**High School Student Athlete of the Month**

**Scholarship Application**

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**Eligibility**:

Senior high school athletes, who reside in Huron and surrounding area, attend a South Dakota high school, and participate in a team sport. You must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, graduate high school in 2025, and have plans to enroll in a postsecondary institution, which may be a public or nonpublic university, college, or vocational/technical college.

**Scholarship award**: $1,500

**Instructions**:

Completed applications and your most recent transcript must be emailed to bfast@vfplanning.com or mailed to Vantage Financial Partners no later than the 1st of each month. Applications for the Student Athlete of the Month will be accepted August 1st, 2024 through May 1st, 2025. You may submit your application during or after your sport’s season. Students who participate in more than one sport may apply for each sport. Each month a senior student athlete will be chosen as Athlete of the Month from the pool of applicants received and be featured in the *Prairie Tracks* magazine. The student athletes selected as the Athlete of the Month will then be eligible to receive the one $1,500 scholarship which will be awarded in late May 2025.

**Scholarship selection**: The financial professionals at Vantage Financial Partners select the scholarship winner based on athletic skills and accomplishments, leadership qualities, current transcript, personal essay, coach recommendation, extracurricular activities at school and in the community.

**Questions:** Contact Brittany Fast at 605-352-4124 or email her at bfast@vfplanning.com

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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| Student’s Name First, Last | Date |
| Email Address (**personal and school**) | High School Attending |
| Student’s Mailing Address | Student’s Telephone |
| Guidance Counselor’s Name | Phone number |
| Guidance Counselor’s Email Address | GPA |

**TRANSCRIPT:** Submit a current copy of your current transcript with your application.

**INTERVIEW**:If you are selected as a Student Athlete of the Month, you will be required to meet the Vantage team for a short interview as part of the scholarship selection process.

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Please list and briefly describe your participation in clubs, activities, and community volunteering:

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| **Name of Club/Activity** | **Description** | **Number of Years Participating** | **Position(s) Held** |
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**SPORTS PARTICIPATION:**

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| **Name of Sport** | **JV or Varsity** (Circle) | **# Years played:**  Circle High School participation:  9, 10, 11, 12 | **Position** & **Leadership roles** | Awards/Recognition  Individual/Team Accomplishments |
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Sport for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College Attending & Major (if decided):

Will you participate in collegiate sports? Yes or No (Circle one)

**ESSAY QUESTION:** In 400 words or less, explore how the journey of being a student-athlete has molded your identity. Share a defining moment of sportsmanship that has guided your personal growth and shaped your core values. **Be creative in your response. You may attach your response.**

**COACH RECOMMENDATION**: Please provide insight into why you feel this player is deserving of this scholarship. Coach may submit recommendation separately.

Coach’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_