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## **Black Hills Film Festival Now Accepting Film Student Scholarship Applications**

**Hill City, SD** – Applications are available on the Black Hills Film Festival web site for a \$500 Student Scholarship to Film School to be awarded at the Film Festival in May this year.

Students must be a resident of South Dakota ages 17 to 21 to be eligible for the Film Scholarship however the student can attend a film school anywhere in the U.S. This scholarship may also be used by students already in Film School for continuing their education.

A primary mission of the Black Hills Film Festival is to provide educational opportunities for students and filmmakers and create opportunities for South Dakota communities. “The Film Scholarship helps a student take another step toward realizing their artistic dreams. The Hill City community, host to the Festival, is extremely supportive of our students in that this scholarship award was the very first item in our fundraising campaign to be sponsored.” says Janna Emmel, president of the Black Hills Film Festival. This year, the scholarship is sponsored by *First Impressions Salon* in Hill City.

The arts community of the Black Hills welcomes the emerging filmmakers of all ages to the first annual Black Hills Film Festival May 14, 15 and 16, 2010. Student and independent films of all types and genre will be featured in the three day Festival located in Hill City, Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Crazy Horse Memorial.

More details are available online at [www.blackhillsfilmfestival.org](http://www.blackhillsfilmfestival.org). For more information please contact Chris VanNess at 605-574-4671.

The Black Hills Film Festival is a South Dakota non-profit organization operating in partnership with the Hill City Arts Council, a 501(c)3 organization. The South Dakota Film Office, a component of the South Dakota Department of Tourism and State Development, has sponsored the event and is in full support of the inaugural festival and its activities. The Black Hills Film Festival is also sponsored by Heart of the Hills Economic Development Corporation, Prairie Berry Winery and Krull’s Market.