



Date: February 15, 2022

From: George A. Fitzgerald Post #65, Dell Rapids, South Dakota

To: Guidance Counselors of St. Mary High School and Dell Rapids High School

Subject: George A. Fitzgerald Post 65 Legion/Auxiliary Scholarship in memory of Merlin & Mary Schmidt

1. American Legion Post #65 will award one \$500.00 scholarship to one graduate, male or female, from each of the two high schools in memory of Merlin and Mary Schmidt. This scholarship is now endowed through the South Dakota Community Foundation.
2. This scholarship can be applied towards a four-year university, two-year associate degree, or technical/trade school programs.
3. Interested students will write an essay and submit their essay to their respective school counselor no later than end of the school day on Friday, April 15, 2022.
4. Included in the written essay will be:
 - a. Name
 - b. Four paragraphs that contain the following:
 - i. Involvement in school or community activities and organizations
 - ii. Post high school plans to include career aspirations
 - iii. Why this community and service-focused scholarship should be awarded to you
 - iv. What the Dell Rapids American Legion and it's dedicated members like Merlin & Mary Schmidt mean to you

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. If additional information is necessary, please contact me at 605-261-0934 or jetsr@jetjr.com

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