

## Sanborn County Pheasants Forever Scholarship

1. Students should be graduating seniors with a minimum of a 3.0 on 4.0 scale or equivalent grade point average. Students must upload copies of transcripts for review. Finalist GPA and transcripts will be verified.
2. Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education (i.e. Junior College, Community College, Technical College, College or University).
  - Students pursuing a Wildlife or Conservation centered degree will receive application points but all majors are strongly encouraged to apply as most points will come from essay.
3. Students must actively participate in hunting, fishing, or support conservation and the preservation of our natural resources.
4. Students must be involved in school extracurricular activities (i.e. FFA, Oral Interp, Student Council, etc.).
5. Students must demonstrate leadership among his or her peers.
6. Students must demonstrate community leadership and/or involvement (i.e. 4-H, civic group or club, scouting, volunteer work).
7. Students must upload an essay (400-600 words) exhibiting dedication to conservation and preserving our outdoor way of life.

Essay topic: What do you see as the most significant barriers to greater implementation of conservation on private land?

8. Students must upload two letters of recommendation (from teachers, counselors, community or clergy - do not include relatives).
9. Students must include a Synopsis separate from the essay of activities, leadership roles, clubs, officer positions, and any other accomplishments.

### Selection Process

1. One graduating student from the Woonsocket School and one from Sanborn Central will be selected for a \$1000 dollar scholarship.
2. Students must submit all documents to Sanborn County Pheasants Forever Chapter 24241 400<sup>th</sup> Ave. Letcher, SD or emailed to [jenfield@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:jenfield@pheasantsforever.org) by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Mail in, hand delivered, or emailed applications are acceptable.
3. A scored points system will determine scholarship winner: 100 total possible points

85 possible points for essay

5 automatic points for Wildlife or Conservation degree applicants

5 possible points for student school involvement

5 possible points for student community leadership

4. Winner will be notified at their high school awards banquet.
5. Scholarship Funds will be sent to winner's school upon completion of 1<sup>st</sup> semester to be committed to student's second semester.
  - If student doesn't continue with their education after their first semester or drops out during their first semester, scholarship funds will not be distributed, and the chapter's obligation will be considered void.