



Memorial Scholarship

2026 SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Mission: Special Education Professionals all too often do not get the credit they truly deserve. What they do is nothing short of extraordinary. They are encouraging kids, teaching life skills, and helping families. On a daily basis, they are not only caring for their kids, but they are also creating reasons to smile, and form connections with their students who depend on them.

Deadline: This application form and all other required documentation is encouraged to be postmarked by **June 30th, 2026**. Mail to:

Hunter Tillman Memorial Scholarship
1726 Iron Horse Loop
Spearfish, SD 57783

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e-mail: huntertillmanscholarship@gmail.com

Questions? e-mail: huntertillmanscholarship@gmail.com

Eligibility: Students must meet these criteria to be eligible. Please initial.

1. ☐ I will be graduating from Spearfish High School in 2026
2. ☐ I will be attending a college in the fall of 2026 / spring of 2027
3. ☐ I confirm that I will be educated in a Special Education field
4. ☐ I confirm that I have a GPA of 3.2 or above

Name:

- a. First Name: _____
- b. Last Name: _____

Home address:

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____

GPA: What is your current GPA? _____

What college will you attend in 2026-2027?

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

What degree(s) are you pursuing: _____

Anticipated year of college graduation: _____

Community & Volunteer Experience: _____

The Essay:

What does the scholarship committee need to know about you in 500-750 words?
The committee members will be especially interested in these points: your goals for your Special Education career, and your volunteer experience.

Attach your essay to this form. The essay is limited to no more than 750 words.

Recommendation: Carefully proof your essay and know that well-done short essays are admired.

Certification Statement:

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship will be awarded for 2nd semester of your freshman year in college providing you are still engaged in study of the Special Education field