

# Dakota Corps

## Scholarship Program

**Providing funds to help prepare South Dakota students to fill critical need occupations in South Dakota.**

### Eligibility

To be considered for the scholarship, you must:

- Have graduated from an accredited South Dakota high school with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Home schooled students may provide supplemental information if this requirement is not applicable.
- Have a composite ACT score of 24 or greater (or the SAT equivalent).
- Agree in writing to stay in South Dakota and work in a critical need occupation after graduation for as many years as the scholarship was received plus one year.\*
- Apply for the first Dakota Corps Scholarship for a school period that begins within one year of high school graduation, or within one year of release from active duty of an active component of the armed forces.
- Be an incoming freshman at a participating South Dakota college as an undergraduate student in a program that will prepare you to work in a critical need occupation.
- Be a U.S. citizen or national.

Among those that meet the eligibility requirements, recipients will be chosen based on grade point average, test scores, activities, honors, community service, and a written essay.

**\*This scholarship becomes a loan if you fail to fulfill the program requirements.**

***South Dakota wants to invest in your future.***

# Critical Need Occupations

Current critical need occupations include:

- Teaching K-12 music, special education, or foreign language in a public, private, or parochial school.
- Teaching high school math or science in a public, private, or parochial school.
- Working as a Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse, or in allied health care fields.

Additional critical need occupations may be added from time to time.

## Amount

This scholarship is intended to provide full-time tuition and generally applicable fees to recipients attending participating public, private nonprofit, technical, and tribal colleges in South Dakota. In some instances, the college will cover a portion of the tuition and student fees through institutional funds.

Recipients who maintain eligibility may receive up to four years of scholarship based on the program length.

## To Apply

Applications are available online. Visit [How Do I Apply?](http://How Do I Apply?) at [www.state.sd.us/dakotacorps/default.html](http://www.state.sd.us/dakotacorps/default.html) to download an application.

## Deadline

Your application must be postmarked by **February 1** for priority consideration.

## Recipient Selection

Not all eligible applicants will be selected for a scholarship. From the total pool of applicants, a limited number of recipients will be selected. Also, some South Dakota colleges do not participate or limit the number of scholarship recipients.

## For More Information

Contact the Dakota Corps Scholarship Administrator at **1-800-874-9033, option 1**, or your high school counselor for more information. Education Assistance Corporation (EAC), a Great Lakes affiliate, administers the Dakota Corps Scholarship Program on behalf of the governor's office.

The term "college" is used to include all higher education institutions (public and private nonprofit colleges and universities and technical schools).