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2022 SDTA Scholarships

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Directory Photo Contest is Back

The South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) will be awarding THREE scholarships to qualifying applicants. There will be one scholarship for \$2000 and two scholarships for \$1500 each! To qualify, applicant's must:

- * Be a customer/member or have a parent or guardian that is a customer/member of an SDTA member company (such as Santel)
- * Have a high school diploma or GED
- * Be accepted to any SD college or university for fall 2022 semester
- * Be majoring in a degree/program or field of study that is useful in the telecommunications or broadband industry.

Applications, as well as a full list of the eligible majors, can be found at sdtaonline.com. You may complete the application online; or email it to karasemmler@sdtaonline.com; or mail it to South Dakota Telecommunications Association, PO Box 57, Pierre, SD 57501.

The applications are due June 15, 2022.

Do you have a beautiful photo that would be perfect for the cover of our 2022 Central Connections Directory? We've had wonderful entries in the past and look forward to seeing how creative and artistic our members will be this year.

The contest is open to any Santel or Midstate customers. Entries must be received by June 1, 2022. The finalists will be displayed online and the winner will be determined by our customers with the winner receiving a \$100 cash prize.

- Limit four (4) entries per member
- Photos should represent Santel or Midstate service areas
- Amateur photos only; no professional entries please
- Santel & Midstate employees & immediate family ineligible
- Photos must be in color and have been taken within the last 24 months; include brief description of photo
- Must be submitted in JPEG format to info@santel.coop
- **Digital photos only; no photocopies accepted**
- Provide your name and phone number with each entry



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Please contact Santel at 605-796-4411 or info@santel.coop with any questions.

Telecommunication Relay Service

Relay South Dakota enables deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech disabled persons to communicate via telephone. The service is available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year with no restrictions on length or number of calls placed. All calls are strictly confidential and no records of conversations are ever kept. There is no charge to persons who use this service. It is funded by the \$.15 per line fee you see on your bill each month.

To use TRS:

1. Dial 7-1-1 from anywhere in South Dakota or 1-800-544-1113 from anywhere outside the state.
2. Ask the communication assistant to dial the number you're calling.
3. The assistant will type the spoken words to the TTY user and speak the typed words back to your standard phone.
4. Speak slowly and clearly to the person you are calling, not the assistant.
5. Remember to say "go ahead" each time you finish speaking to let the other party know it's their turn.



Are you a classic TV expert? Find out how well you know the TV shows, actors and ads from the 60's, 70's and 80's, at metv.com/quiz. You'll find hundreds of fun and challenging quizzes.

- * *Jetson's* gadget or real toy?
- * How well do you know the cast of *Gilligan's Island*?
- * Who was on the most episodes of *Gunsmoke*?
- * Do you know the child stars on *The Rifleman*?
- * Was the prank from *Hogan's Heroes* or *M*A*S*H*?
- * Can you tell the difference between the Brady sisters and the Tanner sisters?



Directory Additions

CAVOUR

DeJong, Rick	605-599-2818
Moeding, Tom-Deanna	605-599-2365
Strickler, Mark	605-461-7755

ETHAN

Freidel, Tim	605-227-4529
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HURON

Bartholow, Mike	605-353-1677
Bischoff, Janelle	605-352-5530
Dickson, D	605-352-5644
Ingle, Scott	605-352-5150
Miner, Hugh	605-352-9772
Stahly, Doug	605-352-1478
VanDiepen, Joshua	605-412-7260

WOONSOCKET

Uphoff, Kelly-Linda	605-796-4725
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Santel Webmail Debuts New Spam Filter

In April, Santel upgraded the spam and virus filtering that is used to keep your email safe. With the rise of cybercrime, it is more important than ever that Santel help to keep your account safe. Some benefits of the new filter include:

1. Options to receive Spam Quarantine Reports to advise you of filtered messages. You can choose to receive reports daily, weekly, monthly, or never. Default is monthly.
2. More stringent scanning of emails for malicious code or activity to capture threats that have not yet been fully identified.
3. The mail filter will keep copies of all email, filtered and unfiltered, for up to 30 days. This will be beneficial in the event you accidentally delete messages which you'd like to have re-delivered.

You likely have noticed an increase in "junk" mail hitting your inbox while we've been working to establish the rules within the filtering program. As of this week, we have tightened up the rules related to what gets blocked and what gets delivered so you should see a decrease in junk; however that means you also could be missing mail that you were expecting.

We encourage all customers utilizing a santel.net email address to log into your account at webmail.santel.net. From there, you can manage unwanted email by blocking specific emails or specific domains. You can also approve specific senders to be sure you always receive wanted messages.

