**SOUTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION/NEA
RAMIA BOERSMA MEMORIAL** [**SCHOLARSHIP**](http://sdea.org/AwardPrograms/scholarship.htm)

The South Dakota Education Association/NEA awards [scholarships](http://sdea.org/AwardPrograms/scholarship.htm) to outstanding students who are planning on entering the teaching profession. The Association may annually award up to three $750 scholarships for each academic year.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** - Four-year Scholarship

Criteria for application includes that the student must:

1.             Be the daughter or son of an active or retired SDEA/NEA member.
2.             Be in the top quarter of his/her class as of January, 2014.
3.             Be a student in a South Dakota public education institution.
4.             Be accepted and/or enrolled in a South Dakota college or university.

The following attachments must be included with the application form:

1.             A copy of high school transcript.
2.             A listing of the academic and extra-curricular activities.
3.             Letters of recommendation from at least two teachers and one administrator.
4.             A 300-500 word essay on the strengths and skills the applicant will bring to the field of education.

**COLLEGE SOPHOMORES** - Two-year scholarship

Criteria for application includes that the student must:

1.             Be completing the sophomore year of college and enrolled in a teacher prep program.
2.             Be the daughter or son of an active or retired SDEA/NEA member.
3.             Be a full-time student.
4.             Have at least a 3.0 grade point average.
5.             Maintain membership in SDEA/NEA Student Program.

The following attachments must be included with the application form:

1.             A copy of the applicant's college transcript.
2.             A listing of academic and extracurricular activities.
3.             Letters of recommendation from at least three instructors.
4.             A 300-500 word essay on the strengths and skills the applicant will bring to the field of education **.**

A recipient of [the scholarship](http://sdea.org/AwardPrograms/scholarship.htm) will have the award extended for another academic year provided that he or she has:

1.             been a full-time student in a teacher preparation program in a South Dakota college or university.
2.              maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average.
3.             maintained membership in South Dakota/NEA Student Program.

**Completed applications and attachments must be submitted by February 15 to:**

SDEA/NEA Scholarship Committee
South Dakota Education Association/NEA
411 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501