

# South Dakota Florists Association Scholarship Application

## Scholarship Information:

- Scholarship applications are due January 1st.
- Scholarships are available to any South Dakota Florists Association (SDFA) member or current employee of a SDFA member.
- Applicant must be an active member of SDFA by attending at least one convention within the year of applying.
- Higher accreditation florists, including AIFD, are not eligible for SDFA scholarships.
- The scholarship chairman and committee retain the right to select the best fit for all scholarships.
- All scholarships may not be awarded.
- Recipients will be selected before the annual convention.
- Recipients will be invited to attend the annual meeting to receive the scholarship award.

## Please select scholarship(s) applying for:

**South Dakota Florists Association Scholarship**

This scholarship must be applied to any floral design class, horticulture class or testing for South Dakota Certified Florist and used within one calendar year of receiving the scholarship. Financial award is up to \$500 and is funded by SDFA's Educational Wing. Payment will be sent directly to the school or organization by the SDFA Treasurer.

**Arlene Hawley Scholarship**

This scholarship is to provide financial assistance for recipient up to \$100. Scholarship may be applied to: annual SDFA membership, spring or fall convention &/or hands-on classes. Please indicate how you plan to use this scholarship in your personal statement on separate attached sheet. This scholarship must be used within one year of receiving the scholarship.

**Len Busch Roses Scholarship**

This scholarship is to provide professional level florists with an opportunity to learn through a hands-on class with accredited designers. LBR awards two hands-on class scholarships per year. This scholarship must be used within one year of receiving the scholarship.

**Koehler & Dramm Floral Arts Scholarship | Professional Level**

This scholarship is to provide financial assistance towards the tuition fees associated with each of the four Core Competency classes at Koehler & Dramm's Institute of Floristry in the amount of \$250 per class for a total of \$1,000 in financial awards if all four classes are taken. The Core Competency classes are Floristry 1 (Foundations), Floristry 2 (Intermediate), Floristry 3 (Advanced), and Floristry 4 (Capstone). The first class must be taken within a year and we'll give the recipient up to three years to use the rest. Scholarship funds not used within the allotted three-year time frame will be forfeit. The awards are non-transferable.

**Koehler & Dramm Floral Arts Scholarship | Student Level**

Applicant does not need to be a member of South Dakota Florists Association to apply.

The Floral Arts Scholarship is awarded annually to one deserving high school student senior or recent graduate (within the last year from date of graduation) who has demonstrated a passion for flowers and design, a strong desire to expand their knowledge, and aspires to have a career in the floral industry.

The scholarship provides financial assistance towards the tuition fees associated with each of the following classes: Floristry 1 (Foundations), Floristry 2 (Intermediate), Corsages & Boutonnieres, Today's Tribute Designs and Potter's Bench Profits in the amount of \$200 per class to total \$1,000 in financial awards. There will be no exceptions to scholarship disbursement, awards are non-transferable, and all five classes must be completed within three years of receiving the scholarship. Scholarship funds not used within the allotted three-year time frame will be forfeited.

To be considered, applicants must be a current high school senior or recent graduate, minimum of 18 years old or have parental consent, must enroll or be currently enrolled in coursework at the Koehler & Dramm Institute of Floristry (KDIOF), and must have declared intent to complete the Diploma of Floral Arts & Sciences (DOFAS) program. Applications must be submitted annually by the May 31st deadline. Any incomplete applications or those that do not meet all requirements will not be considered.

To apply, describe in writing why you would like to receive the Koehler & Dramm Floral Arts Scholarship, what your floral industry career goals are, how the scholarship would help you achieve them, and why you feel you are the best candidate.

Essays must be typed, single-spaced, and no more than one page in length. You must complete the application form included and return it with your essay.

**Floral Arts Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines:**

Student must be a minimum of 18 years old or have parent/guardian consent.

Student must have declared intent to complete the DOFAS program.

Past recipients of the Ardith Beveridge, Floral Arts, or Tony Sciortino Scholarship are not eligible.

Past applicants who have not been awarded the scholarship may reapply.

Applications received after the annual deadline will not be considered.

Applications that do not meet all requirements or are incomplete will not be considered.

Scholarship award funds will be allocated as follows (no exceptions):

Recipient will be awarded \$200 towards each of the following classes: Floristry 1 - Foundations, Floristry 2 - Intermediate, Corsages & Boutonnieres, Today's Tribute Designs, and Potter's Bench Profits for a total award amount of \$1,000.

To maintain eligibility standings, the recipient must complete all aforementioned courses within two years of the date of scholarship award. Scholarship funds not used within this time frame will be forfeited. Scholarship awards are non-transferable and may not be used for any other classes or combined with any other offers.

**Requirements:**

Please describe in writing why you would like to receive the Floral Arts Scholarship, what your floral industry career goals are, how the scholarship would help you achieve them, and why you feel you are the best candidate.

Essays must be typed, single spaced, and no more than one page in length.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## South Dakota Florist Association Scholarship Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits This Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Degree | Certificate and Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Information | Most Recent First

Employer Name

Job Title/Duties

Dates of Employment

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What are your career goals in the floral industry?

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What do you like best about the floral industry?

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Describe your greatest accomplishment.

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**Personal Statement** (please attach a separate typed page)

1. Tell us about yourself and why you feel you deserve this award.
2. Where do you see yourself in the floral industry in five years?
3. How will you help make the floral industry a stronger profession?

**Applicant's Certification:** I authorize the release of information announcing my scholarship for publicity purposes.

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Applicant's Signature

Date

Please submit your application to our SDFSA Scholarship Chair:

*Carrie Moore, AAF SDFC*  
21 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Custer, SD 57730  
605-673-3549 | [petalspages605@gmail.com](mailto:petalspages605@gmail.com)