

## 2026 TRIOTEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TrioTel Scholarship was created because we believe that investing in today's youth will assist them in becoming leaders tomorrow. We hope that our scholarship will help students to pursue degrees in a variety of fields at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the state of South Dakota.

A scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to two graduating seniors from each of the following schools; Bridgewater-Emery, Hanson, McCook Central, and an At-Large. At-Large students are considered a student that lives in our service area but attends a school outside of the TrioTel exchange, or is home schooled while living in the TrioTel exchange.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

The student must reside within one of TrioTel's service area exchanges and their parent or legal guardian must be a TrioTel customer. This includes Alexandria, Canova, Center, Clayton, Emery, Fulton, Junius/Northern Lake County, Salem, Spencer, and Winfred. Students applying must enroll in a full-time course load at a post-secondary institution in the fall & spring semester immediately following their high school graduation.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. All applications will be reviewed and selected by the TrioTel Scholarship Committee.
2. Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.
3. Awards will be paid upon proof of acceptance at an institution of higher education and will be issued to the post-secondary institution in January 2026. Proof of enrollment for the second semester will be required.
4. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, or disability.
5. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
6. All awards will be paid directly to the educational institution the student will attend.
7. Recipients will be contacted directly by TrioTel.

### SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

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| <b>April 1st, 2026</b>  | Applications must be postmarked by April 1st, 2025 and mailed to:<br>TrioTel Communications, Inc., c/o Scholarship Program, PO Box 630, Salem, SD 57058 (OR)<br>email your scholarship entries to <a href="mailto:kendra@triotel.com">kendra@triotel.com</a> no later than 5PM on April 1st, 2025. |
| <b>April 28th, 2026</b> | TrioTel Scholarship winners will be notified.  |
| <b>May 2026</b>         | Announcement of winners will appear on TrioTel social media and in local newspapers  |

### TRIOTEL CUSTOMER INFORMATION

The student's parent or legal guardian must have service with TrioTel to be eligible for scholarship. Parent/guardian must complete the below information.

TrioTel Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TrioTel Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL SCHOLARSHIP ENTRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL ONLY BE VIEWED BY THE TRIOTEL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETED.**

## 2026 TRIOTEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please submit the following information to the TrioTel Office (see front page for address) no later than April 1st, 2026. All other entries must include your printed name at the top of each page.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College/Post-Secondary School Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Honors & Awards, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Employment History, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following to your application:

1. Transcript of High School Credits
2. One Letter of Recommendation (non-family member)
3. Essay (500 words or less. Must be typed.)

*What field or major do you intend to enter and how might it impact your rural community?*

4. Senior Photo

☐ I give TrioTel Communications, Inc. consent to use my name and photo if I am awarded the TrioTel Scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LIVING IN THE TRIOTEL EXCHANGE.  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE A CUSTOMER OF TRIOTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.