Make a Difference Initiative Application

Complete the scholarship/project application by responding to each section. The project must serve people in Butte, Lawrence or Meade counties in South Dakota, however, the scholarship recipient can be from anywhere. There are special circumstances that permit projects in Pennington County (Rapid City). See committee members to learn more. The application should be no more than seven (7) pages long.

1. **Applicant’s name**:

2. **Declared Major/s:**

3. **Declared Minor/s:**

4. **Year in school:** **GPA:**

5. **History of volunteerism. Write a brief paragraph about your past volunteer work.**

6. **Your personal statement envisioning how you see yourself Making a Difference and why this is important to you. (500 words or less)**

**Project Proposal**

1. **Overview or abstract of the project.**

2. **Identify a need, issue or problem. How will your project make a positive difference with individuals and the community or society?**

3. **Literature Review: Research the underlying cause and potential solutions of the identified need, issue or problem. How will the project offer sustainable solutions to alleviate ongoing social problems for the purpose of improving the quality of life for one or more of our citizens?**

4. **Project Aims: Must have a maximum of three specific goals. Make certain these goals are clear, measurable, realistic, and timely.**

5. **Budget: Propose a budget including an explanation for each line item. Incorporate existing resources wherever possible. Maximum amount which can be awarded will be $2,500. Salary for recipient will not be allowed. Provide a table with specific items needed to complete the project. For example,**

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6. **Timeline: Provide detailed list of project tasks and deadlines for each task for the duration of the project. The timeline will begin June 1 and end May 31 of the following year.**

7. **How does this project make a difference?**

8. **How is this project sustainable? How will this project be sustained/maintained once you have completed your scholarship year? Will there be other people/agencies/entities who will continue the project?**