



South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

Allowing South Dakota's most academically accomplished high school graduates to receive an affordable education

Eligibility

To be considered for the scholarship you must:

- Be a resident of South Dakota at the time of graduation.
- Have an ACT composite score of 24 or higher (or a combined verbal and mathematics SAT score of at least 1090).
- Complete the Distinguished Graduation Requirements with no final grade below a C and an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale:
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units of social studies
 - 4 units of algebra or higher mathematics
 - 4 units of science, including 3 units of approved laboratory science
 - half unit of computer science
 - 1 unit of fine arts (in art, theater, or music - appreciation, analysis, or performance)
 - 2 units of same modern or classical language (includes American Sign Language)
 - half unit of physical education or health
 - half unit of economics or personal finance
- Attend a university, college, or technical school accredited by the North Central Association (NCA) that provides instruction from a South Dakota campus.
- Enter into a program within 5 years of high school graduation, or 1 year of release from active duty military service (within 5 years of graduation). If you have attended a college outside of South Dakota on a full-time basis within two years of high school graduation, you may be eligible for a partial scholarship award.

To maintain eligibility you must:

- Be enrolled continually.
- Complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of instruction per term in new courses (no repeats).
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Amount

This scholarship provides \$5,000 over four years to qualifying students who attend an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota:

- \$1,000 - 1st year
- \$1,000 - 2nd year
- \$1,000 - 3rd year
- \$2,000 - 4th year

If the number of eligible recipients exceeds the money appropriated, scholarship funds may be prorated and distributed proportionately.

Deadline

You must submit your completed application by September 1st of the year you will be starting college.

A final and complete high school transcript (which reflects completed courses and grades for all 8 semesters) is necessary to establish scholarship eligibility. Therefore, the window of opportunity to submit a completed scholarship application, with final transcript, falls between the time of high school graduation and the application deadline of September 1.

If you plan to wait until the Spring term to enroll in college, you have until January 15th to submit your completed application package.

Contact Information

For more information, contact:
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An application you can print and complete is available at www.sdbor.edu/OpportunityScholarship/sdos.htm by selecting Application Forms.



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