Win a Scholarship!

Requirements:

1. High school seniors or enrolled college students must be a student in good standing and awards are not based on academic achievement.

2. Definite choice of a Liberal Arts College, Technical Institute, Specialized College, School of Nursing, Junior College, provided that the institution provides a standard degree of certification.

3. Entries will not necessarily be judged on financial need.

4. A $500 award for the winner will be sent to the institution of choice upon acceptance of student's enrollment.

5 A completed application must be submitted by 2/25 ABSOLUTE DEADLINE to SDSA P O Box 206 Gary SD 57237.

6. Limited to SDSA members & their families that live full time in South Dakota.

7. On a separate sheet of paper write your essay. Essay topic is the exact topic that ACSA requires for their scholarship.

Essay Topic: Snowmobiling: A Privilege, Not a Right

Snowmobiling is often viewed as a thrilling winter pastime—an opportunity to explore snow covered landscapes, connect with nature, and experience a sense of freedom that few other activities can provide. However, this freedom should not be mistaken for an inherent right. Snowmobiling is, and should remain, a privilege—one that comes with responsibilities, respect for others, and careful stewardship of the environment.

Essay Challenge:

1. The Landowner/Land Manager-Rider Partnership: "Most snowmobile trails and open riding areas on public lands exist due to the generosity of private landowners and cooperation with public land managers. Argue why respecting property boundaries (staying on marked trails/approved open riding areas) is the single most important responsibility of a snowmobiler and discuss the long-term consequences of failing to do so."

2. Defining Privilege vs. Right: "Using examples of how snowmobiling access can be revoked due to noise complaints, trespassing, or unsafe riding, explain the legal and social distinction between a 'right' and a 'privilege' in the context of winter recreation."

3. The Impact of One: "A single reckless rider can cause a landowner to close a trail or an open riding area that serves an entire community. Analyze how this reality necessitates a culture of peer-to-peer accountability among snowmobilers."

4. Environmental Responsibility: "Because off-trail riding can cause significant agricultural damage to winter crops and soil erosion, argue for or against stricter penalties for riders who travel off designated, groomed trails."

5. Ethics of Wildlife: "Snowmobiling offers unique access to nature, but irresponsible riding can stress or harm wintering wildlife. How can riders balance the enjoyment of the sport with the ethical obligation to protect the environment and its inhabitants?"

6. The Future of the Sport: "How can the snowmobiling community better educate new and young riders to understand that the trail system is a privilege earned through hard work, rather than an automatic entitlement?" Note: Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.

Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the essay!!! Judges will not see who the essay belongs to when judging. If your name is on the essay, it will be disqualified. Note: no transcripts or letters of recommendation.

a. **Minimum of 2 pages - typed**.
b. Double-spaced.
c. Font - Times New Roman.
d. Font size - 12 point.
e. Margins - set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
g. A header (for example, the essay question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space and begin your essay.
h. Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
i. If work is cited, please add an additional 'work-cited' page at the end of the essay. This information will NOT be counted as part of the **2-page minimum**.
j. The essay must follow the essay topic or be disqualified.

Please include at least one photo with your application

Name_____ Birthdate_____ Home address_____ Telephone _____ Name of SDSA member_____ Parent or guardian _____ High school grad. date_____ GPA _____ Name of high school_____ City of high school_____ College you plan to attend_____ Major _____

On a separate sheet fill us in on the following areas:

A. Snowmobile club & state association involvement:

B. Community Activities/Dates Participated/Hours committed/ Leadership/ Positions held:

C. Awards:

D.Work Experience/Positions/Dates of employment

E. Extra curricular activities/Years participated/Leadership positions.