



Jean Bowar Recreational Scholarship

Academic Year 2025-2026

Applications Open: March 1, 2026

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026

By filling out this application, you will be considered for the Jean Bowar Recreational Scholarship through the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club (DASC). This application is required for the scholarships awarded for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Two scholarship awards will be given out for the 2025-2026 Academic Year: one (1), \$1,000 Scholarship for a boy and one (1), \$1,000 Scholarship for a girl.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply for the Jean Bowar Recreational Scholarship, you must:

- 1) be a current or past player with the DASC Recreational Program or a current Sioux Falls high school soccer team player
- 2) be a graduating senior with plans to continue your education (trade or certificate program, two-year college/technical school or 4-year college or university)
- 3) have a Cumulative High School GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Immediate Relatives of Jean Bowar and/or of past/present full-time DASC employees are not eligible for this scholarship. There is not a requirement to demonstrate that there is a financial need by the applicant. There is no requirement for the applicant to play soccer post high school to be considered for this scholarship.

Application Required Documents

- 1) Questionnaire (page 2)
- 2) Short Essay Questions and Answers (page 3)
- 3) One Letter of Recommendation
 - a. This can be from a teacher, coach, employer or other professional/mentor who can speak to your character. Letters should not be written by family members or DASC Scholarship Committee Members. These letters need to be emailed/mailed directly from the writer. Applicants may not send in the letter.

Submission Deadline

The three above documents need to be emailed or mailed to:

Holly Hirsch
Director of Business Administration
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
hollyh@dakotaalliancesoccer.com
401 West 39th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

and received by **Friday, May 1, 2026 end-of-day.**

Questions on the application process or about the application can be directed to Holly Hirsch (605) 332-5911 Ext. 2 or hollyh@dakotaalliancesoccer.com.

Applications will be reviewed (via blind review process with names omitted) by a five-person selection committee, including: two former long-time DASC employees, two current DASC administrators and one representative from the DASC Board of Directors. Scholarship winner's checks will be mailed to the secondary institution of the winner's choice.



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Applicant Name: _____ Female: _____ Male: _____

Applicant Contact Information

Email: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

Legal Guardians Contact Information

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____

(if different from applicant)

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Applicant Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

What high school do you currently attend?

Name and City: _____

What is your Cumulative High School GPA?: _____
(at the time of this application)

Do you play on your high school soccer team? And if so, for how many years, varsity, jv, awards received, etc.

How many years did you participate in the DASC Recreational Program?

Have you successfully completed the ACT or SAT to take the higher education path of your choice?

YES ____ NO ____

What secondary institution will you attend in 2026-2027? (If undecided at present and selected to receive the scholarship, send the school's name, city, and state to us before June 1, 2026; failure to send DASC the secondary institution of your choice could result in loss of scholarship award)

School Name, City, State: _____

Or Undecided. Schools and programs under consideration are:

Certification Statement

By signing my name below, I confirm that all of the information provided above and in the accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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Short Essay #1. In 250 words or less, how has participating in the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club Recreational Program or being a member of your High School Soccer Team impacted your life?

Short Essay #2: Please list activities, outside of soccer, that you have been involved with over the last four years.

Thank you for your time and good luck!

DASC Scholarship Committee