

Bonham Trust Scholarship Application

PURPOSE

That, in order to honor and preserve the charitable and educational purposes intended by trustors when the trusts were established in 1968 and 1975, the purpose of the Bonham Trust is to assist graduates of Britton High School and Britton-Hecla High School in furthering their education by providing grants or loans, as the governing board determines. Grants may be made for furthering post-high school education or skills for any year of college, university, graduate, or professional school, or trade or vocational schools. The selection committee may not discriminate based upon race, creed, color, or sex but recipients must be American citizens. Criteria for the selection of recipients shall be determined by the governing board, and shall include consideration of the available funds, academic achievement, academic potential, financial need, leadership, community involvement and citizenship. The governing board may consider other factors and the weight to be given each factor shall rest with the governing board.

GUIDELINES

1. The recipient must be a **Britton High School or Britton-Hecla High School student** who is currently in a **postsecondary program** or is a **high school senior** on track for graduation.
2. The recipient must be **currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time course of study** at an accredited institution of higher learning, including a vocational/ technical school, two-year or four-year college or university, or graduate school.
3. The recipient must have a **2.0 cumulative grade point average**.
4. The Bonham Scholarship Committee will select recipients & scholarship amounts.
5. The quality and appearance of the application will be taken into consideration.
6. Applications with "Postage Due" will not be awarded a scholarship.

All students must complete the entire application and provide a current official transcript and one letter of recommendation from a **current** professor, teacher, employer, etc. Electronic copies of official transcripts may be sent from the school directly to Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com and must be **received no later than March 15**. (be sure to double-check the email address when you provide it to the school to ensure everything is spelled correctly) **It is the student's responsibility to ensure the transcript is received and recorded by March 15.**

7. **Applications and documents received MUST BE ORIGINALS.** All **ORIGINAL** documents must be **postmarked no later than March 15**. Please return as follows:

Bonham Board
c/o Dacotah Bank Trust Department
Attn: Cassie Backman
PO Box 1210
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1210

Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter on or before June 15. Checks will be distributed to the schools of the scholarship recipients by the beginning of the fall term provided all scholarship requirements are met including receipt of a thank you note by the Board.

No candidate shall be denied being a recipient of a scholarship on the basis of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or any other basis, which is prohibited by Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Cassie Backman at (605) 229-7119 or Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com.

**APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
THE BONHAM TRUST
2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR**

ALL FIELDS AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE

ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED MUST BE ORIGINALS

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified by Dacotah Bank via US Mail. For recipients of the award, a thank you note will be REQUIRED to be received by the Board no later than July 1.

1. Name in full _____ Soc. Sec. # _____
2. Complete **mailing** address (Street or Box) _____
(City, State, Zip Code) _____
Phone Number _____
3. Permanent email address (NOT BHHS email address) _____
4. Date of birth _____
5. Identification of Parent/Guardian (please complete both a & b or provide a reason for only completing one):
Name _____
Present address or date of death _____

Occupation _____

Name _____
Present address or date of death _____

Occupation _____
6. Name of school or college you plan to attend (2025/26): _____
7. Major subjects of study: _____ Minor: _____
8. Date of high school graduation: _____
9. **ATTACH AN OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL/POSTSECONDARY TRANSCRIPT (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND/OR SEAL REQUIRED)** Electronic copies of official transcripts may be sent from the school directly to Cassie.Backman@dacotahbank.com (be sure to double-check the email address when you provide it to the school to ensure everything is spelled correctly) It is the student's responsibility to ensure the transcript is received and recorded by March 15.
10. **ATTACH ONE (1) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** **(FROM A CURRENT PROFESSOR, TEACHER, EMPLOYER, ETC. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ANY RELATIVE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)**
Name (please print): _____
11. Please **WRITE A BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY** (do not exceed 500 words) describing your experiences to date, educational, career, and life goals, and indicating, at the end, your hopes and plans for the future. Please include evidence of your citizenship, leadership skills and involvement in the areas of school, community, employment and leisure activities.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

