



2020 Scholarship Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____

Home Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Mailing Address (if different than home address): _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

BankWest Deposit Account Number: _____ Date Opened* _____

I am currently a: High School Senior Full-time Undergraduate Student

Do either you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) work for BankWest? Yes No

G.P.A. _____

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BANKWEST SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- be a BankWest Deposit Account holder for a minimum of six months preceding application deadline*
- be a U.S. citizen
- be a high school senior, or full-time undergraduate student currently attending an accredited post high school educational institution
- have not previously received a BankWest Scholarship
- attend personal interview in Pierre on March 9 or 10, 2020, if chosen as a finalist

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 18

Distributed as follows:

- 13 - divided on a percentage basis to high school seniors and undergraduate students currently attending an accredited post-high school educational institution
- 5 - high school seniors who are dependents of BankWest employees, or who are employed by BankWest

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE: \$1,500 (\$750 per semester)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO: BankWest Scholarship Committee
PO Box 998
Pierre, SD 57501-0998

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All eligibility requirements must be met. Scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition during the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 school year. Recipients agree to have their names released to the media. Recipients are not eligible to apply for future BankWest scholarships. If the eligibility requirements are not met, it may result in disqualification of the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SEE REVERSE FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

**Account must be in good standing and have been opened on or before August 1, 2019.*

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Area I - Essay (Up to 20 points awarded)

In 400 words or less, describe why you should be considered for a BankWest scholarship.

Area II - Activities (Up to 20 points awarded)

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

Area III - Character (Up to 10 points awarded)

Please attach two personal letters of recommendation. 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.

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.

**Based upon scoring in the above four areas, finalists will be selected to appear for a personal interview in Pierre on March 9 or 10, 2020.*

Area V - Personal Interview (Up to 40 points awarded)

Applicants selected for personal interviews will be notified by February 21, 2020. Finalists will be interviewed by a panel of judges during the week of March 9, 2020, at the BankWest main office in Pierre. High School Senior interviews will be Monday, March 9. BankWest Dependents and/or Employees and Undergraduate interviews will take place Tuesday, March 10. Interview points will be added to the points previously awarded. Finalists will not be allowed to use notes at the interview. In case of inclement weather, you may be contacted to schedule a phone or Skype interview.



Finalists will be required to attend personal interviews in Pierre on March 9 or 10, 2020.

During the interview, finalists will be judged on:

- ability to express a positive attitude and image
- ability to communicate effectively, express thoughts clearly, and use grammar appropriately
- professional appearance
- answers given to several questions including the following two questions:
 1. What are the most challenging aspects of being a teenager/young adult today? How do you deal with those challenges?
 2. How is a local full-service bank uniquely qualified to make a difference in the community?

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship application, please contact your BankWest coordinator.

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