



Dakotas Society of American Foresters

PO Box 1703 Rapid City, SD 57702

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January 30, 2026

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Dakotas Society of American Foresters is offering a scholarship(s) for the 2026-2027 academic year for eligible students already enrolled in a forestry degree program of study or for graduating high school seniors who will be starting a forestry degree program of study.

Please carefully review the eligibility information, application requirements, and deadlines on the Application Instruction sheet.

Please direct any questions to the DSAF Scholarship Committee at DSAF@dakotassaf.org.

/s/ *Greg Josten*

Greg Josten
DSAF Scholarship Committee Chair



Dakotas Society of American Foresters Scholarship Application Instructions

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The amount available for scholarships is \$1,000.00 to be paid out in the Summer of 2026.

Application Information: Applicants must meet all the following criteria and provide the requested information to be considered.

1. The student must have a declared major in the broad field of Forestry (Forest Resource Management, Urban Forestry, Agroforestry, Biology with Forestry Emphasis, etc.). Provide transcripts or other documentation of a declared major in the broad field of forestry. Incoming students must provide documentation of the declared major and acceptance at a college, university, or technical school.
2. The student must be a current or past resident in the Dakotas. Provide a copy of a driver's license, high school transcripts, or other document proving past or current residency in North or South Dakota.
3. The student must be a student member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). Incoming, or new, students must include a commitment to becoming an SAF member in the required essay. Existing student members should provide their membership ID number.
4. The student must have a 2.5 GPA or above. Provide your most recent College, Technical School, or High School transcripts. Photocopies are acceptable.
5. The student will provide a one-page essay discussing the importance of science-based forest management in our forests, the role of the Society of American Foresters in achieving science-based forest management, and the applicant's educational and career goals.
6. The student will provide a letter of recommendation written by someone other than a family member.
7. Previous scholarship recipients must include a progress report describing their courses, experiences, and successes accomplished during and since the year in which they received the previous DSAF scholarship.

Application Deadline:

The scholarship(s) will be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applications will be accepted between February 1 and June 15, 2026. Send the application and supporting documents to:

DSAF Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1703
Rapid City, SD 57709

Or email your application in Adobe Acrobat format to: DSAF@dakotassaf.org with Scholarship Application in the subject line.

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The Society of American Foresters Mission Statement - The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Founded in 1900 by Gifford Pinchot, it is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society. SAF is a nonprofit organization meeting the requirements of 501 (c) (3). SAF members include natural resource professionals in public and private settings, researchers, CEOs, administrators, educators, and students.



Dakotas Society of American Foresters Scholarship Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

See instructions. Be sure to **include the required documentation** when you submit the application.

Declared Major (attach documentation): _____

Period of Residency in South Dakota or North Dakota (attach documentation of residency):

SAF Membership Number: _____

Cumulative GPA (attach transcripts): _____

Essay Attached:

Letter of Recommendation Attached:

Progress Report Attached (for previous scholarship recipients only):

Signature of Applicant

Date

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