

MICHAEL & CYNTHIA SCHLOSSER SCHOLARSHIP

SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR HEREFORD ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM Scholarship Information

In 1991, Michael and Cynthia Schlosser founded Schlosser Herefords by purchasing 25 head Hereford cows. Michael was an Emergency Physician and Cynthia was a Registered Nurse and a past member of the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association in her childhood. They grew their business of Hereford cattle in addition to their medical jobs while raising a family and serving and deploying in the military as medical officers. Dr. Michael Schlosser was killed in a vehicle crash in 2015. In 2016, Cynthia founded this scholarship in support of young people who desire to continue in the Hereford industry whether they choose a career in agriculture or otherwise like the Schlossers chose. They are an example that you can have more than one career and enjoy the peaceful life of raising Herefords.

Eligibility

The Michael & Cynthia Schlosser Scholarship is limited to post-secondary students who are (or have been) members of the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association. There is a requirement that the student be attending a South Dakota college/university/vocational school. The scholarship recipient will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship, to be used at the post-secondary educational institution of his/her choice.

Deadline

The deadline for this application and supporting materials is April 30, 2025. Entries received after the deadline, but having a postmark of April 30, 2025 will be accepted. No extensions or exceptions will be made to this rule.

Application

1. Each applicant shall complete and return the **Student Application form**.
2. Applicants shall also include **two letters of recommendations**, one from a close adult associate (other than family) such as an 4-H or FFA leader, minister, employer etc; and the other from a school faculty member such as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor. When asking for a recommendation, please have it returned to you in a sealed envelope, to be submitted with your Student Application. The letters of recommendation should include:
 - a. Identification of the writer, along with a mailing and email address and telephone number;
 - b. Relationship with the student;
 - c. The student's qualities or circumstances that make her/him a good candidate.
4. The applicant shall provide a current **color photograph** of her/himself, and write an **essay**, no longer than 300 words in length, setting forth her/his career goals, and explaining why she/he is a good candidate for the Schlosser Scholarship.

Other

The Scholarship selection committee will consider, among other things: 1) Leadership involvement in Junior Hereford Association activities; 2) Academic achievement; 3) The quality and content of the student's letters of recommendation and essay and 4) Financial need. The Scholarship recipient will be provided with a certificate at a South Dakota Junior Hereford event. (Funds will be paid directly to the educational institution in the fall of the year such award is granted.)

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STUDENT APPLICATION

RETURN THIS FORM AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS TO:

Mike C. Fink
FINK POLLED HEREFORDS (Scholarship Committee Member)
Box 184
Bridgewater, SD 57319

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parents or Guardians: _____

High School Attended: _____ Year Graduated (High School): _____

****S.D. Junior Hereford Association Activities and Honors:** _____

****Other Activities:** _____

****Other Scholarships (List the name of each scholarship and \$ amount received) :** _____

(If necessary, continue list on the back of this page, or on a separate sheet.)**

College/University attending or planning to attend: _____

Location of such College/University: _____

GPA: _____ ACT/SAT score: _____

Intended Major/Minor: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____