



Black Hills Home Builders Scholarship Application

The **Black Hills Home Builders Association (BHHBA)** awards scholarships annually to support students pursuing post-secondary education. Each year, BHHBA may award up to \$10,000 in total scholarship funds, depending on available resources and fundraising efforts.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize student academic achievement, encourage participation in the Black Hills Home Builders Association, and support students with connections to the building industry. While students may pursue education in a variety of fields, preference is given to applicants whose educational or career goals align with employment related to the home building industry.

Scholarship recipients are selected by the BHHBA Workforce Committee using an approved point-based evaluation system. Applications are reviewed based on academic performance, industry involvement or connection, alignment with the building industry, and completion of all required materials. Scholarships are awarded to the highest-scoring applicants, subject to available funds.

Scholarships are limited to one award per year per recipient. Applicants must be enrolling to attend college in the Fall of 2026. If a recipient's educational plans change, the scholarship may be forfeited for that year and the applicant may reapply in a future year.

Scholarship Selection Criteria & Award Amounts

All eligible applicants may apply for a BHHBA Scholarship. Scholarship recipients and award amounts are determined using an approved point-based evaluation system. Points are assigned based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement, as measured by grade point average (GPA)
- Employment by, or family relationship with, a Black Hills Home Builders Association member
- Participation in a BHHBA-affiliated student chapter
- Whether the applicant's field of study is related to the construction or building industry
- Whether the degree program directly supports residential home building

Scholarship awards typically range from \$500 to \$1,500 per recipient. Award amounts are based on total points earned and available scholarship funds. Not all applicants are guaranteed an award.

The BHHBA Workforce Committee reserves the right to adjust award amounts or decline to award scholarships based on application quality and available funds.

Application Completion & Supporting Documentation

Applicants must complete the scholarship application in full. All required supporting documents must be submitted no later than **May 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM**. Applications missing **any required items** or **received after the deadline will be considered incomplete** and will not be reviewed. Scholarship recipients are invited and expected to attend the BHHBA July Membership Social, where scholarship awards will be presented.

Required Supporting Documents:

1. Cover Letter

A brief letter outlining educational goals, career interests, and any connection to the building or construction industry.

2. Copy of Most Recent Transcript

Used to verify academic performance and GPA.

3. Statement of Financial Need

A written explanation describing the need for financial assistance and how the scholarship will support educational goals.

4. Three (3) Letters of Reference

Letters should include:

- Relationship to the applicant
- Length of time the reference has known the applicant
- An evaluation of personal and professional traits, such as cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, maturity, and self-control

NOTE:

If you email your application, it is your responsibility to call our office and make sure it was received. Please also be advised that emailed applications may not be as neat in appearance as a mailed application.



"Your Advocate For The Building Industry"

Office Use Only:

Date Application Received:

Application Complete:

Application Not Complete:

2026 NEW STUDENTS & CONTINUING ED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants:

Please complete ALL sections of this application.

Type or print using black ink.

Use N/A if question does not apply.

NEATNESS AND COMPLETENESS will be considered during evaluation.

Mail complete package to: **1760 Rand Road, Rapid City, SD 57702**

Phone (605) 348.7850

E-mail: executive@blackhillshomebuilders.com

Application DEADLINE is May 15, 2026 BY 5PM to be eligible for consideration

Section 1: Personal Information

Name: _____
First Last Middle

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Are you currently affiliated with a BHHBA Member? Yes No

If so, name of BHHBA Member business, friend or relative of affiliation: _____

What is your affiliation to the member of BHHBA: _____

What college are you attending in Fall of 2026: _____

Section 2: Association Knowledge

What is your knowledge of the Black Hills Home Builders Assocaiton and the services we provide?

Section 3: Scholastic Information

Please provide the names, city, and state of high schools, colleges and/or universities you have attended or are currently attending. with the most recent first. Be sure to include the month and year of completion or anticipated graduation date.

Institution Attended: _____

Attendance Dates: _____

Major/Concentration: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Type of School (Circle One): High School Two-Year Program 4-5 Year School Program

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Are you currently or have you previously been involved with a BHHBA Student Chapter (Circle One): Yes No

List your academic achievements: _____

List any community service projects in which you have been or are currently involved with: _____

List any school activities you are involved with: _____

List any non school activities you are involved with: _____

What is your field of study?: _____

Why did you choose this field? _____

What do you hope to contribute to your chosen field? _____

Deadline for applications is May 15th, 2026 by 5pm.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- 1. Cover Letter**
- 2. Copy of Most Recent Transcript**
- 3. A Statement of Your Need for Assistance**
- 4. Three Reference Letters** (All references should include information concerning the relationship to applicant, how long individual has known the applicant and an evaluation of social and personal traits of the applicant such as: cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, maturity, and self control.)



Section 4: Work History

List below full-time employment, summer employment, and/or part-time work briefly explaining duties and responsibilities (beginning with your most recent job). If part-time work, indicate number of hours per week.

1. From: _____ To: _____
Month/Year Month/Year

Firm's Name and Type of Business: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Position: _____

Your Duties: _____

2. From: _____ To: _____
Month/Year Month/Year

Firm's Name and Type of Business: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Position: _____

Your Duties: _____

3. From: _____ To: _____
Month/Year Month/Year

Firm's Name and Type of Business: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Position: _____

Your Duties: _____

4. From: _____ To: _____
Month/Year Month/Year

Firm's Name and Type of Business: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor's Name and Position: _____

Your Duties: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____