the households of each of these individuals, whether related or not, are not eligible.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 28, 2025

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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

First Bank & Trust Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Post-Secondary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Your application will be evaluated in the following four areas. Information missing will result in an incomplete application, which may not be considered for an award. Please ensure you include all pieces of information requested before submitting your application.

### 1. ESSAY

In 500 words or less, describe a challenging situation you have overcome in your life. What have you learned from facing this challenge, and how will you use those skills in the future? The essay should be typewritten and submitted with your application.

### 2. ACTIVITIES

Being involved and helping others within our communities is a priority at First Bank & Trust. To illustrate your contributions to your community, please include a summary of your school, extracurricular, civic, religious, volunteer, and special-interest activities that you have participated in over the last four years. List each activity separately and briefly describe your involvement. Within this section we also encourage you to state if you have a part-time job, describing your job and the average number of hours worked per week. Your activity list should be typewritten and submitted with your application.

### 3. ACADEMIC

Please include a transcript, including your cumulative GPA, from the last semester or quarter completed. If your cumulative GPA is not on your transcript, please attach it separately. While an official transcript is not needed, the transcript submitted must come from the school, and must contain the school name and student name on the document.

### 4. OVERALL PRESENTATION

Applications will be reviewed based on professional presentation. This includes, but is not limited to, spelling, grammar, formatting, attention to detail, and overall look of the application and supplemental information.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Applications will be collected and sorted by bank location, which will be determined based on the account number on the application. All award decisions will be made by a selection committee, and the number of awards per location will vary. All First Bank & Trust locations participate in the First Bank & Trust scholarship program: Brookings, Canton, Garretson, Madison, Milbank, Pipestone, Sioux Falls, Toronto, White, Vermillion, Watertown, Cambridge, East Bethel, Edina, New Prague, Princeton, and Roseville.

All eligibility requirements must be met to be considered for an award, and scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition. Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the winner's school to ensure proper disbursement. The student must attend an accredited college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2025. Should the student not attend school during the fall semester, the scholarship award will be forfeited. Recipients of the award are not eligible to apply for future First Bank & Trust, FirstLine Funding Group, or South Dakota Bankers Foundation scholarships awarded on behalf of First Bank & Trust. If the eligibility requirements are not met, it may result in disqualification of the applicant. Recipients agree to have their name and photo released to the media.

For more information about the First Bank & Trust scholarship program, please email [scholarships@bankeasy.com](mailto:scholarships@bankeasy.com).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO** *(via mail or email):*



• First Bank & Trust  
• Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
• PO Box 5057  
• Brookings, SD 57006  
• [scholarships@bankeasy.com](mailto:scholarships@bankeasy.com)