
SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIPS



As a South Dakota student, you have the opportunity to take advantage of some great scholarships to fund your education.

Successful scholarship applicants know that the benefits of scholarships go beyond the financial rewards. The act of applying for scholarships helps students clarify their thoughts about the career they want to pursue and helps them prepare for admissions essays. In addition, any scholarship award is recognition that can be used on resumes or other applications.

BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP

The Build Dakota program utilizes technical education to address South Dakota's workforce shortage. The scholarship support tuition, fees, books, and other required program expenses in the eligible technical college programs. Accepting the scholarship means you agree to enroll full-time in a high-need industry program at a South Dakota technical college and following graduation, work full-time in your field of study for a minimum of three years in South Dakota. For more information, visit www.builddakotascholarships.com.



DAKOTA CORPS SCHOLARSHIP

The Dakota Corps Scholarship Program is funded by private businesses, nonprofit corporations, the Governor's Office, and the South Dakota Department of Labor. The intent of the program is that the recipients do not pay anything for tuition and generally applicable fees. Each recipient promises to enter a critical need occupation in South Dakota following completion of the program of study. For more information, visit www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/Pages/welcome.aspx.



SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship was established to allow the state's most academically accomplished high school graduates to receive an affordable education at an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota. The program awards a \$6,500 scholarship over four years to qualifying high school graduates who complete the high school curriculum requirements established for the program and maintain certain academic standards. For more information, visit sdos.sdbor.edu/Pages/default.aspx.



FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is a state-wide initiative to encourage students of all economic backgrounds to live and work in South Dakota after graduation. This scholarship is available to students with unmet financial need as determined through their submission of the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), in conjunction with the financial aid office at the respective university. For more information, visit www.freedomscholarshipsd.com.



CRITICAL TEACHING NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the program is to encourage South Dakota's high school graduates to obtain their postsecondary education in South Dakota for teaching, to remain in the state upon completion of their education, and to contribute to the state and its citizens by working in a critical need teaching area. For more information, visit www.sdbor.edu/student-information/scholarships/CTNS/Pages/default.aspx.



OTHER SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIPS

South Dakota Board of Regents Scholarships

In addition to the state scholarship programs, the South Dakota Board offers the following scholarships:

- **The Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship Program for Native American Students** provides support for freshman Native American students who are pursuing studies in agribusiness, agricultural production, agricultural sciences, or a natural resources degree at any postsecondary institution.
- **The Annis Irene Fowler/Kaden Scholarship** is awarded to first-time entering freshman at BHSU, DSU, NSU or USD and who will select elementary education as their major field. Special consideration is given to students with demonstrated motivational ability, a disability, or who are self-supporting.
- **The Marlin R. Scarborough Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a student who is classified as a junior at a public university at the time funding is received. Each South Dakota public university nominates one student for the scholarship. The deadline for this scholarship is determine by each institution. Check with the school financial aid office for more information.

For more information about deadlines and eligibility requirements and to download the application, visit the Board of Regents website at www.sdbor.edu/student-information/scholarships/Pages/default.aspx.

Institutional Scholarships

In addition to state scholarships, South Dakota colleges and universities offer institutional scholarships. Institutional scholarships provide an important source of funding for students and the amounts, requirements, and deadlines for these scholarships can vary. Many institutions may require a completed FAFSA and may have their own deadlines for these scholarships. Visit the institution's website or contact the institution for more information.

More Information

For more information about paying for college and applying for financial aid, contact Mapping Your Future at feedback@mappingyourfuture.org or 800-374-4072 or visit SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org.