



# NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

## ESSAY CONTEST FORM

(FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN THE SPRING)

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School of student: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor Printed Name & Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Counselor: Your signature verifies that you are a current member of NDSCA in good standing.)*

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature is required to permit the use of their child's essay for publishing in local newspapers and/or North Dakota School Counseling publications and informing local patrons, school board members and legislators.

Award Amount: **\$1,000**

Please include the following components in this order & printed single-sided:

1. This Scholarship Application Form
2. An essay (500 words or less) describing your career plan and who/what helped you with your decision.
3. 1 letter of recommendation

Essays will be scored according to:

- Specific supporting details
- Uniqueness & Diversity of experience arriving at your career plan
- Impact of experience on student's life [person/people or event(s)]
- Technical merit (correct use of grammar, spelling, and punctuation)

Deadline:

- Applications must be postmarked by **December 1**.  
Send applications to: Shaina Hess  
Century Primary School  
1542 School Rd  
Grafton, ND 58237
- If emailing, scan & attach **all** components to an email as a **single** pdf document. Application must be received by **December 1** at [shaina.hess@k12.nd.us](mailto:shaina.hess@k12.nd.us). A reply will be sent to confirm receipt.