



BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

Black Hills State University 2025-2026

Joseph F. and Martha P. Nelson Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: The Joseph F. and Martha P. Nelson Scholarship must be postmarked by January 15, 2025

The Joseph F. and Martha P. Nelson Scholarship award is available to a high school graduate who has not previously attended a post-secondary institution. This scholarship is for a total of eight (8) semesters (\$40,000 over four years) and is renewable without reapplying provided the student maintains required academic performance.

To be eligible, a student must be planning to major in: Biology, chemistry, physical science, environmental physical science or mathematics; be in the upper 10% of his/her class rank; attain a minimum ACT composite score of 28 or SAT of 1,260; must have completed at least three years of both mathematics and laboratory science, with a fourth year in one area; and maintain all grades of B or higher.

Submit a **high school transcript with ACT scores.**

Submit a **typed statement** that identifies your academic and professional goals, describe how attending Black Hills State University can help you attain those goals, and address how you foresee your contribution to the Black Hills State University community.

Obtain **three letters of recommendation**, with at least one being from a math or science teacher. (each letter should be placed in an individually sealed envelope and returned to the applicant. The applicant should then submit the letters together with the other application materials).

Please complete the following:

1. **Applicant's Name** _____
Last First MI
- Current Address** _____
Street (Include Apt. No. or PO Box) City State Zip
2. **Date of Birth** ____/____/____
Month/Day/Year
3. **Last four digits of Social Security Number** _____
4. **Phone Number** (____) ____-____
5. **High School Graduation** ____/____
Month/Year
6. **Email Address** _____
7. **High School** _____
8. **Do you have a prior bachelor's degree?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate which major and minor you are pursuing.

Major #1 _____ Major #2 _____ (if applicable)
Minor #1 _____ Minor #2 _____ (if applicable)

Students should mail **completed application/high school transcript/letters of recommendation/typed statement** identifying your personal goals to:

Black Hills State University
Attn: Charles Lamb
1200 University Street Unit 9095
Spearfish, SD 57799-9095
(605) 642-6026