**Make a Difference Initiative Application**

**Complete the scholarship/project application by responding to each section. The project must serve people in Butte, Lawrence or Meade counties in South Dakota, however, the scholarship** **recipient can be from anywhere. The application should be no more than seven (7) pages long.**

1. Applicant’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Declared Major/s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Declared Minor/s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Year in school\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. History of volunteerism. Write a brief paragraph about your past volunteer work.
6. Your personal statement envisioning how you see yourself *Making a Difference* and why this is important to you. (500 words or less)

**Project Proposal**

1. Overview or abstract of the project.
2. Identify a need, issue or problem. How will your project make a positive difference with individuals and the community or society?
3. Research the underlying cause and potential solutions of the identified need, issue or problem. How will the project offer sustainable solutions to alleviate on-going social problems for the purpose of improving the quality of life for one or more of our citizens? What do experts in the field say about this problem? Cite sources.
4. Project Aims: Must have a maximum of three SMART objectives (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely).
5. Budget: Propose a budget including an explanation for each line item. Incorporate existing resources wherever possible. Maximum amount which can be awarded will be $2,500. Salary for recipient will not be allowed.
6. Timeline: Provide detailed list of project tasks and deadlines for each task for the duration of the project. The timeline will begin June 1 and end May 31 of the following year.
7. How does this project make a difference?
8. How is this project sustainable?

**Application/proposal is due March 28, 2016. Send application/project proposal electronically as a word document attachment to:** [**sandy.klarenbeek@bhsu.edu**](mailto:sandy.klarenbeek@bhsu.edu)**. Announcement of selected recipient/s will be April 6, 2016. Successful applications will be required to attend a reception tentatively set for 4:00, April 13th, 2016 at the Joy Center.**