



# Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship

## Scholarship Purpose

This scholarship was established in 2000. It was created by the Howard Wood Dakota Relays Board of Directors to reward South Dakota Track & Field student athletes of accomplishment who have chosen to continue participation in the sport at the collegiate level.

## Scholarship Eligibility

- ! Graduating senior at a South Dakota High School
- ! Actively participating in Track & Field
- ! Must have participated in a Howard Wood Dakota Relays Meet
- ! Committed to attend College/University and continue a Track & Field career.

## Scholarship Criteria

- ! Athleticism as evidenced by Track & Field & other athletic accomplishments
- ! Scholarship as evidenced by a 3.2 overall grade point average
- ! Leadership as evidenced by the athlete's leadership roles on the track team, in other school activities, and through community involvement

## Scholarship Amount

- ! Two one-time awards of \$1000 each to one male and one female athlete

## Scholarship Application Procedures

- ! The application will be accessible through the Howard Wood Dakota Relays Web Page ([www.dakotarelays.com](http://www.dakotarelays.com))
- ! Applicants must provide:
  - 1) Completed, signed application
  - 2) A personal recommendation regarding the athlete from an adult who is not an immediate relative (to be sent directly from the reference—form enclosed)
  - 3) A brief essay titled “Why I Plan to Make Track & Field Part of My\_College Education”
  - 4) Two current photos for publication purposes

### Scholarship Selection

- ! A selection panel of community leaders who serve on the Howard Wood Dakota Relays Board of Directors has been appointed by the Board to be responsible for recommending scholarship awards based on the established guidelines. The considerations are:
  - 1) Accomplishments in Track & Field (length of participation & level of accomplishment)
  - 2) Academic qualifications
  - 3) Participation in school & community activities
  - 4) Accomplishments in other athletic activities
  - 5) Personal recommendation
  - 6) Personal statement/essay
- ! Interviews may be scheduled with finalists.
- ! Two recipients—one male and one female—will be chosen each year.
- ! The applicants must be present at the announcement ceremony. Recipients will be named at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays each May.
- ! Payment of scholarship awards will be made at the end of January to the educational institution/student upon receipt of written notification of the student's enrollment at that institution and a copy of the student's letter of intent to participate in that institution's Track & Field program.

**Application Deadline: April 15, 2020**

**Please mail to:**

**Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship  
324 E. 21st Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required documents are received by the deadline.

**Howard Wood Dakota Relays**

**Mission Statement:**

*“To promote the sport of Track & Field  
and provide a showcase for the maximum number of athletes.”*

# Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship Application

## I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M  F

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College \_\_\_\_\_

## II. TRACK & FIELD PARTICIPATION & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(include years of involvement, event specialty(ies), special honors/awards, records set, personal accomplishments, etc.)

### III. ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

At the close of the seventh semester, my Grade Point Average (GPA) on a \_\_\_\_ scale was \_\_\_\_\_.

My School  Principal will verify this information with a signature.  
 Counselor

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Signature

Title

Date

### IV. EXTRA CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

(list non-sport activities in which you participated in school and in your community, years of involvement, special honors/awards, offices held, etc.)

### V. OTHER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(list other athletic activities in which you participated, years of involvement, special honors/awards, personal accomplishments, etc.)

**VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**(please write a brief essay titled “Why I Plan to Make Track & Field Part of My College Education”) (limit to 1 page)**

# Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you for your help. This student is applying for the Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship and has asked for your recommendation as part of the application process.

Please complete this form and return it **directly** to: **Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship**  
324 E. 21st Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
**BY: April 15, 2020**

Failure to meet the deadline may jeopardize the applicant's opportunity for consideration.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How have you been acquainted with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Describe the qualities that make the applicant a good candidate for this scholar-ship.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_