

Technical College/Two-Year Community College Scholarship Program Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Checklist

- 1. Students who are planning to attend an **accredited technical college or two-year community college** must complete this four-page application (attach additional sheets if necessary). Your name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
- 2. Copy of your recent academic transcript. To qualify for a technical college or two-year community college scholarship, you must have a high school cumulative grade average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to apply. Please ensure that no private health information is included in the transcript.
- 3. ACT and/or SAT exam scores are **not** required to be considered for a technical college or two-year community college scholarship.
- 4. Handwritten questions – You must legibly handwrite a one paragraph answer to each of the following questions. To qualify for a scholarship, students must not use Chat GPT or any other artificial intelligence assistance program. If it is determined that an artificial intelligence assistance program is used to answer the following questions, your scholarship application will be disqualified.
 - What impact has Sioux Valley Energy had on your community?
 - Which of the seven cooperative principles stand out to you and why?
 - What makes the cooperative business model unique/different from other business models?
- 5. Letter of Reference – Include a letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor, employer, youth leader, or pastor.
- 6. Application must be signed by either a parent or legal guardian for the student to be considered. The parent or guardian must be a Sioux Valley Energy member.

Send this application, and all supporting documentation, to Sioux Valley Energy, PO Box 216, Colman SD 57017.

You may also bring the application and supporting documentation to one of our service centers:

- Brandon, 108 N Heritage Road in Brandon
- Pipestone, 1102 7th St SE in Pipestone
- Colman, Junction of Hwy 34 and 77 east of Colman
- Hartford, 1185 Ruud Trail, Suite #4 in Hartford

Applications that are hand delivered must be in one of our service centers no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 17, 2025.

The Sioux Valley Energy Scholarship selection committee will review all scholarship applications and select scholarship awardees. All decisions are final.

The Scholarship Selection Committee is made up of a Sioux Valley Energy employee, Operation Round Up® Directors, a Sioux Valley Energy Director, and a school counselor.

Technical College/Two-Year Community College Scholarship Applicant Information

Name:		Home Phone:		
Permanent Address (Street/PO Box)	City:	State:	ZIP code:	E-mail:
Parent or Guardian Name:		Parent or Guardian Name:		
High School Name from which you graduated or will be graduating from this spring:				

Activities, community service, achievements, and/or honors:
(Please include a separate sheet if needed. Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format.)

Work Experience

Describe your work experience (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.)
 Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

Education

Provide the most recent academic transcript. Complete the following section. ACT/SAT scores are not required to apply for a technical college or two-year community college scholarship.

High School GPA:

School

Name and address of accredited technical college or two-year community college you plan to attend in the fall of the year:

Name	City	State

The above school(s) is an accredited technical college or two-year community college.

Major Course of Study:

Minor(s):

Essay Questions

As part of the application (Page 4), you are required to answer the following questions with a one paragraph, handwritten answer. Please write legibly. (If special accommodations are needed, please contact Sioux Valley Energy for an exemption from this rule.) To qualify for a scholarship, **students must not use Chat GPT or any other artificial intelligence assistance program**. If it is determined that an artificial intelligence assistance program is used in the following questions, your scholarship application will be disqualified. Please include your name on the top right-hand corner of the essay questions. You may use a separate sheet of paper and include in the application.

- What impact has Sioux Valley Energy had on your community?
- Which of the seven cooperative principles stand out to you and why?
- What makes the cooperative business model unique/different from other business models?

Signatures

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

This section to be filled out by hand. **Applicant's Name:** _____

Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions with a one paragraph, handwritten answer.

Question 1. What impact has Sioux Valley Energy had on your community?

Question 2. Which of the seven cooperative principles stand out to you and why?

Question 3. What makes the cooperative business model unique/different from other business models?