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The **Opportunity Scholarship** program was established in 2004 by the South Dakota Legislature to provide up to \$6,500 in financial aid to qualified high school graduates. Starting in Fall 2015, the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship provides up to \$6,500 over four years to a qualifying student who attends an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota. Recipients may participate in the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship program for the equivalent of four academic years (eight consecutive fall and spring terms), or until attaining a baccalaureate degree.

Scholarship Amounts

During each academic year, one-half of the annual scholarship award will be distributed at the beginning of the fall semester and the other half distributed at the beginning of the spring semester:

\$1,300 - 1st year of attendance

\$1,300 - 2nd year of attendance

\$1,300 - 3rd year of attendance

\$2,600 - 4th year of attendance

Participating Institutions

Augustana University
Dakota Wesleyan University
Lake Area Technical Institute
Mitchell Technical Institute
Northern State University
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Southeast Technical Institute
University of Sioux Falls

Black Hills State University
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