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2026 Scholarships for high school seniors
in the local CHS trade area

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Scholarship program 2026



Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded

To be eligible you must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from our local CHS trade area
- Plan to be a full-time student in an accredited college or vocational technical school this fall with a major or minor in an agricultural field

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time.

Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Checklist

- ☐ 1. This 3-page application (attach additional sheets if necessary). Your name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
- ☐ 2. Copy of your recent academic transcript. To qualify for this scholarship, you must have a high school cumulative grade average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to apply.
- ☐ 3. Handwritten questions – You must legibly handwrite a one paragraph answer to each of the following questions. To qualify for a scholarship, students **must not use Chat GPT or any other artificial intelligence assistance program**. If it is determined that an artificial intelligence assistance program is used to answer the following questions, your scholarship application will be disqualified.
 - What does agriculture mean to you?
 - What are your plans as they relate to your education and career objectives and long-term goals?
 - What makes a cooperative business model different from other business models?
- ☐ 4. Letters of reference – Include **(2)** letters of reference from non-family members.
- ☐ 5. All signatures completed on page 3.

Applicant's name _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Permanent Address (Street/PO Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

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School:

High School from which you graduated or will be graduating from this spring:

College or Technical school you will be attending: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Minor(s): _____

Activities, community service, achievements, and/or honors:

(Please include a separate sheet if needed. Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format.)

Work experience:

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr.)	To (Mo/Yr.)	Hours Per Week

Applicant's name _____

Answer the following questions with a one paragraph answer. Students must not use Chat GPT or any other assistance program. If it is determined that an AI assistance program is used to answer the following questions, your application will be disqualified. (attach any additional sheets if necessary).

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What are your plans as they relate to your education and career objectives and long-term goals?

What makes a cooperative business model different from other business models?

Applicant's name _____

The CHS scholarship selection committee will review all scholarship applications and select four scholarship awardees. All decisions are final. Scholarship recipients are invited to attend our local annual meeting for recognition.

School Administrator or
Guidance Counselor Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or
Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return completed application and supporting documentation to:

CHS Scholarships
P.O. Box 20
Brandon, SD 57005

(Must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 16, 2026)

OR

Hand deliver completed application and supporting documentation to our
Brandon office no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 2026.
26033 482nd Avenue, Brandon, SD 57005

OR

Email completed application and supporting documentation in PDF form to:
Diana.Nelson@chsinc.com no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 2026.

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