

A significant number of scholarship opportunities exist for South Dakota high school graduates who are interested in pursuing their postsecondary career in the state. The South Dakota Board of Regents manages four state scholarship programs (Opportunity, Dakota Corps, Jump Start, and Needs Based), and three endowed scholarships (Bjugstad, Fowler/Kaden, and Scarborough). Each of the six Regental institutions also has a unique set of scholarship opportunities that are designed to encourage graduates to attend a public institution immediately after high school graduation. Below you will find general information pertaining to each of these opportunities, with more detailed information available on the Board of Regents' website at <https://www.sdbor.edu/student-information/Pages/Scholarships.aspx> or by contacting us directly at: info@sdbor.edu



Through the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship (Deadline September 1 for the fall semester) students can receive up to \$6,500 over the course of their postsecondary career if they meet each of the following initial eligibility requirements:

- Resident of South Dakota at time of high school graduation.
- ACT composite or Superscore of 24 or higher or an equivalent score as determined by the Board of Regents on the SAT.
- Complete required coursework in areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Fine Arts, and other areas depending on graduation date. Students are encouraged to review additional information specific to the coursework requirements at <https://sdos.sdbor.edu/require/Pages/Curriculum-Requirements.aspx>
- Complete course requirements listed above with no final grade below a "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) and an un-weighted cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (grade of "B").
- Students earning a composite or superscore of 28 or higher AND meets the ACT college readiness benchmark scores (equaling or exceeding 18 for English, 22 for reading, 22 for math, and 23 for science), are not required to meet the curriculum requirements (see previous two bullet points)
- Effective beginning Fall 2019 Homeschool students are eligible for the SD Opportunity Scholarship with the same requirements as traditional students.



The Dakota Corps Scholarship (Deadline February 1) for high school and college students in South Dakota provides full tuition and generally-applicable fees to selected qualified applicants in critical need occupations that for the 2019-2020 academic year included:

- Teaching K-12 foreign language in a public, private or parochial school. (*Reinstated May 2015*)
- Teaching K-12 special education in a public, private, or parochial school.
- Teaching high school math or science in a public, private, or parochial school.
- Teaching high school career and technical education in a public, private, or parochial school.
- Working as a Registered Nurse.
- Working as an Accountant/Auditor
- Working as an Engineer (includes all fields EXCEPT mining)
- Working in Information Technology

1. The critical need occupations for 2021-2022 will be available in mid-December 2020 on the Dakota Corps Scholarship website at <https://www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/Pages/welcome.aspx>.