

Clay-Union Foundation, Inc. Community Service Scholarship Guidelines and Application

2023-2024 Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, and Vermillion

Background Information

Our foundation was initially founded in 1997 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation. Our mission continues to be helping youth, and the local community.

Our program and board members recognize the value of volunteering in our communities and want to award a scholarship based on a combination of your community service efforts and scholastic records. Applications from Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, and Vermillion will be reviewed, and one scholarship will be awarded at each school, provided there is a qualified applicant. Applications will be accepted from any students attending vocational-tech school for a least a year, community college, or a 4-year university.

Application Guidelines

The scholarship is available to a high school senior who has attended school in Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, and Vermillion high schools. The post-secondary school that you will be attending is a requirement under "Goals after high school". The application is due ** March 15, 2024, by 5 p.m.***, and will be awarded at the high school award program. Late applications will not be accepted.

The successful applicant will have:

1. A GPA of at least 2.75 during high school and will graduate with a diploma from Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, or Vermillion High School in the spring of 2024.
2. Made significant effort to better our community through their volunteer time in local organizations, church affiliated community service, mentoring efforts, or other volunteer efforts that show service above and beyond the call to a program, or efforts to meet local community needs.
3. The ability to provide verification of stated service hours through phone numbers and e-mail contacts, as each applicant should be able to validate their efforts, if needed. The final candidate will be verified before the scholarship is given, as we want to reward your efforts. Student applications have been eliminated for padding the hours. We recommend listing actual hours. Also, not every activity you do is community service. Reading, singing, music, bible study will not be counted, as you are active in your church. Food pantry, ditch cleanup, friends feast or other free meals service outside the church service, with your church group will be counted. Weigh the top four carefully.
4. Shown leadership in their community by working with a service organization, local group, or any other organized effort, as recognized by an organization, community leader, or supervisor.

Contact Information

Applicant's Name _____

Home address _____

Email _____

Cell or home phone number _____

High School you will graduate from: _____

GPA as of January 5th _____

(Please, attach a copy of transcripts)

Circle years of effort below

Community Service efforts by year - List up to 4 of the most significant and total hours for each listing. Please list total hours/year and total for this community service listing.

Year: Senior _____ Junior _____ Sophomore _____ Freshman _____

Organization or Activity: _____

What did you do? _____ Total hours all 4 years: _____

Contact person to verify: _____ Cell: _____

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Year: Senior _____ Junior _____ Sophomore _____ freshman _____

Organization or Activity _____

What did you do? _____ Total hours all 4 years: _____

Contact person to verify _____ Cell _____

Please provide the following information:

Have you received a full scholarship to attend college? Yes_____ No_____

I will receive, or have received, the following scholarships and amounts:

Goals after high school: Please describe your goals, the major you will pursue, where you plan to attend college, and how you will reach your goals. If you have not chosen a major, please indicate that in this section. Feel free to use the space needed or attach a separate sheet of paper.

Name of Post-Secondary School Attending: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Essay: In 350 words or less, attach an essay on why you are interested in performing community service, its value, and what you have gained or learned while performing community service.

The application with the attached essay and transcripts can be mailed or emailed to:

Clay Union Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 731
Elk Point, SD 57025

cuf@clay-unionfoundation.org

Thank you for your application. We will contact the award winner regarding the status of the scholarship process once our board has reviewed all the materials. A check will be mailed to the school they are attending, prior to the second semester of post- secondary education at an accredited institution. We want to thank all of you for your efforts to improve our communities. We ask that you to continue your service as you go through life.

Sincerely,

Clay Union Foundation Board of Directors