



*The Richland #44 School Foundation's mission is to raise funds for innovative programs and facilities that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for students and staff thereby enriching the quality of life for the greater community and helping prepare students for the twenty-first century.*

### **Richland #44 Hendrickson Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

The Richland #44 School Foundation was created after a generous bequest was provided by Darrel Hendrickson. Darrel's gift is meant to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Richland #44 High School. The scholarships are named in memory of Lauritz and Marie Hendrickson & Darrel and Betty Hendrickson.

#### **GENERAL HENDRICKSON SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS~**

- 1) A currently graduating Richland #44 senior who:
  - has successfully completed three of four high school years at Richland #44 School District
  - is enrolled, accepted, or considering pursuing continuing education at an accredited post-secondary institution or program as listed with the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **APPLYING FOR HENDRICKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS~**

1. Begin by filling out the Hendrickson Scholarship application. You can access this application through your school counselor or at the Foundation website, [richland44schoolfoundation.org](http://richland44schoolfoundation.org). *The application deadline for Richland #44 graduates is the last Monday in March.*
2. Once your application has been submitted and reviewed, you may be asked to revise the application, be interviewed, or other additional steps.
3. Once your application has been approved you will receive an award notice and a follow-up packet.

#### **Why is it important to apply for other scholarship opportunities?**

The average annual cost of tuition and fees at a North Dakota post-secondary institution is \$9,065, adding room and board brings the cost up to \$18,057.

Although the \$10,000 Hendrickson Scholarship funds are available to you right way, did you know that you can defer these funds if you have received other scholarships that may fund your education? The Foundation will hold your funds for six academic years following high school graduation. If you have not accessed your scholarship prior to six academic years after high school graduation it will become void.

This gives you an opportunity to pursue other scholarships to supplement your education and use the Hendrickson scholarship funds for future years. Following are some scholarship application writing tips and opportunities.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WRITING TIPS

- 1. Meet all application deadlines**  
Use a calendar or planner, make a schedule, and stick to it. If you miss a deadline, even by just one day, you may not be considered.
- 2. Gather application materials early**  
Give yourself plenty of time to complete each step. Applications that have been rushed look sloppy, and incomplete applications probably won't be accepted. Each application will have different requirements, make sure that you have all the correct materials filled out and gathered for each application.
- 3. Don't ignore small awards**  
Small awards can add up. Plus, the larger the award, the more competition you'll face.
- 4. Request letters of recommendation early**  
Some applications require letters of recommendation. Think carefully about who should write these letters and choose people who can speak to your strengths and ability to overcome your weaknesses (*letters from family members are generally a no-no*). Give your recommenders no less than two weeks' notice so they have time to write the letter. Be prepared to provide them with additional information about yourself or the scholarship. Make sure to follow-up with your recommender to assure that your letter was submitted.
- 5. \*Write a great essay**  
Think carefully about the question being asked and use this opportunity to tell the selection committee things about you that might not be shown elsewhere in the application. Get help with editing for grammar and spelling but do your own writing—scholarship reviewers want to hear from you personally.
- 6. Sing your own praises**  
Applications will often ask you to talk about what you do with your time. As uncomfortable as this may feel, this is one time in your life when it's necessary to brag. Tell them about recognition and awards you've received. Emphasize activities that show your talents and passions, especially things that demonstrate your ability to lead, take initiative, persist through adversity and care for your community. Don't underestimate yourself - employment and family responsibilities can say a lot in your favor as well.
- 7. Try, try again**  
Keep trying even if you don't win a scholarship right away. Save copies of every application that you complete so you don't have to start from scratch every time.

### **\*Don't Simply Reuse Essays**

*One essay won't suffice for every scholarship you want. Judges can tell when you've just changed the names of the award on a one-size-fits-all essay. Your essay needs to reflect you and your goals for each scholarship. It also provides perhaps your best opportunity to make the case that you are the best candidate for this scholarship. If you choose to recycle an essay from a previous application that you think meets the current prompt, be sure to freshen it up.*

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student success in K-12 and beyond is based in large part thanks to those who surround them: parents, guardians, relatives, teachers, counselors, mentors, and the list goes on. Support also comes from organizations, foundations, and community members who advocate for students on a broader scale through scholarship opportunities. Whether it is the Hendrickson Scholarship, other local foundations, businesses, or nationally, there is a scholarship opportunity for everyone.



### **Richland #44 Dollars for Scholars**

<https://richland.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwID=775>

Richland #44 Dollars for Scholars® is a nonprofit foundation that supports academic success in our community through charitable fund-raising to provide financial assistance through scholarships to students continuing their education.



### **North Dakota Dollars for Scholars**

<https://northdakota.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwID=788>

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars® encourages post-secondary education attendance for North Dakota students by creating statewide scholarship opportunities and supporting local Dollars for Scholars chapters which provide local scholarship opportunities.



### **Bank of North Dakota**

<https://collegehandbook.bnd.nd.gov/college-handbook/scholarship-grants/>

Offers great scholarship advice, resources, and an extensive regional list of available scholarships.

Also check for scholarship opportunities at the post-secondary institution you are applying to. Following are some local links.

<b>NDSCS~</b>	<a href="https://www.ndscs.edu/paying-college/scholarships">https://www.ndscs.edu/paying-college/scholarships</a>
<b>MSUM~</b>	<a href="https://www.mnstate.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/freshman/">https://www.mnstate.edu/cost-aid/scholarships/freshman/</a>
<b>NDSU</b>	<a href="https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/scholarships">https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/scholarships</a>
<b>MSTATE</b>	<a href="https://www.minnesota.edu/foundations/mstate-foundation-alumni/scholarships">https://www.minnesota.edu/foundations/mstate-foundation-alumni/scholarships</a>
<b>Concordia</b>	<a href="https://www.concordiacollege.edu/tuition-aid/scholarships/concordia-scholarships/">https://www.concordiacollege.edu/tuition-aid/scholarships/concordia-scholarships/</a>