

Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship (revised 1/17/2023)

- This scholarship provides a \$1,000 award to a SD high school graduate attending a postsecondary institution. The award will be made in two \$500 increments awarded at the beginning of each semester of the student's freshman/first year, payable upon registration.
- The completed application is due on or before March 15 and must be **submitted as ONE (multi-page) document** to this email address: **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.
- Applicants for this scholarship award must meet the following criteria:
 - Graduate from a South Dakota high school;
 - Attain a minimum 3.2 GPA through 7 semesters of high school;
 - Submit a **SINGLE document** (multi-page but as one attachment only) in which you:
 - **Write a cover letter** that provides the your personal contact information and school contact information, the name of the post-secondary school you will attend; and your intended course of study and career goal;
 - Provide contact information (phone and email) of **two character references** (not parents).
 - **Provide a list** of extra-curricular and community service activities;
 - **Submit a 300 to 500-word essay** in which you **tell a personal story** of an event in which you demonstrated resourcefulness and optimism in the face of a significant challenge;
 - Note: Failure to address the essay topic will disqualify the applicant.
 - *Note: Preference may be given to a student from Burke, Bon Homme or Wagner high schools*
- The scholarship will be awarded in the Spring of the applicant's senior year of high school.
- The winning applicant and the applicant's school authorities will be notified of the award. Other applicants will not be notified unless requested.
- Questions may be directed to the gmail address above.