

# Black Hills Volkssport Association (BHVA)

## Scholarship Program

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to provide scholarship awards to eligible students or an active member of the BHVA who is attending an institution of higher learning on a full-time basis.

**Award:** Scholarships may be awarded to students selected by the BHVA Scholarship Committee. The award will be used by the selected recipient to help cover the cost of educational fees.

Note: The scholarship committee reserves the right to withhold the awarding of the scholarship for any reason.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicant must

**Either** be a member of BHVA in good standing during the current year AND for the previous two (2) years

**Or** have a sponsor who is a member of BHVA in good standing during the current year, AND for the previous two (2) years. A sponsor is either a parent, legal guardian or a grandparent.

2. The applicant must have participated in at least one (1) AVA sanctioned volksmarch in either the current year or within the last two (2) calendar years.

### **Application Procedure:**

1. **Application Cover Letter**

The letter should include a brief explanation of the individual's achievements, educational background and educational expectations.

2. **Scholarship Application**

The attached application must be filled out completely.

3. **Essay**

The applicant must write an essay of approximately 300 words describing his/her volkssporting experiences.

4. **Letters of Recommendation**

A minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation shall be written by educators, counselors, employers, clergy etc., with significant knowledge of the applicant's academic achievements and potential for success. **These letters are to be submitted by the writer directly to the scholarship committee by March 31** to the address below

### **Return completed application and letters of recommendation to:**

BHVA Scholarship Committee

PO Box 2046

Rapid City, SD 57709

**Application and Letters of Recommendation due by March 31**

Black Hills Volkssport Association (BHVA)  
Scholarship Application

Please complete the following:

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

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Higher Education Institute: \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are basing your eligibility on a sponsor:**

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY:**

I hereby affirm that all of the above stated information provided by me is true to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

**BE SURE TO INCLUDE: 1) YOUR COVER LETTER AND 2) YOUR ESSAY**

**Deadline for Application and Recommendation Letters: March 31**

BHVA Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 2046  
Rapid City, SD 57709

**Scholarship money will be awarded to the individual when the committee receives documentation of attendance at an Institute of Higher Learning.**

## BHVA Scholarship Rubric

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

CATEGORY	5 stars	3 stars	1 star	Score
Application	All elements of the application are present: Completed form, cover letter, essay, two sets of references.	One element of the application is missing.	More than one element of the application is missing.	
Membership	Is either a member or has the signature of a sponsoring member.	Is missing a signature.	Is not a member and does not have the signature of a sponsoring member.	
Participation in at least (1) AVA Sanctioned event in the past 2 years is included in essay portion.	The applicant provides evidence and examples that are specific to the event/s.	The applicant mentions something about the event in which he/she participated.	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not present.	
Sentence Structure and mechanics Essay Portion of application	The essay is easy to read (no distractions due to: sentence construction, grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation).	The essay is still easy to read (a few distractions are present due to 2-3 errors: sentence construction, grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation).	Numerous errors distract the reader from the content making the essay a challenge to read.	
Status Verified	Full-time	Part-time	Not Specified	