South Dakota Grand Commandery Knights Templar

2026-2027 Scholarship Application

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota will award several scholarships in the amount of $1,000. to South Dakota residents who plan to attend a state Technical College in South Dakota. Successful candidates are US citizens who will demonstrate financial need and the capability to complete the vocational training program they selected. Scholarships will be granted for one year but may be applied for each year for a maximum of three years.

The 2026-2027 Scholarships will be awarded to recipients after the submission deadline of April 6, 2026. Only *complete* applications that are received by ***email*** on or before April 6, 2026, will be considered. Do NOT submit paper copies!

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in South Dakota would appreciate being able to receive, honor and introduce the recipients of these awards at its South Dakota state session on September 17-19, 2026, in Huron, SD. Recipients of 2026-27 scholarships will be contacted regarding this matter. The recipients are not required to attend the September event.

Questions regarding the application or any portion of the scholarship process may be directed by email to:

George Bauder - Chairman, K.T. Education Committee

trainmangeb@gmail.com

Please enter on the "subject line" K.T. Scholarship to ensure your email is processed quickly and efficiently.

Student's Last Name, First Name: _____

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2026-2027

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Name:

_____

Last First Middle Date of Birth

Mail Address:

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P.O. Box/Street City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

1. High School activities participated in (attach additional sheets if needed):

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2. Honors and Awards (state year received and nature of honors or awards – attach additional sheets if needed):

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3. Community involvement and activities (attach additional sheets if needed):

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Student's Last Name, First Name: _____

4. Work experience:

Employer	Job	Dates

5. **South Dakota Technical College you will attend:**

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6. **Vocational Field or major area of study:**

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7. **Explain how you plan to finance your technical education:** _____

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8. **Please enter below or attach a "Personal Statement" which describes what led you to choose this specific career path and your intentions following the completion of your education. Please be thorough in your statement. You may attach additional pages.**

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP – 2025-2026 REFERENCE FORM

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The following student has applied for an academic scholarship through the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota and requests that you, as a guidance counselor or other school official, complete this Academic Certification Record to aid in the evaluation of the application.

Please **submit** this form by **April 6, 2026**

Your time and effort in assisting us in evaluating this student's application is greatly appreciated.

Name:

_____

Last First Middle Date of Birth

Student Home U. S. Mailing Address:

_____

Street/P.O. Box City State ZIP Code

High School name and city: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. What is your evaluation of the applicant's academic abilities?

3. Do you believe that the applicant will be successful in a college technical program?

Student's Last Name, First Name: _____

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP - REFERENCE FORM

4. Are there unique factors that make the applicant especially worthy of receiving scholarship support?

5. Additional comments (Please attach additional page(s) if needed):

_____ _____ _____

Signature Title/Position Date

Please return this form to the following address by April 6, 2026:

K.T. Educational Committee trainmangeb@gmail.com with a **Subject** Line or Heading of "**KT Scholarship**" to ensure email is processed quickly and efficiently.

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Questions? Email to: trainmangeb@gmail.com with a **Subject** of "**KT Scholarship**"

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP – 2026-2027

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION RECORD

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Last First Middle Date of Birth

Student Home U. S. Mail Address:

_____

Street/P.O. Box City State ZIP Code

High School name and city:

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1. Rank in High School class _____
2. Number in High School class _____
3. GED_____ (Please forward to **trainmangeb@gmail.com** if applicable)
4. G. P. A. _____
5. ACT (if taken) Eng. Math Read Sci. Comp.

   _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

6. SAT (if taken) V _____ M _____ % _____

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Signed: Title/Position: Date:

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Instructions to the applicant:

Please arrange to have the following emailed! It must be ***<u>received</u>*** *by* or *before* **April 6, 2026**:

a. Scholarship Application (pages 1, 2 and 3)
b. **<u>Two</u>** (**2**) Scholarship Reference Forms completed by **<u>two</u>** (**2**) teachers/adults who know you well and are familiar with your academic qualifications. (Format included in this packet)
c. An official transcript of all high school (and post-graduate, if applicable) coursework.
d. GED credential holders should forward their electronic test transcript to *trainmangeb@gmail.com* or include it in their packet.
e. Academic Certification Record sent by guidance counselor or other school official or included in the packet.

To*:* K.T. Educational Committee *trainmangeb@gmail.com*
With Subject Line or Heading "KT Scholarship"

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with a Subject of "KT Scholarship"

The Student/Applicant will receive a confirmation of receipt of the complete packet. All Students/Applicants will be notified as to whether they were or were not successful in their quest for this scholarship.