



SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOOLS

# Elder's Scholarship

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## Introduction

An often expressed wish of many elders in our region, past and present, has been to prepare our students for success in life and to support their efforts in post-secondary education. Among those are many who have given of themselves over the years by serving on the Board of Education. To honor our elder's commitment to education of the region's youth and show the district's long term commitment to our students success, the Southwest Region Schools Board of Education has created an Elder's Scholarship fund.

## Selection Process

Each high school will form a scholarship committee, which will screen the applicants from their school. The school will submit the application packets of up to three finalists to the SWRS Elder's Scholarship Committee for consideration. The Elder's Scholarship Committee will make the final recommendations to the board of education.

## Application Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship a student must:

1. Be a Southwest Region School District graduating senior completing the requirements of the District's High School Program.
2. Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Have been enrolled in a Southwest Region School District high school for a minimum of 3 years.
4. Have applied to an accredited college university, community college, or vocational program for full time enrollment.
5. Have passed all sections of the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE).

## Application Procedure & Selection Process

Student should submit the following to the appointed scholarship chairperson:

1. a completed application form
2. a résumé (not to exceed two pages)
3. three letters of recommendation
  - a. one from a teacher
  - b. one from a counselor
  - c. one from a community member (e.g. minister, employer, community service, supervisor, etc.)
4. An essay of 500 words on *“How I selected my current career choice and how I plan to achieve my educational goals.”*
5. Evidence of community service
6. An official SWRSD transcript.

Students must submit their completed application packets to their respective school principals by the 15th of March each school year.

## Selection Process

A high school’s scholarship committee will screen all applicants from the school. The school will then submit the application packets of up to three finalists to represent the school to the SWRS Elder’s Scholarship Committee for consideration on or before the last business day of March in any given school year. The Elder’s Scholarship Committee will make the final recommendation to the school board at their April meeting.

## Amount of Award

An award of \$1,000, in two \$500 disbursements, shall be given to the student (one per SWRS high school). \$500 will be awarded for the first semester. This scholarship is based upon documentation of enrollment in at least 12 credit hours or full time equivalent in an accredited college/university/community college/vocational-education institution. An additional \$500 will be awarded for second semester upon receipt of documentation that the student has passed a minimum of 12 credit hours the first semester, maintained a 2.0 GPA, and has enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for second semester in an accredited college/university.

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ELDER'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Selection for this scholarship will be made based on responses given below in this form and the quality and content of the essay attached.

Please print legibly or type:

Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School 's Attended(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ (on 4.0 scale)

Class Rank # \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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Approximate annual combined income of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any circumstances that affect your family's ability to help finance your college education:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List other family members supported by parent(s)/guardian(s)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

List up to three colleges/universities/voc-ed where you have applied and have you been admitted?

_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	Yes ___ No ___

Have you applied for or received other scholarships? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please list here: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Career Choice/College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH a typed 500 word essay on: *“How I selected my current career choice and how I plan to achieve my educational goals.”*

ATTACH a typed description of community service while in high school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

<b>SELECTION COMMITTEE VERIFICATION</b>	
_____ Signature of Site Selection Committee Chair (verification of selection by school)	_____ Date