



## 2025 Youth Tennis Scholarship

The Black Hills Tennis Association is proud to offer annual scholarships to deserving youth student-athletes in the community who may require financial assistance to pay for membership, lessons, and court time at an indoor tennis facility.

BHTA will award six one year junior memberships to a Tennis Facility (either Tennis Center of The Black Hills or Arrowhead Country Club) beginning in early January of 2025 through December 2025. Scholarship recipients will be given 66 group lessons and 2 (1 hour) private lessons with a pro.

Scholarship recipients will work with tennis professionals to develop and grow all aspects of their game, including footwork, serving, strokes, endurance, power, strategy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Age: 11-17 y/o
- Tennis experience: Some previous tennis participation preferred, ex) middle/high school tennis, summer recreation programs, or private club
- Interest: Must have a genuine desire to learn the game of tennis with the intention/goal of competing in the BH area for a JV/Varsity team at the Middle School or High School level.
- Residence: Must live in the Black Hills area of SD.
- Income: Financial need/circumstances considered.
- Behavior: Recipients must be respectful, committed, and model good sportsmanship and character.
- Academics: Must be in/maintain good academic standing.

Applications eligible for consideration must include the following upon submission:

- 1) BHTA scholarship application form
  - 2) **Two** non family personal references that we may contact. (coach, mentor, teacher, religious leader, employer, family friend)
  - 3) Statement of commitment must be signed by both the applicant and the parent/legal guardian. Self tracking and reporting of facility use will required by recipients.
- Previous Scholarship recipients may reapply for second scholarship but no more than two will be awarded to any one recipient.

**Deadline for applications submission is December 31, 2024**

**Completed applications should be mailed or emailed:**

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(605)390-8828 for questions

Rapid City, SD 57702

# 2025 BHTA Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate home, work or cell phone )

Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_ ( indicate home, work or cell phone )

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/legal Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Phone if different from applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation & Employer (Parent 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation & Employer (Parent 2, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Team Interest

Which Middle/High School team will you be playing for in 2025?

## Prior Tennis Experience

Please list any tennis experience that you have had, including recreation programs, school teams or private/group lessons: \_\_\_\_\_

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Please list any other sport or extra-curricular activities that you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

One of the scholarship requirements is that the applicant will participate fully in the 2025 tennis season (and/or any applicable tryouts). Are there any other sports or extra-curricular activities that would hinder your ability to fulfill the terms of the scholarship? If yes; please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

(boys season is spring, girls is fall)

### **Financial/Extenuating Circumstance**

Family Income Range (Please Circle)

<40,000

40-65,000

65-85,000

120-140,000

>140,000

Number Family Members in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any extenuating circumstances, such as financial, medical or family hardships that the committee should be aware of that might have a bearing on their decision? If so briefly describe how this hardship would impact your ability to participate in tennis without the benefit of a scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_



# Statement of Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (parent) commit to supporting my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in their tennis development and use of BHTA scholarship funds. This support includes travel arrangements to and from tennis facility. I understand that the scholarship is for a junior membership at a tennis facility. Failure to utilize tennis facility opportunities may result in forfeiture of scholarship and scholarship may be awarded to another individual. Exceptions will be made during participation in seasonal High School/Middle School Tennis Programs. While some private lessons and group lessons are provided additional lessons will be the responsibility of the recipient/parents.

**\*\*All recipients will be responsible for tracking and reporting their usage to a BHTA representative.** Form and instructions will be provided.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name), agree to use the BHTA scholarship funds to my full advantage. I agree that if I do not adhere to the scholarship terms as outlined in this application package that my scholarship may be revoked at any time and given to other deserving applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date