
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

\$500 Scholarship

Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship Program for Native American High School Seniors

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ Enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose reservation is located in South Dakota or North Dakota
- ✓ Resident of South Dakota or North Dakota
- ✓ Demonstrated academic achievement
- ✓ High school senior planning to earn a degree in agriculture or natural resources or a related field

To apply, submit all of the following:

- ✓ A completed Bjugstad Scholarship application form
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ An official high school transcript
- ✓ Verification of tribal enrollment

Deadline: February 25, 2023

(must be postmarked on or before this date)

**Scholarship applications and additional information are available from
your high school Guidance Counselor.**

South Dakota Board of Regents Bjugstad Scholarship

Background:

The Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship Program for Native American students was established by the family of Ardell Bjugstad of Rapid City. Bjugstad, who died in 1990, was a range scientist with the U.S. Forest Service for 20 years, an adjunct professor with South Dakota State University, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Oglala Lakota College. He was a strong advocate for young American Indians working to educate themselves and he also worked closely with Oglala Lakota College in mentoring Native American students into the U.S. Forest Service.

This scholarship endowment 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 \$500 scholarship will be allocated to the institution for distribution to the student in two installments of \$250 during the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The scholarship recipient will be approved at the Board of Regents meeting during the Spring 2023.

Minimum Qualifications:

To be considered for this award, an applicant must be:

- A high school senior who has demonstrated academic achievement
- An enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose reservation is located in South Dakota or North Dakota
- A resident of South Dakota or North Dakota
- Planning to earn a degree in agriculture or natural resources or a related field

Application Procedure:

To apply for the Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship, students should submit all of the following by February 25, 2023:

- A completed Bjugstad Scholarship application form
- Two letters of recommendation that address the applicant's academic achievement, character and leadership abilities
- An official high school transcript, complete through the junior year, which indicates the applicant's class rank and cumulative grade point average
- Verification of tribal enrollment

All materials should be mailed to:

South Dakota Board of Regents
Scholarship Committee
306 E. Capitol Avenue, Suite 200
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2545

Application materials must be postmarked on or before February 25, 2023

