

**Arete Scholarship for a St. Thomas More graduating senior
in memory of
Kevin J. Morsching**
Black Hills Area Community Foundation Guidelines & Procedures

The family and friends of Kevin J. Morsching wish to honor his memory by awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior from St. Thomas More High School, Rapid City, South Dakota. Kevin graduated from STM and exemplified the principle of arête.

Guidelines and criteria that will be considered are:

I. Applicant/Recipient Eligibility Criteria for STM Scholarship

1. Applicants must be graduating seniors of St. Thomas More High School (STM).
2. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited, post-secondary educational institution.
3. Applicants must be involved in at least two sport, school, community, and/or church activities.
4. Applicants must submit a completed and signed scholarship application postmarked on or before March 30, 2010. A completed application includes the following:
 - a) Two letters of personal recommendation, including one from a teacher or school administrator and one from an adult who knows the applicant well. Under no circumstances may family members serve as references.
 - b) A written essay of no more than 250 words that describes how putting forth a best effort in school and extracurricular activities will benefit the applicant and the applicant's community in the future. The applicant also should describe his or her educational and career goals.
 - c) A copy of the applicant's official high school transcript.

II. The Selection Panel will consider the following criteria

1. The applicant's effort in academic work and activities, including school, employment, church and/or community. Class rank or GPA shall not be a primary criterion. Rather, the Panel will give preference to students who have made a sincere effort to learn and to participate in and serve their school and community.
2. The applicant's written essay.
3. Personal recommendations regarding the applicant.
4. The applicant's financial need, including other scholarships and assistance received or likely to be received.
5. The Selection Panel may establish additional criteria to ensure orderly administration.

III. 2010 Timetable

March 30	Must be postmarked by March 30 or received by BHACF prior to this date.
April	Selection Panel meets, recommends recipients, and submits a signed Recommendation Form to BHACF.
May 6	BHACF Board of Directors meets and reviews recommendations.
May 12	Student recognized at STM awards event
June-September	BHACF makes initial payment to educational institution after receiving appropriate paperwork from student and school.