**Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship provides a **$1,000 award** to a worthy SD high school graduate attending a post-secondary institution. The award will be made in two $500 increments awarded at the beginning of each semester of the student’s freshman year, payable upon registration. **The completed application is due on or before March 15, 2015** and **must be submitted as ONE** (multi-page) **document to this email address:** [**coachmorrellscholarship@gmail.com**](mailto:coachmorrellscholarship@gmail.com) .

Russ Morrell spent his professional life in service to others as a teacher and coach. He did so with unmatched optimism and incredible resourcefulness. **Before you apply** for this scholarship in his name, please access the information about him at this web site: <http://www.coachmorrellscholarship.org/home>

Applicants for this scholarship award must meet the following minimum criteria:

* Graduate from a South Dakota high school;
* Attain a minimum 3.2 GPA through 7 semesters of high school;
* **Provide a list (resume′)** of extra-curricular and community service activities;
* **Submit a** **300 to 500-word essay** detailing a personal story which illustrates an event in which the applicant demonstrated resourcefulness and optimism in the face of adversity; and
* **Provide contact information** (phone and email) of **two character references** who can speak on behalf of the applicant’s ability to demonstrate perseverance. Contacts will also be asked to speak of dedication to the service of others. Character references **may not be related** to applicant. Please **inform character references** that they may be contacted by members of the selection committee.

*(Note: Preference may be given to a student from Burke, Bon Homme or Wagner high schools.)*

**Scholarship Application**

**Applicant’s name**:

**Applicant’s Address, Phone & email**:

**High School Name, Address, & Phone**:

**GPA (after 7 semesters):**

**Name of Post-Secondary Institution you will attend**:

**Intended Course of Study**:

**Career Goal**:

**In the subsequent pages, include the following:**

1. **A resume detailing your extra-curricular activities and community service; and**
2. **A 300-500 word essay detailing a personal story which illustrates an event in which you demonstrated resourcefulness and optimism in the face of adversity.**