



**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

**Purpose:** To provide assistance for a veteran South Dakota teacher who is working on an advanced degree or national certification.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicant must be a current teacher in a South Dakota K-12 school.
2. Applicant must have at least 5 years of teaching experience.
3. All applications and recommendations must be submitted electronically to the following email address: [nancymay@rushmore.com](mailto:nancymay@rushmore.com) Questions can also be emailed to this address.
4. A \$750 award for the scholarship winner will be sent to the institution of choice upon acceptance of student's enrollment.
5. All applications must be received by April 12, 2012. The winner will be announced at the SDRTA convention on Wednesday, May 2, 2012.
6. The application must include the following:

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current teaching position – grade and school \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years applicant has taught \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching history for the past 5 years \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the institution/location the applicant plans to attend

Planned course of study, including credits/hours

**Teacher's response to the following question (Not to exceed 500 words):**

How will your planned course of study help you toward your advanced degree or national certification? How will this educational opportunity impact your teaching?

**Fellow Teacher's or Administrator's Recommendation (between 100 – 200 words)**

What characteristics does the applicant display in the classroom that merits the awarding of this scholarship?