

Earnest Kerby Memorial Scholarship Application

Scholarship Description: The Earnest Kerby Memorial Scholarship was established in 2024 by his family in memory of Earnest. It provides scholarships to those students who wish to attend a Technical School in the area of Building Trades, specifically in HVAC, electrical, plumbing, or building construction.

Earnest (better known as Earnie by those who knew him) attended high school in Wagner, SD, graduating in 1964, although he was born and raised in the state of Missouri, moving to SD in 1960. After graduation he enlisted in the Air Force, but did not pass his physical due to a missing finger. This change in plans led him to a job at Stedronsky Brothers in Wagner and a 46-year career in plumbing and heating. He moved to Aberdeen in 1967 working for Redlinger Brothers and for various other plumbing businesses. First as an apprentice and then earning his Journeyman's License. In 1979 he earned his Master Plumber's License and opened his own business, A & E Plumbing. He owned and operated this business until 1989 when he went to work for the Aberdeen School District as their Boiler Engineer and HVAC Technician. He worked at this job until his retirement in 2009. After retirement, he pursued his passion for woodworking, building his own wood shop, and giving new life to antique furniture and designing and creating his own furniture which is treasured by the many recipients.

Earnie was not only skilled at plumbing & heating, but also in electrical and building construction. There was rarely a time that he could not solve a problem and he enjoyed sharing his love of the trades with those who showed an interest. He was a man of pride and integrity. He was proud of his southern heritage, his family, his work ethic, and his church of which he was a charter member, meaning he was an integral part of its inception.

Earnie died on December 11, 2018, after a year-long battle with cancer.

One Scholarship of \$800 is funded annually by the Earnest Kerby Memorial Scholarship Restricted Fund established by his family.

Eligibility

1. Aberdeen Central High School graduating senior
2. Attending a technical school
3. Pursuing a degree in building trades, specifically HVAC, electrical, plumbing or building construction
4. Demonstrates financial need
5. Applicant must have a 2.0 GPA or above

Application Procedure

Applications may be picked up at the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation Office or in the Student Services area at Aberdeen Central High School or online at <https://www.aberdeen.k12.sd.us/o/chs/page/scholarships>. If you would like an application emailed to you, please contact the Student Services office.

Completed applications should be returned to the CHS Student Services Office by April 1.

PLEASE NOTE: A Completed Application includes:

- **Scholarship Application**
- **Financial Information**
- **Personal statement**
- **High School Transcript with GPA**
- **1 Letter of Recommendation**

Application Deadline

Completed applications including the one letter of recommendation must be postmarked no later than **April 1**, or hand delivered to the CHS Student Services Office or emailed to the Student Services office no later than 4 p.m. on April 1. *Applications postmarked or submitted after this date will not be considered.*

CHS Student Services Office

2200 S. Roosevelt
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Student Information

1. **Name in full** _____
2. **Address** (street or box) _____
(city, state, zip code) _____
3. **Home Phone** _____ **Cell Phone** _____
4. **Email address** _____
5. **Parents'/Guardians' name(s)** _____
6. **Technical school you plan to attend this fall** _____
Address: _____
Phone Number of Financial Aid Office: _____
7. **Major** _____
Minor or area(s) of concentration _____
8. **SSN or Student ID** _____

*** Attach High School transcript with GPA**

By signing this application, I give permission to the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation to publicize my scholarship award if chosen as the recipient.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the student's chosen college. Recipient must provide the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation office with verification of collegiate enrollment prior to scholarship payment.

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Student Information

Provide evidence of your school activity participation, community involvement, achievements, and leadership skills supporting your application:

School Activities:

Community Activities:

Significant honors, awards and accomplishments that you have received:

Leadership position and offices held:

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Financial Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s): _____

I/We have completed the Application for Federal Student Aid. Yes No

Parents'/Guardians' Adjusted Gross Income (Line 37 – Form 1040):

(includes salary, wages, dividends, interest, business profits, and any other taxable income)

\$0 – 25,000

\$25,000 – 50,000

\$50,000 – 75,000

\$75,000 – 100,000

\$100,000 – 125,000

\$125,000 – 175,000

\$175,000 & above

Parents'/Guardians' Asset Information (Per Section 3 – Application for Federal Student Aid):

Includes cash, savings, checking and savings accounts, real estate and investments (not home) less real estate or investment debt (not home), business value less debt, and investment farm value less debt (not family farm).

\$0 – 50,000

\$100,000 – 150,000

\$250,000 – 300,000

\$50,000 – 75,000

\$150,000 – 200,000

\$300,000 – 400,000

\$75,000 – 100,000

\$200,000 – 250,000

\$400,000 – 500,000

\$500,000 & above

Parents'/Guardians' Filing Status

Married filing joint return

Head of Household

Qualifying widow with dependent child

Applicant's immediate household consists of (x):

Father

Mother

Brothers (#)

Sisters (#)

Others (list)

Number of family members attending college this fall: _____

Please list all scholarships and amounts received to date _____

Please note any other pertinent information that may reflect need for financial assistance to provide for college expenses of applicant: _____

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY THE ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

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Personal statement about your career aspirations: