



In 1968, Drs. Al Kurtenbach and Duane Sander started an engineering company with no products or markets, but a belief that if they infused talent, commitment and hard work, something good would come of it. Decades later, Daktronics is a worldwide company with its corporate headquarters in Brookings, S.D., with a team of more than 2,800 people in sales, marketing, service, engineering, manufacturing and administration.

From its inception, Daktronics has been fueled by the work of college students across the country. Its founders were college professors at South Dakota State University when they started the company and many full-time employees began their careers while working at Daktronics as student employees while attending college.

With a history supporting personal and professional educational growth, Daktronics is pleased to partner with SDASSP to present five (5) South Dakota graduating high school seniors with a one-time \$1,000 scholarship.

Daktronics is no stranger to financially supporting higher education as the company offers course incentives to student employees who perform well in the classroom and provides tuition reimbursement to full-time employees.

Just as Daktronics is at the top of its class, so too are the recipients of this scholarship. The purpose is to recognize students who have excelled in academics.

DAKTRONICS ACADEMIC ALL-STATE AWARDS

SPONSORED BY SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION
OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS (SDASSP)

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

SCHOOL NOMINEE ALLOWANCE

Each school will be allowed one (1) nominee for every 50 seniors based on the following scale:

- 0-50 seniors » 1 nominee
- 51-100 seniors » 2 nominees
- 101-150 seniors » 3 nominees
- 151+ seniors » 4 nominees

REQUIREMENTS

- The high school principal submitting the application must be a SDASSP member.
- The application must be postmarked by **March 17th, 2023** to receive full consideration.
- The applicant will be judged at both the local and state level according to the following criteria:

1. **Selection**
 - GPA
 - Compute score on the highest of the following: ACT and SAT
2. **Personal Information**
 - Leadership Activities
 - College/Career Plans
3. **Statement (to be considered in case of a tie):**
Describe someone who has been a major influence in your life.
 - What have you learned from them and how will you apply what you learned to your future goals? (One typed page with your social security number in the top right corner)
 - Each school will select its nominee(s) and send the application to the chairperson listed on the back of the application by the deadline.

SELECTION

At the Spring State Board of Directors meeting, the chairperson and two board members will select:

- The top 10 candidates with the highest point totals receive Gold Medals as the First All-State Team.
- The second 10 candidates with the second highest point totals receive Silver Medals as the Second All-State Team.
- The third 10 candidates with the third highest point totals receive Bronze medals as the Third All-State Team.
- In case of ties, the committee will select winners by:

1. Number of leadership roles
2. Submitted statement answers
3. List of courses taken in the last three (3) years (with indication of advanced courses)

After the spring conference, principals will receive medals and a sample news release that can be sent to local media for publication the first week of April.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Daktronics and SDASSP will award a \$1,000 scholarship to the top five (5) Gold Medal All-State Team winners. The scholarships will be paid directly to the college or university the recipient is attending.

To receive the scholarship, **students must plan to attend a South Dakota college or university.** In the event that a Gold Medal All-State Team member is attending college outside of South Dakota, that scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranking member of the Silver Medal Second All-State Team. Bronze Medal Third All-State Team members will be awarded scholarships in order of ranking should 11 or more of the Gold and Silver team members declare they are attending an out-of-state college.



Daktronics Academic All-State
2023 Academic All-State Team

(Application form: please print or type)

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Student's PERMANENT email: _____

*** Enrollment of Senior Class: _____ (*Remember only 1 nominee per every 50 students in the current year's senior class*)
 Last 5 digits of SS Number _____ (used only for tracking essays anonymously for judging)

Parents Name: _____

Parents Email: _____

Students HOME Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student's Anticipated Choice of College Attendance: _____

Student's Anticipated Major: _____

A. Nomination Formula

1. Grade point average (convert to 4.0 scale and round to three decimals for all semesters through the first semester of the senior year). Attach a transcript. *4.0 would be a maximum on this scale.*

GPA _____ multiplied by 250 = _____ +

2. SAT or ACT score (choose the one that produces the highest final score).

SAT score _____ divided by 1.6 = _____

or

ACT Comp. score _____ multiplied by 27.777 = _____ (carry to 3 decimals)

3. Total Score (either GPA + ACT product or GPA + SAT quotient).

(If more than 2,000, you've calculated wrong.) = _____

Student Statement. All questions to be submitted together, one typed page maximum length to be submitted along with this completed form. The student should type the last 5 digits of their social security number in the top right hand corner of the page, please do not type your school or name on the page, so that essays may be judged anonymously.

Describe someone who has been a major influence in your life. What have you learned from them and how will you apply what you learned to your future goals?

.....
I hereby authorize the release of information contained in this application for the Academic All-State Team competition.

Student Signature (Date)

Parent Signature (Date)

Print SDASSP Member Principal's Name

Principal's Signature

(Date)

Checklist: be sure to include the following.

- _____ 1. Transcript of Courses Taken including a list of current senior year courses.
- _____ 2. Verification of SAT and/or ACT scores
- _____ 3. Student Statements
- _____ 4. Required signatures
- _____ 5. **Principal is a member of SDASSP**
- _____ 6. **Made a copy for your own school records and to use as information for your local media once the academic team is announced at the April State meeting. Please remember that contacting your local media is the local schools' responsibility once the winners are announced.**

Deadline: March 17, 2023

If Possible, Please Scan and Email the Application To: Julie.marshall@k12.sd.us

**Academic All-State
Julie Marshall, Chairperson
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Timber Lake, SD 57656**

Please see the next page for information concerning the \$1000 Daktronics Scholarship which is based upon the criteria of attending an In-state institution AND pursuing a preferred major as identified by Daktronics.

Daktronics Scholarship Criteria

Daktronics will award a \$1000 scholarship to the top 5 Gold Medal All-State Team winners who are majoring in a preferred major **AS IDENTIFIED BY DAKTRONICS** and attending an in-state college. The scholarships will be paid directly to the college or university the recipient is attending. To receive the scholarship, *students must attend a South Dakota college or university*. In the event that one of the top 5 Gold Medal All-State Team member is attending college outside of South Dakota, that scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranking member of the Gold Medal First All-State Team or Silver Medal Second All-State Team. Bronze Medal Third All-State Team members will be awarded scholarships in order of ranking should members of the Gold and Silver team members declare they are attending an out-of-state college.

PLEASE NOTE that all students will be judged for Academic All-State regardless of in or out of state college and major; that the \$1000 Scholarship portion utilizes the in state and preferred majors component. A student can be awarded Academic All-State and not qualify for the \$1000 scholarship.

List of Preferred Majors for the Daktronics Scholarship:

Business Economics

Business Economics, Economics, Business, Consumer Affairs, Business Management, Accounting, Management, Sports Management, Business Administration, Business Marketing, Global Studies, Entrepreneurial Studies

Writing

English, Communication Studies, Journalism, Mass Communications, Speech, Communications, Technical Communication

Social Sciences

Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Physical Education, History, Human Development, English Education, HR Development

Graphics

Advertising, Commercial Art, Graphic Design, Marketing

Engineering Technology

Computer, Electronic, Manufacturing, Mechanical

Engineering

Civil, Computer, Electrical, Manufacturing, Mechanical, Industrial, Software, Mathematics, Statistics