

Western Legacy Foundation | 2026

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PRESERVING THE LEGACY. INVESTING IN THE FUTURE.

THE FOUNDATION IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING YOUTH IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS THAT ENHANCE SERVICES AND EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC.

Thank you for applying for a Western Legacy Foundation Scholarship. Please complete this application in full and send all parts to the Western Legacy Foundation by mail or email. The mailing address and the email address are at the bottom of this page.

In order to qualify, applicants must be from South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming or Nebraska and a high school senior graduating in the upcoming spring.

The deadline for applications is **December 18, 2026**. Applications **MUST** be emailed or postmarked no later than December 18, 2026. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SCHOLARSHIPS:

5 - Category I Scholarships - \$5,000 each (Payable in two payments of \$2,500 each year over two years)

4 - Category II Scholarships - \$2,000 each (One time award)

2 - Kevin Casey Memorial Scholarships (Technical School – One time award) - \$2,000 each

1 – Rypkema Memorial Scholarship - \$6,000 (payable in three payments of \$2,000 each year over three years)

*See Scholarship Requirements for further information

WESTERN LEGACY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW **SAVE** it and return to:

444 Mt. Rushmore Road North; Rapid City, SD 57701 OR info@westernlegacyfoundation.com

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Please Print or Type

Date:

Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

High School:

Grade Point Average:

ACT/SAT Score:

Parents Name:

(as you wish them to appear in a news release)

Parents' Address and Phone Numbers:

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PERSONAL INFORMATION (attach to application)

1. Honors received during high school.
2. Extra-curricular activities involved in during high school.
3. Community service and organizations active in (ie: church, 4-H, Scouts, etc).
4. What other scholarships have you applied for and/or received at this point.
5. List any extenuating circumstances that you would like the committee to consider.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

The following material must be submitted as part of your application.

Mail your application to Western Legacy Foundation, Scholarship Program, 444 Mt. Rushmore Road North, Rapid City, SD 57701 or email to info@westernlegacyfoundation.com.

1. Letter of acceptance from the post-secondary accredited institution you plan to attend (if you have received a letter of acceptance).
2. Letter of recommendation from school administration or staff.
3. Copy of high school transcript indicating GPA.
4. ESSAY: "Advancing My Western Heritage Through Continuing Education and Career" (No less than 500 words)
5. Current color portrait of applicant (head shots preferred).

WESTERN LEGACY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP TERMS – Read and sign at the bottom of the page

1. Student must attend an accredited post-secondary institution. This includes trade and vocational schools.
2. The scholarship will be disbursed directly to the institution the student will be attending.
3. If the student withdraws from school during the time for which a refund is due, the refund will be prorated back to the scholarship fund of the Western Legacy Foundation.
4. Failure to meet requirements during the scholarship time period means that the scholarship will be revoked.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Academic (grades) – 25 possible points
2. School involvement (extra-curricular, honors, etc.) – 20 possible points
3. Community involvement (church, volunteerism, employment, etc.) – 20 possible points
4. Essay – 30 possible points
5. Presentation of application – 5 possible points

Renewal of Category I and Rypkema Memorial Scholarships

The Western Legacy Foundation renewable scholarships can be renewed one time if the student meets the following criteria.

1. Student must have completed two semesters as a full-time student of an accredited post-secondary school.
2. Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Student must submit original college transcript with classes completed.
4. Proof of full-time student status for the renewal year according to school criteria.

The second year's scholarship award (renewal) will be awarded the first semester of the second year. It is not necessary to fill out the application again. The above required documentation must be mailed or emailed to Brandy at Casey Peterson (accountant).

Her contact information is as follows:

Brandy Tennant
Casey Peterson, Ltd.
909 St. Joseph St., Suite 101, Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone: (605) 348-1930 | Email: brandyt@caseypeterson.com

For Questions or Information Contact:

Scholarship Committee
Western Legacy Foundation
444 Mt. Rushmore Road North, Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone : (605) 545-7865 (Tif Robertson, Committee Chair)
Email: info@westernlegacyfoundation.com or robertson1116@gmail.com

I AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Signature: _____

Date: _____