

FirstLine Funding Group 2026 Community Scholarship

FirstLine Funding Group, a division of First Bank & Trust, will annually award scholarships to students attending accredited colleges, universities, or technical schools in the fall. Scholarships will be awarded at \$1,000 each, and the number of scholarships awarded will vary.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a FirstLine Funding Group scholarship, you must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior at Madison High School or full-time undergraduate student attending Dakota State University, both located in Madison, SD.
- Have not previously received a FirstLine Funding Group scholarship.
- Employees and members of the Board of Directors or Advisory Board of Directors of First Bank & Trust, its affiliates, and the immediate families (spouse, parents, siblings, and children, and each of their respective spouses regardless of where they live) and persons living in the households of each of these individuals, whether related or not, are not eligible.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Your application will be evaluated in the following areas:

Area I – Essay (Up to 10 points awarded)

In 300 words or fewer, describe why you should be considered for a FirstLine Funding Group scholarship. The essay should be typewritten/computer-generated.

Area II – Activities (Up to 20 points awarded)

Being involved and helping others within our communities is a priority at FirstLine Funding Group. To illustrate your contributions to your community, please include a summary of your school, extracurricular, civic, religious, volunteer, and special-interest activities. List each activity separately and briefly describe your involvement, including the average number of hours per week/month/year you devote to each activity. The summary should be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet(s).

Area III – Character (Up to 20 points awarded)

Please attach two personal recommendations. Give specific examples regarding character, dependability, involvement, and other distinguishing characteristics of the applicant. Recommendations must be typewritten/computer-generated on an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet(s).

Area IV – Academic (Up to 10 points awarded)

Please include an official transcript, including your cumulative GPA, from the last semester or quarter completed. If your cumulative GPA is not on your transcript, please attach it separately.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO:



FirstLine Funding Group Scholarship Committee
Attn: Lori Gustaf
1108 Washington Avenue S
PO Box 328
Madison, SD 57042

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE

March 27, 2026

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type.

Name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardians(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Current School Attending: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College or Post-Secondary School: _____

Intended Major: _____

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Applications will be collected and routed. For more information about the FirstLine Funding Group scholarship program, please call Lori at 605.427.4535.

All eligibility requirements must be met. Scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition. Recipients agree to have their name and photo released to the media. Recipients are not eligible to apply for future First Bank & Trust, FirstLine Funding Group, or South Dakota Bankers Foundation scholarships awarded on behalf of First Bank & Trust. If the eligibility requirements are not met, it may result in disqualification of the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____



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