

Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship

The following is the nomination form for the Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award. The \$2,000 cash award will be given a "wannabe student" pilot, student pilot, or a pilot seeking further training and ratings. Any SDPA member is eligible to nominate a member or non-member and SHOULD DO SO!! The success of this program is in part dependent upon the receipt of good quality nominees. The scholarship program is one method SDPA has for "giving something back" to the aviation community. *Criteria for the award are given on the backside of Nomination form.*

Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship Nomination



Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Check one:

_____ "Wannabe student" pilot _____ Student Pilot _____ Pilot

Training sought: _____

Attachments required:

1. **Letter from SDPA member** stating the nominee's interest in aviation and their future plans in aviation. The letter should list outstanding personal qualities that make the nominee a deserving candidate for the scholarship. The letter should indicate the candidate's financial need for the scholarship, such as high school or college student, recent graduate, just out of military, working part-time, etc.
2. **Letter from the candidate** addressing criteria 4.

SDPA Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member address: _____ Phone: _____

**Submit nomination form and letters by August 10 to:
Steve Hamilton, SDPA Executive Director, 303 Golf Lane, Yankton, SD 57078**

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Criteria for the Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award

1. The candidate must be at least 16 years old and sponsored by a member of the SDPA.
2. The sponsor must write a letter of recommendation, and highlight any characteristics or accomplishments of the candidate as they apply to aviation, and clubs or organizations the candidate is a member (local, state, regional, national, or international aviation groups, etc.). The letter should also indicate the candidate's financial need for the scholarship. Submit the letter by August 10 to the SDPA Executive Director (**Steve Hamilton, 303 Golf Lane, Yankton, SD 57078-1727**).
3. The sponsor shall complete the "Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship Nomination" form, sign the letter, and submit the letter by August 10 to **SDPA Executive Director**.
4. The candidate must write a letter stating why they are deserving of the scholarship, their involvement in aviation activities and aviation interests, and their future plans, sign the letter, and submit the letter by August 15 to the **SDPA Executive Director**.
5. The funds are to be used exclusively for obtaining a pilot's certificate or to upgrade a current certificate (add a rating).
6. The scholarship funds must be expended within 12 months of the time of the award.
7. A SD-based instructor must conduct the training.
8. Cost of instruction should be billed directly to the **SDPA Treasurer Mary Carol Potts (307 W. Blaine Avenue, Gettysburg, SD 57442-1145)** as the training progresses and will be paid up to a total of \$1,800. The final \$200 will be paid after the scholarship winner provides a one-page typed summary / story about their training experience (total \$2,000) (see criteria #9).
9. The Scholarship winner shall report in a one-page typed summary / story (electronic file is preferred) to the SDPA Executive Director about their training experience within one year after receiving the award.

