

## The Swan Family Scholarship Application

One \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a T.F. Riggs High School Native American senior who will be attending a South Dakota college/university and one \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a T.F. Riggs High School Native American senior who will be attending a South Dakota technical institute.

The Swan Family Scholarships were established by Aaron Swan in memory of his mother, Christine Swan, who was an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. Christine firmly believed that education provided a pathway to future success and these scholarships will support Native American students in their pursuit of a post-secondary education. The scholarship selection is based on the student's likelihood of success in their chosen field and demonstrated financial need. The student's grades will be considered but will not be determinative in selecting the recipient.

### Selection Criteria/Requirements:

- 1) Native American senior eligible to participate in the TF Riggs Native American Program.
- 2) Enrollment in a South Dakota college/university or technical institute.
- 3) Financial need to attend a South Dakota college/university or technical institute.

Please type (or handwrite neatly) your application. This application must be completed and submitted to the Pierre Educational Foundation no later than **March 30**.

**Mail application to: Pierre Educational Foundation, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college/university or technical/vocational school that you are planning to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

Area of focus planned for post-secondary education:

\_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the questions below, attach the following to your application:

Copy of your high school transcript, including class rank. Unofficial transcript is acceptable.

Two letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters should not be from family members. Only one letter of recommendation can be from school faculty or coaching staff. Other sources of recommendation could be church members, extracurricular contacts, or an employer. Letters should be addressed to the Pierre Educational Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee and must reference the name of the student and the scholarship.

500- word essay that describes how this scholarship will help you to achieve success through post-secondary education. The essay must be typed.

**Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. If you need additional space, please attach additional sheets. Your complete answers are appreciated to assist the scholarship committee with their selection.**

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**1. Post-Graduation Education Plans**

(Please state your plans for after graduation).

**2. Goals**

(Describe your goals and what you have done in the past and intend to do in the future to achieve your goals. Include any obstacles or challenges that you had while working to achieve the goals you have set for yourself).

**3. School Activities**

(Please list your school-based activities. These activities might include offices, positions, years of membership, including both school and extra-curricular activities. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area).

**4. Community Activities**

(Please list your community activities. These activities might include church activities, servant leadership, volunteering, scouting, etc. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area).

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**5. Leadership Activities**

(Please list specific leadership activities you have held either in school or the community).

**6. Work Experience**

(Please list employer, length of service, and describe skills for each job held).

**7. Financial Need**

(Please describe your need for financial assistance. Please be specific concerning any family financial difficulties or hardships. Please list any other known scholarships that you will be receiving).

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