



SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF TELEPHONE COOPERATIVES

**2010 SDATC MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2010

The SDATC Memorial Scholarships will be awarded to students who have completed at least two semesters at any post-secondary accredited school in South Dakota and who are members/customers or whose parent(s) are members/customers of a South Dakota telephone cooperative or other SDATC member local exchange carrier. Preference will be given to applicants with majors that are applicable to today's communications industry. These include but are not limited to the following: Engineering (Computer Science or Systems, Electrical, CAD, Software, Industrial, Communications Systems, Network Security); Business (Economics, Marketing, Human Resource, Accounting, Management, Communications, Business Law); Technologies (Communications Systems Engineering Technologies, Computer Programming, Computer Software Specialist, Computer Systems or Software, Satellite Communications, Utilities Technologies, Network Technician); Computers (Internet Apps Developer, Laser/Electro-Optics, Marketing, Network Administration, System Administrator, Computer Applications); Technology Education; and Communication Arts (Graphic or Mass Communications, Commercial Arts, Multimedia/Web Development.) Persons who have previously been awarded an SDATC Memorial Scholarship are not eligible to apply.

Instructions: Complete this form and return, postmarked by May 31, 2010, to:

SDATC Memorial Scholarship Committee
PO Box 57
Pierre, SD 57501-0057

A minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the same address. At least one (1) of these letters must be from an instructor or advisor. The other may be from other persons who know you well (but not a family member). Reference letters must be postmarked by May 31, 2010.

Selection of awards will be announced by July 31, 2010. If the scholarship is awarded but not accepted by the individual, the committee must be notified by August 15, 2010. The scholarship will be awarded for the 2010 Fall Semester.

Student Name _____ Phone _____

Student Email Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Serving Telephone Cooperative/ Company _____

School _____

Did/will your parent(s) claim you as a dependent on their 2010 federal income tax? Yes No

If you answered yes to the preceding question, complete the parent information below:

Parents' Names _____

Parents' Phone & Email Address _____

Parents' Address _____

Answer each question in your own words. Your answers must be typed. If additional space is required, attach extra sheets.

1. What is your current area of study and what role will telecommunications play in your future plans and goals?
2. In what community service, leadership development, or other personal growth activities do you participate?
3. What personal habits, traits or characteristics will help you excel in your intended career or profession?
4. Describe your vision of the role that telecommunications technology has in rural economic development?
5. Describe five criteria that would need to be met in order for you to choose to stay in South Dakota after graduation from college.

The statements in this application are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Applicant)

G.P.A. to be completed by institutional representative, counselor, or instructor:

G.P.A. or Institutional Equivalent _____ Certified by: _____