



SOUTH DAKOTA TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

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SDTA Scholarship Guidelines

This scholarship was formed by SDTA member, John Willer, in March of 2014. It is the intention to offer a \$500 scholarship to a current SDTA member for the purpose of continuing their education in the taxidermy field. John and the SDTA is committed to the continual education of its members. Depending on the availability of funds, the Committee and SDTA Officers may elect to withdraw the scholarship, or award multiple scholarships. If anyone is interested in donating to the scholarship the SDTA will match the funds.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant must be a SDTA member for two consecutive years or more. Immediate family members are also eligible.
2. Applicant may be related to a Committee member, however the related Committee member must abstain from voting on recipient.
3. SDTA Master Taxidermists are eligible for the scholarship providing they do not take their class in a category they are a master in. (They are encouraged to teach these courses.)

SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURE:

1. Obtain a scholarship application form from the SDTA website www.southdakotataxidermistassoc.com
2. Complete SDTA scholarship application in full and legible. (Items left out will cause disqualification of application).
3. Applicant must provide course description and cost estimate from instructor/institute of choice, with the application.
4. Mail the completed application to the current SDTA secretary/treasurer to be received by the specified date of March 10th . (Any late application will be denied).
5. The Committee will review the application and decide who will be award the scholarship(s).
6. The recipient(s) will be announced at the awards banquet of the annual show (must be present to accept).
7. Class must be completed within eighteen months of receiving scholarship.
8. SDTA will pay the instructor/institute directly.
9. Applicant and/or instructor must provide proof of class completion to the SDTA Committee.
10. Upon receiving proof of completion, the SDTA will make payment to the instructor.
11. If applicant fails to complete the class, the scholarship will be forfeited.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Scholarship Committee will consist of John Willer (or a Willer family member) and two current SDTA officers who have been a SDTA member for at least three consecutive years.
2. Scholarship Committee members shall be elected on a rotating basis; elected officials term will run concurrent with SDTA office term.
3. Current Committee members are not eligible for a scholarship.
4. Committee members may be removed for unethical practices of the scholarship procedure.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a Master Taxidermist, or an instructor approved by the Committee.
2. Scholarship may be used towards tuition at a taxidermy institute.
3. Instructor may be a Committee member, but must be approved by a majority vote.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A SECOND (OR MORE) SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Applicant must wait two full years after receiving a scholarship to apply for another scholarship.



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SDTA Scholarship Application

Today's Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long have you been a SDTA member? _____

How long have you been doing taxidermy? _____

Are you performing taxidermy: Full Time Part Time Hobbyist Other: _____

Please write a response to the following questions:

1. What is taxidermy to you?

2. Describe your level of taxidermy skill

3. Why do you feel a scholarship should be award to you?

4. What is the field of interest you are pursuing?

Instructor/Institute of Choice: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Applicants Signature: _____

**Submit application, along with the course description and cost estimate to:
Glenda McNutt, 17417 404th Ave, Doland, SD 57436**