

SMETANA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Smetana was born in Lansford, ND in 1926, graduated Lansford high school and worked on the family farm a few miles away. In 1950 he met and married Ruthmary Urton who taught music and English in nearby Mohall, ND. To this marriage, Bob and Barbara were born. In 1957 he moved the family to Fulton, SD to farm the Ole Colfix land near there. His children attended and graduated from Hanson High School. For 33 years they lived in the house Ruthmary's grandfather built (Ole's father). Robert was a very successful farmer bringing new techniques and ideas to the local area. He was the first to use 18 wheelers in the field. He was the first to straight combine winter and spring wheat. He was the first to use an air drill to plant Roundup Ready soybeans. These innovations allowed him to be efficient and profitable which in turn allowed him to invest in land whenever he could.

Robert is the perfect example of what hard work and deferred gratification can accomplish. He realized farmers and other professions today need post-secondary school education to be successful and wanted some of his success to fund an endowed scholarship to help students financially.

This scholarship is open to ALL Hanson High seniors planning to pursue higher education and will be a fitting legacy for Robert Smetana. Disbursement of funds will be directed to the post-secondary institute listed on this application on December 1st to be utilized to offset tuition costs.

AMOUNT: varies between \$2500 to \$5,000 (the amount & number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the selection committee and will be dependent upon distribution of the funds supplied by the SD Community Foundation)

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME (PRINT/TYPE): _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

ADDRESS: _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

City State ZIP

HOME TELEPHONE: () _____

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION:

POST- SECONDARY INSTITUTE: _____
Full School Name (no abbreviations)

ADDRESS: _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

City State ZIP

ARE YOU: Accepted Enrolled Awaiting a decision **ENROLLMENT STATUS:** Full Time Part Time

INTENDED FIELD OF STUDY: _____

DEGREE SEEKING: Bachelor Associate Other certificate (please list): _____

ESSAY:

Essay must be 1-2 pages, typed, double spaced in 12pt font. Submit a written essay reflecting on:

"What is your best character trait and how will this character trait assist you in being successful in the future?"

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. List high school activities (student council, sports, publications, art, music, etc.)
2. List community activities (ie. 4-H, scouts, religious organizations, etc.) and how these activities have helped you give back to your community.
3. 7 semester transcript with GPA included and spring High School schedule

DEADLINE

April 15

Submit all requirements to the school counselor