



Sioux Falls Area Humane Society Animal Health Care Scholarship

Do you have a passion for animals and are pursuing a career in animal health care?

As part of our mission to be a safe haven and human voice for animals in need, the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society (SFAHS) is awarding up to \$5,000 in scholarships per school term/year to students pursuing a degree or other animal care certification. The amount, program qualification, and number of scholarships awarded during the fall and spring term will be at the sole discretion of the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society Board of Directors.

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to all South Dakota residents and current SFAHS employees who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have a valid high school transcript
- Are currently enrolled or accepted by an accredited, post-secondary school offering a certified veterinarian program degree or an accredited animal health certification. (ex: DVM, Vet Tech, Animal Behavior Specialist, etc.)
- Have previously or currently volunteered with the SFAHS (20+ hours preferred) OR have a strong understanding of the mission of the SFAHS through community or service projects

Members of the SFAHS Board of Directors and their immediate families are NOT eligible for this scholarship award.

Application Process

To be considered for this scholarship, please complete the following and mail it to the address below.

3720 E Benson Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Scholarship applicants for the fall term should be submitted no later than April 30. Scholarship applications for the spring term should be submitted no later than October 31.

- Completed and signed application
- High school transcript or most recent GPA
- SFAHS familiarity summary
- Written essay explaining why you are choosing animal health
- Character summary

Please include your first and last name on all additional pages included.

Judging Criteria and Award Notification

The Scholarship Committee will review all candidates and bring finalists to the SFAHS Board of Directors for approval. The SFAHS Scholarship Committee will use its sole discretion to determine if candidates will be interviewed.

Winners will be notified via mail or email if they have been awarded a scholarship.

All eligibility requirements must be met. Scholarships may not be used for any other purpose. Winners agree to have their names and photos used for potential advertising purposes on behalf of the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society. Scholarships must be used in the year awarded. Money will be paid in one lump sum directly to the institution.



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Please Print or Type:

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Mobile Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email Address (Applicant) _____

Post-secondary school you are attending or plan to attend _____

Intended animal health degree or certification _____

Character Considerations

If additional room is needed, please enclose a separate Character Consideration Summary. List your first and last name at the top of the page.

Summary of awards, recognitions and activities (music, athletics, academics, church, etc.) previously or currently involved in.

Leadership positions held and number of years of participation (ex: clubs, student counsel, sports captain, etc.)

Written Essay and Familiarity Summary

Please include your first and last name at the top of your familiarity statement and written essay.

Familiarity Summary

Provide a short paragraph explaining your familiarity (service projects) or volunteer time with the Sioux Falls Humane Society. Please include number of volunteer hours or hours spent on service project.

Written Essay

Enclose a written essay (no longer than one 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper, 12 point font) answering the following questions:

- Why are you choosing this career path?
- What is your commitment to animal welfare?
- Why are you deserving of this scholarship?
- What characteristics make you stand out?

Signature _____ Date _____

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