



Vermillion Public Schools FOUNDATION

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Vermillion Public Schools Foundation Scholarship Application 2025

The Vermillion Public Schools Foundation is proud to partner with Vermillion Public Schools and generous scholarship sponsors to manage the annual scholarship application and selection process.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 28, 2025

Selection criteria vary by award, but all scholarships use the same application and deadline.

IMPORTANT – Part 2 is where you will find all the eligibility criteria and list of additional required materials (if any). Read these descriptions ahead of the deadline so you have time to collect letters of recommendation and prepare all required materials on time.

Vermillion High School seniors **in good standing** are invited to apply for the scholarships listed below.

Scholarship applications open to those planning to earn a technical degree from a Technical School or Community College

Doug Mart Technical Education Scholarship
The Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll Scholarship (3)

Scholarship application open to those planning to earn a degree from a 4-year University or College

The Robert & Elizabeth Wood Music Scholarship

Scholarship applications open to students planning to earn a degree from ANY accredited institution of higher education (4-year University or College, Technical School, and/or Community College)

The Jane (Sealey) Slattery Memorial Building Trades Scholarship
VHS Art Club Scholarship
The Walter and Margaret Kaeberle Scholarship
Edith Siegrist Scholarship Fund (2)
The Class of 1989 Scholarship
The Dennis Helseth Class of 1966 Scholarship (2)
The Vermillion Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship

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Application Information

The first part of the application applies to all awards. All applicants must fill out the following sections:

- Student Name, Address, Phone, Email
- Parent/Guardian Name, Phone, Email for one parent or guardian
- Name of school you plan to attend in fall 2025
- What major or degree do you plan to study
- Complete list of your involvement in out-of-class school and community activities

TIP: School and Community Involvement section:

List the activities, clubs, organizations, volunteer work, employment/jobs, internships, shadowing, etc., in which you have meaningfully participated at any time during high school (grades 9-12). Also include the title of leadership positions you held (if any), average hours per week (if applicable) and the dates you were involved.

For example:

VHS Band (section leader), 2021-2024

HOSA (club secretary), weekly 1-hour meetings, 2022-2023

Johnson farm labor, 30 hours/week in summer and 15 during school, 2020-24.

The second part of the application includes detailed information about the eligibility requirements specific to each scholarship. Read the descriptions carefully. You may submit essays or other required materials through this form or turn in a hard copy to Student Services. Visit or contact the Student Services office (605-677-7027 or Rebecca.R.Olson@k12.sd.us) if you have any questions.

Letters of recommendation

VHS faculty will email letters of recommendation Rebecca.R.Olson@k12.sd.us or bring a hard copy to Student Services.

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Part 1

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

What university, college, or technical school, do you plan to attend in the fall of 2025?

What do you plan to study or major in?

School and Community Involvement:

Please list activities, clubs, organizations, volunteer work, employment, internships, shadowing, etc., your position (if any), and the dates you were involved.

Attach separate pieces of paper as needed.

Student Signature

Date

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Part 2

In this section, you will be able to identify the scholarships you are eligible to apply for. Read the descriptions carefully and make sure that you provide all the required information. Attach a separate piece of paper with your essay and make sure that you include your name and the scholarship you are applying for.

Doug Mart Technical Education Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship for one VHS senior planning to pursue a degree from technical school.

Preference: Applicant pursuing program in marine technology

Submit essay describing your educational and career objectives. Limit essay to 300 words.

The Ribs, Rods & Rock 'n Roll Scholarship

\$1000 Scholarship for three VHS seniors pursuing vocational-technical education.

Preference: 1. Applicants who completed auto shop class and are interested in additional training in the automotive trade OR pursuing culinary trade. 2. Applicants who wish to pursue additional vocational training in an area of their choice. 3. Volunteer service at annual Ribs, Rods and Rock'n'Roll summer event (list dates above under Involvement).

Please submit an essay describing your educational and career objectives. Limit the essay to 300 words.

The Robert & Elizabeth Wood Music Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship for a VHS Senior pursuing a degree in elementary education, music performance or musical theatre at a four-year college or university.

Eligibility requirement: Applicants must have been active in music while at VHS

Submit essay describing the importance of music in your life. Limit essay to 300 words.

The Jane (Sealey) Slattery Memorial Building Trades Scholarship

\$500 Scholarship for a VHS Senior, planning to pursue a program in the building trades from a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school.

Preference: An applicant who plans to return to the Vermillion area.

Submit essay describing your educational and career objectives. Limit essay to 300 words.

VHS Art Club Scholarship

\$100 Scholarship for a VHS Senior planning to pursue a program or major in art or media at an accredited university, college, or technical school.

Submit essay describing the importance of art in your life. Limit essay to 300 words.

The Walter and Margaret Kaeberle Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship for a VHS Senior pursuing health sciences, agriculture or religious studies from an accredited university, college, or technical school

Submit essay describing your educational and career objectives. Limit essay to 300 words.

One faculty member must submit a letter of recommendation. Please have letters of recommendation sent to Student Services or Rebecca.R.Olson@k12.sd.us.

Edith Siegrist Scholarship Fund

\$1,000 scholarships for two VHS Seniors

Submit essay describing an experience that helped shape your life goals. Limit essay to 300 words.

One faculty member must submit a letter of recommendation. Please have letters of recommendation sent to Student Services or Rebecca.R.Olson@k12.sd.us.

The Class of 1989 Scholarship

\$500 Scholarship for a VHS Senior to attend an accredited university, college, or technical school

Preference: An applicant who plans to attend a South Dakota university, college, or technical school program

Submit essay describing an experience that helped shape your life goals. Limit essay to 300 words.

One faculty member must submit a letter of recommendation. Please have letters of recommendation sent to Student Services or Rebecca.R.Olson@k12.sd.us.

The Dennis Helseth Class of 1966 Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship for two VHS seniors planning to attend a college or technical school in the State of South Dakota

Eligibility requirement: Applicants must plan to attend a South Dakota university, college, or technical school program

Submit essay answering the following question: If you could travel back in time, what period would you like to visit and why? Limit essay to 300 words.

One faculty member must submit a letter of recommendation. Please have letters of recommendation sent to Student Services or Rebecca.R.Olson@k12.sd.us.

Vermillion Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Scholarship

\$500 scholarship awarded to VHS seniors who plan to study at an accredited college or technical school. Financial need will be considered.

Please submit an essay in which you explain how your character affects the people and community around you. Limit your essay to 300 words.