

Esther Edie Scholarship Guidelines

A. Criteria for scholarship eligibility:

1. The applicant must be either a Junior or Senior at a South Dakota college or university with at least one year left, after the semester in which the award is made, before graduation.
2. The applicant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.
3. The applicant must show evidence of interest in doing environmental work in South Dakota.
4. The applicant would normally have a declared major in a department of biology, wildlife, geography, sociology, environmental sciences or environmental law.
5. The applicant must agree to an announcement of the award.
6. The scholarship awarded will be \$500 and will be issued for the beginning of the 2011 fall semester.

B. Application:

1. The applicant must fill out completely the accompanying application form.
2. The applicant must write a statement of his or her career goals in the environment and how the degree he or she is working toward will facilitate that goal. The statement must be submitted in 12 point type and must be no fewer than 200 words nor more than 500 words.
3. The applicant must submit a current official transcript.
4. The applicant must submit the names and complete addresses of three references who can attest to the applicant's character, abilities in the applicant's field, the applicant's communication skills, and interest in environmental protection.
5. The applicant must be willing to participate in an interview with the committee either in person or by phone.
6. The statement required in B2 must be submitted both as a hard copy along with the other items, and electronically.

C. Deadlines:

1. The deadline for receipt of the application in the SDRC office is April 22, 2011.
2. The deadline for determining the recipient is May 7, 2011.
3. The determination will be made by a committee appointed by the SDRC board and is final.