

5 STEPS TO TAKE WHEN APPLYING

1. **Application:** Fill out the application (please type or print).
2. **Goals:** Type or print your goals, challenges and accomplishments -or- submit via YouTube and email the link to donna@sdra.org (see page 3).
3. **Transcript:** Obtain a copy of your most recent grade transcript.
4. **References:** Obtain two letters of reference. At least one must be from a person who currently owns or manages a business. (NOTE: A "Business Manager" of a school or other entity does not qualify as a person who owns or manages a business.)
5. **Send it in:** Submit completed application, grade transcript, goals and accomplishments information, and letters of reference to SDRA by the deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Career in Retailing:** Applicant **must** desire a career in a retail or retail-related field.
2. **Type of School:** To be eligible, applicant must enroll in a retail or retail-related course of study at a qualifying, accredited technical school, college, university, or certified professional training institute in the fall of 2019. Enrollment in an online degree program from a qualifying school is acceptable.
3. **Retail/Retail-Related Field of Study:** Examples of fields of study considered to be retail or retail-related include (but are not limited to): Accounting, Agribusiness (*retail agribusiness, not operation of a farm or ranch*), Apparel Merchandising, Auto Mechanics, Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Business Management, Collision Repair, Computer Science, Commercial Baking, Culinary Arts, Diesel Mechanics, Electrical Maintenance, Gemology, Heating/Ventilation, Hotel/Restaurant Management, Landscape Design, Pharmacy, Photography, Printing Industries, Refrigeration, Sales/Marketing Management, and Tourism Industry Management. (NOTE: this list is not all-inclusive.)
4. **South Dakota Education:** Students must meet one of these requirements:
 - have graduated from a South Dakota high school -OR-
 - have earned high school equivalency (such as a GED) in South Dakota -OR-
 - plan to attend post-secondary school in South Dakota
5. **Post-secondary Credits Requirement / Work Experience in Lieu Of Education:**
 - Applicant must have completed at least 24 credits from a qualifying college or university, or 12 credits from a qualifying tech school or certified professional training institute by September of 2019 to be eligible. We will consider full-time post-secondary work experience in lieu of the post-secondary education requirement.
 - **High school seniors** are not eligible unless they have sufficient post-secondary school credits. Documentation of these credits - such as a grade transcript - must be provided.
6. **Credit Hours:** Student **must** enroll in 12 or more credit hours of classes at a qualifying post-secondary school or online degree program for the fall of 2019. (Internships do not qualify.)
7. **Prior Recipients:** Previous recipients are eligible.
8. **SDRA Scholarship Committee:** Children and spouses of current members of the SDRA Scholarship Committee are not eligible.

NOTIFICATION & PAYMENT

- **Recipient Announcement:** Names of scholarship recipients will be announced in July of 2019. All applicants will be notified by mail or email of the committee's decisions.
- **Payment:** All scholarships awarded will be paid directly to the school.

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION

The applicant certifies that they have answered all questions truthfully, and understands that the application and all accompanying materials may be confirmed by SDRA and will be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection by the Scholarship Committee.

Mail completed application:

South Dakota Retailers Association
P.O. Box 638 • Pierre, SD 57501

Email completed application:

donna@sdra.org

Fax completed application:

605.224.2059

Deadline

Application and other materials must be emailed, postmarked or faxed by April 22, 2019

For more information, call
1.800.658.5545 (224.5050 in Pierre)
-or- email donna@sdra.org

FAQ

Q: If I graduated from a South Dakota high school or received a GED in South Dakota, but I'm going to attend college or tech school in another state, am I eligible?

Answer: Yes.

Q: This says to be eligible, I must be enrolled in a school in the fall of 2019. Do I have to already be enrolled at the time I submit this application?

Answer: No. Enrollment will be verified before scholarship checks are mailed to schools.

Q: Are high school seniors eligible?

Answer: Students who are currently in high school are not eligible unless they have at least 24 college credits or 12 credits from a tech school or certified professional training institute. If this is the case, documentation - such as a grade transcript - must be provided.