



Siouxland Sportsmanship Scholarship

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The Siouxland Officials Association (SOA) is sponsoring the Siouxland Sportsmanship Scholarships again this year for the 24th year with over \$60,000 awarded so far. This is our means of being proactive in the support of high school students that excel in great sportsmanship at their respective high schools.

The SOA is awarding three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of the Class of 2026. In addition, the SOA is awarding one (1) Von Bornholtz Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 and one (1) Rich Larson Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 for the Class of 2026. Von and Rich were long-time SOA officials of football, basketball, and volleyball who passed away in previous years. (SOA reserves the right to the number and amounts of awards given each year.)

The criteria for the scholarships are as follows:

1. Must be a senior at a school district within a 75-mile radius of Sioux City.
2. Must participate in at least one sport for at least three years of their high school career, including their senior year.
3. Must have a 3.00 cumulative GPA average at the time of application. (A copy of their transcripts must accompany the application.)
4. Participants shall exhibit outstanding character, be a total team player, demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship during their career and serve as a role model for all students at their high school.
5. Must have applied at a qualified post secondary educational institution (community colleges are acceptable) for the 2026-2027 academic year. Payment will be made directly to the student and will not affect their other scholarship opportunities.
6. Applications must have two letters of reference. These letters can come from any coach, school administrator, or faculty member. The reference letters must include information that exemplifies the qualities of the nominated student necessary to be a leader in great sportsmanship.
7. The student must attach a 150-200 word essay of their understanding of what it takes to exemplify good sportsmanship. Please try to be original and include some actions or words that demonstrate great sportsmanship.
8. Complete by **Friday, March 20, 2026**, and **mail (preferred)** or e-mail:
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LeMars, Iowa 51031
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Notification will be made to the awarded participants by Friday, April 17, 2026.



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Nomination Application

Participant Name: _____

Participant Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School & District, City: _____

Sport(s) participated in during high school (please note the year of sport(s) participated in including senior year):

Other community activities involved in:

College or post-secondary educational institution(s) applied at and focus of studies:

Students Signature: _____, Date _____

NOTE: The Siouxland Officials Association reserves the right not to award these scholarships and reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

Questions: Kevin Bekhoff at keekhoff@premieronline.net or (712) 548-2722.

E-Mail Applications: Mark Harris at harriscfg@wiatel.net.

***Please remember to include the following: 1.) Student essay,
2.) High school transcript, 3.) Two reference letters.***