

## Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship (revised 2023)

- This scholarship provides a \$1,000 award to a SD high school graduate attending a postsecondary institution. The award will be made in two \$500 increments awarded at the beginning of each semester of the student's freshman/first year, payable upon registration.
- The completed application is due on or before March 15 and must be **submitted as ONE (multi-page) document** to this email address: **coachmorrellscholarship@gmail.com** .
- Russ Morrell spent his professional life in service to others as a teacher and coach. He did so with unmatched optimism and incredible resourcefulness. Before you apply for this scholarship in his name, please access the information about him at this web site: <http://www.coachmorrellscholarship.org/home>
- Applicants for this scholarship award must meet the following criteria:
  - Graduate from a South Dakota high school;
  - Attain a minimum 3.2 GPA through 7 semesters of high school;
  - Submit a **SINGLE document** (multi-page but as one attachment only) in which you:
    - **Write a cover letter** that provides the your personal contact information and school contact information, the name of the post-secondary school you will attend; and your intended course of study and career goal;
    - Provide contact information (phone and email) of **two character references** (not parents).
    - **Provide a list** of extra-curricular and community service activities;
    - **Submit a 300 to 500-word essay** in which you **tell a personal story** of an event in which you demonstrated resourcefulness and optimism in the face of a significant challenge;
      - Note: Failure to address the essay topic will disqualify the applicant.
- The scholarship will be awarded in the Spring of the applicant's senior year of high school.
- The winning applicant and the applicant's school authorities will be notified of the award. Other applicants will not be notified unless requested.
- Questions may be directed to the gmail address above.