



## 2017 SDATAT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The South Dakota Association of Towns & Townships is offering one \$1000 and one \$500 scholarship to two senior high school students who reside in South Dakota, are currently attending a South Dakota public, private, parochial high school or a home school program, and lives in a town or township that is a **current member of SDATAT**. (Call our office if you are unsure of membership status or contact your local town/township board.) Graduates of the class of 2017 are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The student must use the scholarship for a college, university, or vocational school which has a physical presence in South Dakota.

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it along with information needed on this year's topic: "Interview an elected commissioner or legislator asking for their view on how to get more people involved in local township government. Write an essay on your findings, including your own ideas on how to get more volunteerism on the local level and why you believe local government is important."

Guidelines for the essay are:

- **Essays must be no more than 500 words, and must be typed with double spacing.**
- **Applicants can not name themselves, their school, town or township, or their local officials in the essay.**
- **Essays will be judged on: following guidelines, originality, knowledge of subject matter in relationship to the title, correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The application may be accompanied by no more than two, one-page support letters.**

The completed application, typed essay, and letters of support, if any, should be submitted in one envelope addressed to: SDATAT Scholarship, PO Box 903, Huron, SD 57350.

**Deadline for the application is April 1, 2017. No late applications will be considered.**

The scholarship award will be paid to the appropriate financial aid office upon receipt of verification of enrollment at a SD college, university, or technical school in September of the winner's second year of study.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Local Unit of Government where you reside: Town or Township \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_ County. Town/Township member of SDATAT? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies or activities of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Goals \_\_\_\_\_

**\*You may submit one typed double spaced page with additional information about yourself.**