

James H. Jenssen Scholarship Application

All applications must be mailed to:

Director of Planning & Engineering
Department of Transportation
Becker-Hansen Building
700 E. Broadway Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Applications must be
postmarked no later
than April 30, 2023

Scholarship Value: \$500.00 annually

Scholarships will be awarded a maximum of four years each fall semester. All eligibility requirements listed below must be met. Scholarships may not be used for any purpose other than tuition or purchase of books at the school identified in the application. If all eligibility requirements are not met, it may result in disqualification of the applicant.

Selection Process:

The scholarship selection will be determined by a scholarship committee. Each application will be scored by the committee on the following:

- Grade Point Average and ACT/SAT Scores
- Need for financial assistance
- Written Essay

Please attach the following with your application:

Academic History: Please include a copy of your most current high school or college transcript. Your cumulative GPA through the last semester or quarter completed must be included and 3.0 or higher.

Written Essay: Please provide a short essay (no more than one page) authored by the applicant. It should address the need for financial assistance, describe why they want to pursue an education in the field of engineering, their personal aims and goals that will make them an asset to the engineering field including any honors and/or community involvement, and why they have chosen the college/university they are or will be attending. Please also include your future plans upon graduation.

To be eligible for a James H. Jenssen Scholarship, applicants must meet EACH of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a South Dakota resident and a high school senior **OR** be a South Dakota resident and enrolled in an undergraduate engineering program at South Dakota School of Mines or South Dakota State University for the upcoming academic year
- ✓ Be a citizen of the United States
- ✓ Have a grandparent, parent, sibling, uncle, aunt, or cousin that is a current or retired employee of South Dakota Department of Transportation with a minimum of 3 years of service
- ✓ Have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on a 4.0 grading system) either in high school or at university/college level
- ✓ For legal reasons, applicant must not be a relative of James H. Jenssen

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Please neatly print or type the following information.

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of SDDOT employee making you eligible: _____

Relation of SDDOT employee making you eligible: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I am current high school senior: Yes No Graduation date: _____

Name of high school: _____

Current GPA: _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

I am planning to attend college or university this upcoming academic school year:

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology South Dakota State University

OR

I am currently enrolled in the Engineering program at: Current GPA: _____

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology SAT Score: _____

South Dakota State University ACT Score: _____

To the best of our knowledge, the above information is true and correct. I/We understand that falsification of any information on this application or support document will void this application for a James H. Jenssen Scholarship and result in not being considered for scholarship funding in the forfeiture of scholarship funds previously awarded. In this event, you will be required to reimburse the James H. Jenssen Scholarship the full amount of the scholarship funding you received.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If applicant is a current high school senior)

