

YANKTON COLLEGE 2026-27 General Scholarship Application

Date Rcvd: _____

ID#: _____

Award: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

CONTACT INFO

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

YANKTON COLLEGE CONNECTION

Identify the relationship of the Yankton College connection that you are claiming - (i.e. grandmother, friend, teacher). Specify if the YC connection is a former student, YC faculty or staff as well. Use all YC connections available to you and specify. The amount of connections and their relationships to the student can earn a higher ranking.

1) _____
 Full Name Relationship Phone Number

 YC Graduation year or years and/or faculty/staff position Signature (if unobtainable – why?)

2) _____
 Full Name Relationship Phone Number

 YC Graduation year or years and/or faculty/staff position Signature (if unobtainable – why?)

3) _____
 Full Name Relationship Phone Number

 YC Graduation year or years and/or faculty/staff position Signature (if unobtainable – why?)

COLLEGE PLANS

Seeking a liberal arts education or attending a private school can earn a higher ranking.

What accredited educational institution are you attending: _____ Full time: Yes No

Private School: Yes No

Will this be a Liberal Arts degree? Yes No

Answer as best you can - Private colleges usually give liberal arts degrees regardless of major field of study. Languages, history, philosophy and arts usually lead to a liberal arts degree. Science and math and pre-professional degrees (medicine/nursing/law) can lead to liberal arts degrees if the curriculum includes languages, history, philosophy, humanities, or the arts.

Briefly state your educational objectives in obtaining a 4-year baccalaureate degree, including:

Undergraduate degree sought: _____ Projected major(s) _____

My future goal and/or educational objectives are:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RESUME'

GPA: Current cumulative grade point average, based on a four-point scale: _____

Class rank: _____ of _____ students

SAT and/or ACT score: TOTAL SAT: _____ TOTAL ACT: _____ (SAT and/or ACT is optional)

Academic Activities:

List activity and year of involvement: Freshman=1; Sophomore=2; Junior=3; Senior=4 (band/debate/sports/theater/clubs, i.e. National Honor Society). Include your leadership roles.

Non-Academic Activities (Community/Church):

List activity and time of involvement - volunteering/jobs/Scouts. Include your leadership roles.

LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

Statement must be typed and not exceed one page; must be double-spaced and use a font size of 10 or more. Consider carefully how it is written and prepared.

Explain as much as possible what you think leadership is and how you have displayed it (school officer, captain, lead chair, etc.) including awards or honors.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Statement must be typed and not exceed one page; must be double-spaced and use a font size of 10 or more. Consider carefully how it is written and prepared.

Demonstrating creativity and skill in writing, write about an achievement you are especially proud of or an obstacle you have overcome against all odds.

IMPORTANT

Be sure to include these items with your application:

- Official High School Transcript** **Personal Statement** **Leadership Statement** **Two Letters of Reference**

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2026-27 General Scholarship Application Instructions

The Yankton College Scholarship Program awards general scholarships from endowed or restricted funds to deserving high school seniors each academic year to use at an accredited educational institution (college or university). The applicant's name and personal information is first redacted then ranked by the application reviewers on academic merit, leadership potential, good citizenship and exemplary character and need, for those scholarships with a financial need component. The recipients to receive financial aid are selected anonymously by the highest percentage. The Yankton College Scholarship Committee makes the final recommendations with the exception of certain named scholarships that are awarded only to Yankton High School graduating seniors, who are then chosen by the Yankton High School Scholarship Committee.

Please fill out only one application and send with supporting materials no later than, February 20, 2026. Applications postmarked or delivered after midnight on this date will be automatically disqualified. Use plain white paper only for your personal statement and any supporting materials. Do not use paper with a watermark in the center. Your official high school transcript must be in a sealed envelope sent, either with your application or directly from the high school.

To be eligible:

- Applicant must be seeking a baccalaureate degree from an accredited educational institution as a full-time student.
- Applicant will be given points for relationship(s) based on: A) have a family relationship to Yankton College alumni, former faculty or staff; or B) a family friend, teacher, pastor or other person with a connection to Yankton College may recommend the applicant.
- Preference points will be given to applicant seeking a liberal arts degree*.
- Preference points will be given to applicant who plans to attend a private college or university.
- Each applicant must show evidence of high academic ability and promise. Such evidence should include:
 - (a) overall secondary school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale.
 - (b) ACT score of 21 or more; or a SAT score of 1000 or more.
 - (c) leadership and/or involvement in one or more academic and non-academic activity while in secondary school.
- Include at least 2 letters of reference from a teacher and/or guidance counselor of the student's secondary school attesting to scholastic ability, leadership qualities and character.
- Include a leadership statement revealing as much as possible what you think leadership is and how you have displayed it.
- Include a personal statement demonstrating creativity and skill in writing, which includes an achievement you are especially proud of or an obstacle you have overcome against all odds.
- Statements must be typed and not exceed one page; must be double-spaced and use a font size of 10 or more.

* A liberal arts degree can refer to academic subjects such as literature, philosophy, mathematics and social and physical sciences. A liberal arts education can refer to overall studies in a liberal arts program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 20, 2026

The Yankton College Scholarship Committee consists of community, academic and civic leaders who will make their recommendations for approval to the Yankton College Board of Trustees in April, 2026. Scholarship applicants will be notified of their status before May 1, 2026. The scholarship amount is paid directly to the educational institution in the name of the scholarship recipient with their student ID# by July 15, 2026, unless otherwise noted, to ensure that the funds will be used for academic expenses only. Yankton College may exercise its responsibilities to suspend an award in any given year to preserve the principal of a scholarship fund.

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