

2026 Richard Hatz Scholarship Application



The Richard Hatz Scholarship was developed in honor of Dick Hatz' dedication to Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. The scholarship is funded through donations and contributions from staff and board members of Mid-Sioux. Recipients of the scholarship are chosen based on their prior service to their community and their plans to further that service through educational advancement.

Eligibility: All residents of Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Cherokee and Ida counties are eligible to apply as long as they will be enrolled in an institution of higher learning during the calendar year that awards are granted and will be obtaining a degree in: **Business, Health, Nutrition, Early Education** or **Energy Conservation** fields. Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. employees are eligible, as well as their children or grandchildren.



Richard (Dick) Hatz
Former Mid-Sioux
Board President

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION - 2026

1. The **deadline** for the 2026 scholarship application is **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 4:30 PM.** Applications received after March 18th will be considered late and will not be accepted.
2. Only complete applications will be considered. Do not leave any items blank.
3. Please type or print legibly in black ink.
4. All essay questions must be a minimum of 12-point font (Times New Roman, Aptos, Arial, or Calibri are acceptable fonts). Standard 1-inch margins and left-alignment is preferred. No preference on paragraph spacing.
5. Questions regarding the application may be addressed to Cindy Harpenau, Executive Director, at: 712-786-3420 or by email at: charpenau@midsioux.org.
6. Submit this application and essay responses **online via our website**, via email at: info@midsioux.org, via **fax** at: 712-208-4949, or return via **mail** to:

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Application
418 S Marion St
Remsen, IA 51050

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be made based on the information submitted and opinion of the reviewers. **All decisions are final.**

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Please write a one-page essay outlining your educational and career goals. Explain how you plan to use your chosen field to create a positive impact in your community.
2. Share an example of a time when you contributed to or made a positive impact on your community. How did this experience help you understand the importance of service to others? (Maximum one-page).
3. What makes you a strong candidate for this scholarship? How will receiving this scholarship support your educational and career ambitions, and empower you to give back to your community in the future? (Maximum one-page).

Please submit your application and essay responses online or return your application and your attachments via mail.

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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Applicant's Name (First):

Applicant's Name (Last):

Home Address:

City:

State: Zip:

If you reside outside of the eligible counties, are you a Mid-Sioux employee, child or grandchild of a Mid-Sioux employee? Yes No

If yes, provide Mid-Sioux employee name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

High School/College Currently Attending:

Address of Current High School/College:

Expected Date of Completion (Current):

College/University Pursuing:

Expected Date of Completion (College/University):

Type of Degree you are pursuing: Associates Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

Other:

Field of Study: Business Health Nutrition Early Education

Energy Conservation

Major/Minor Pursuing:

Enrolled: Full-Time (at least 12 credits) Part-Time