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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Dealer Members - South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association

FROM: Myron L. Rau, President 

DATE: February 5, 2020

RE: 2020 SDADA Scholarship Applications

The main focus of awarding scholarships from this association centers around the fact that member dealerships are having difficulty recruiting employees, especially when it comes to technicians. Therefore, as in past years, we will be awarding scholarship funds only to individuals that are currently, in some capacity, working in a SDADA Member's dealership while they are pursuing a degree that will result in the student working in the motor vehicle retail sales industry.

Under these new rules, the SDADA is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 school year. For your use, I have attached an application and instructions. This form can be duplicated as needed plus these documents are also available for download from the SDADA Website.

If you review the application instructions, you will find there is an application requirement for a sponsor letter that is signed by a dealer member of the SDADA. In that letter, please include the position the applicant is now serving in a SDADA Member's dealership.

As always, if you have questions, please contact me or your SDADA Office.

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attachments

SOUTH DAKOTA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

By completing this application, you will be considered for an education scholarship from the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association. Scholarships will be awarded at a level of \$1,000.00 per recipient.

The attached application must be completed and mailed with a postmark no later than Friday, May 15, 2020:

Mr. Myron L. Rau
South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association
PO Box 89008
Sioux Falls SD 57109-9008

You will be considered eligible by meeting the following qualifications:


1. You must be working in a SDADA Member's dealership while pursuing a degree that will result in you working in the motor vehicle retail sales industry.
2. You must be a degree seeking student enrolled and registered to attend an educational institution for the fall semester of this year.
3. You cannot be in default on any student loans, owe a refund or have received overpayments on any federal, state or institutional financial aid that have not been resolved.
4. With your application, you **submitted a sponsor letter** that is signed by a dealer that is a member of the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association.

NOTE:

All applicants will receive written correspondence advising them if they were or were not awarded a scholarship.

**ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL
BE DISCARDED (See checklist)!**





SDADA Scholarship Checklist

Have you included:

- Letter from a Dealer Member
- Personal References
- Fully Completed Application
- Written Essay

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
MAY 15, 2020 OR THEY WILL BE DISCARDED!**



SOUTH DAKOTA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Student Name (Print) _____
Last First Middle Initial

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

High School Grad Year _____ GED _____

Years of Post High School Education _____

Field of Study you are pursuing _____

Where do you consider your hometown? _____

Hometown Newspaper _____

Are you a veteran of military service? _____

If yes, please provide years of service and branch of service _____

Do you have special circumstances, personal, financial, educational, family-related, medical or disability that we should consider when reviewing this application? Please explain briefly.

Time Commitment

I am or will be enrolled at (name of institution) _____

Full-time student? _____ Part-time student? _____

I plan to work while attending school. (Please circle) 1-14 hrs/wk. 15-29 hrs/wk.
30-39 hrs/wk. 40 or more hrs/wk.

If you will be working, in what field will you be employed? _____

Work Experience

In 100 words or less, please describe your work experience and what you have learned as an employee.

Personal References

All applicants must provide three (3) references.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Mailing Address</u> | <u>Relationship</u> | <u>Years Known</u> |
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Activities, Awards and Honors

All applicants must complete this section. If not applicable, mark with N/A.

List awards and honors received, school and community activities and organizations (current or past) in which you have participated. Please list complete organizational name, no acronyms.

| <u>Organization/Activity</u> | <u>Office/Award/Honor</u> | <u>Number of Years of Involvement</u> |
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Essay (use additional page if necessary) (Successful applicants essays may be published)

Submit an essay of approximately 250 words, which answers the question, “What effect does a local retail vehicle dealer have on my life and the economy of South Dakota?” (When preparing your essay, please keep in mind that the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association is composed of auto, heavy truck, power sport and recreation vehicle dealers.)

REQUIRED RELEASE OF INFORMATION

All the information I have provided is correct. By signing and submitting this application, I authorize the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association (SDADA) to obtain copies of my school transcripts and to check my listed references. If I am awarded a scholarship, I authorize the SDADA to use my name, photo and scholarship information on the SDADA website or in publications including my hometown newspaper.

Scholarship Applicant's Signature

Date

**APPLICATIONS DEADLINE
MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2020**