



Application for Incoming Freshmen Students

General Information

Applications must be postmarked (or received electronically) by February 1 for priority consideration.

Scholarship applicants will be notified of the decisions.

The Dakota Corps Scholarship Program, created by Governor Rounds, is aimed at encouraging South Dakota high school graduates to:

- Obtain their postsecondary education in South Dakota.
- Remain in the state upon completion of their education.
- Contribute to the state of South Dakota and its citizens by working in a critical need occupation.

The current critical need occupations are:

- Teaching in the following areas in a public, private, or parochial school.
 - K-12 Special Education
 - High School Math or Science
 - High School Career and Technical Education (CTE)
 - K-12 Foreign Language
 - Secondary Language Arts
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Learners (ELL)
 - K-12 Vocal or Instrumental Music
- Working as an Accountant / Auditor.
- Working as an Engineer (includes all fields *EXCEPT* mining, chemical, biomedical, and computer hardware)
- Working in an information technology related field (i.e. Computer Science, Information Assurance, Information Security).
- Working as a Registered Nurse (RN).

The scholarship amount will be equal to tuition and generally applicable fees for 16 credit hours at a public South Dakota college, public technical college, or tribal collect. The scholarship amount at a participating private college will be the same amount that is paid at a public South Dakota college. Participating colleges will provide additional scholarship to cover remaining tuition and fees if needed. It is the intent of the program that the scholarship recipients do not have to pay anything toward tuition and generally applicable fees.

To be considered for the scholarship you must meet all of the following:

- 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 will be allowed to provide supplemental information to qualify if the information for this requirement is not available.
- Have 27 ACT Composite or Superscore 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 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 the student to work in a critical need occupation.
- Be a U.S. citizen or national.

Programs are limited to four years of scholarship. Scholarships will not be provided for summer session students enrolled in traditional four year programs.

To maintain your scholarship eligibility you must:

- Maintain a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Be considered a full-time student as defined by the college.
- Make satisfactory academic progress towards a degree.
- Be certified as accepted into the specific program by the start of your junior year (if in a four year program).
- Attend a participating South Dakota college.

***This scholarship becomes a low-interest loan if you fail to fulfill the program requirements.**



Important Steps

- Complete all items in the Applicant Information Section.
- Attach a copy of your high school transcript and official ACT or SAT score report.
- Send the completed scholarship application (if sending by mail) to:

South Dakota Board of Regents
Attention: Dakota Corps Scholarship Program
306 East Capitol Ave, Suite 200
Pierre, SD 57501

Instructions and Privacy Notice

Applicant Instructions

Use a dark ink ball point pen or typewriter.

Do not complete this form in pencil.

Item 1: Enter your last name, then your first name and middle initial.

Item 2: Enter your nine-digit Social Security Number. Read the Privacy Notice below before completing this item.

Item 3: Enter your permanent home street address, apartment number, city, state, and zip code. If you have a Post Office Box and a street address, list both. A temporary school address is not acceptable.

Item 4: Enter the area code and telephone number for the address listed in Item 3. If you do not have a telephone, enter "N/A".

Item 5: Using only number, enter the month, day, and four-digit year of your birth. (For example, for June 24, 2002, you would enter 06/24/2002). Be careful not to enter the current year.

Item 6: Enter your preferred e-mail address for receiving correspondence. If you do not have an e-mail address, or do not wish to provide it, enter N/A. If you provide your e-mail address, South Dakota Board of Regents may use it to communicate with you. (Note: Some correspondence may occur after high school graduation, so please do not use your K12 email address.)

Item 7: Indicate your U.S. citizenship status by checking "yes". If you are not a U.S. Citizen/National, check "no".

Item 8: Enter the name of the participating South Dakota college you plan to attend.

Item 9: Enter the name and address of the public, parochial, or private high school you attended. If you were home schooled, enter "Home Schooled".

Item 10: Enter the month and year of your high school graduation. (For example, for May 2022, enter 05/2022.)

Item 11a: Indicate "yes" if you were on active duty with an active component of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Item 11b: If you indicated "yes" to **Item 11a**, using only numbers, enter the month, day, and year of your discharge. (For example, for June 20, 2021, enter 06/20/2021.)

Item 12: List the high school activities in which you have been involved. Include organizations, athletics, music, and other extracurricular activities. Also, include years involved, offices held, and special achievements. Please use an additional sheet if needed.

Item 13: List honors and awards you have received while in high school. Include those received through academics, school-related clubs or organizations, athletics, music, other extracurricular activities, and organizations or activities outside of high school. Please use an additional sheet if needed.

Item 14: List community service work in which you have participated. (For example: church-related activities, volunteer work, time used to raise money for charitable causes, or work done to help those in need.) Please use an additional sheet if needed.

Item 15: Check the critical need occupation for which you are pursuing a program of study in South Dakota. Be sure to provide additional information for Teaching, Engineering, and Information Technology Areas.

Item 16: List your ACT Composite or Superscore or SAT math/verbal score received, GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and class rank. You will need to attach a copy of your high school transcript and official ACT score report. A high school official transcript may also certify ACT/SAT scores by placing them on the high school transcript.

Item 17: Please check the appropriate box for each statement which reflects the means as to which you will submit the necessary documents specified.

Item 18: See "Home School Instructions" section provided below.

Item 19: Read, sign, and date the Applicant Statement of Understanding and Consent to Release Information.

Home School Instructions

Item 18: If you are a home school student applying for the scholarship, please provide the contact information indicated for your home school administrator (or parent). The South Dakota Board of Regents will use that information to contact the home school administrator for verification purposes of the ACT or SAT score received, GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and the class rank, if applicable, that are provided on this application. If you (or your homeschool administrator) have additional information pertinent to your home school education that is not provided elsewhere in the application, you may include a brief summary with this application.

Privacy Notice

The information provided in this application will be shared with and/or released to the Dakota Corps Scholarship Board, South Dakota Board of Regents, as designated administrator, and to any parties as it relates to the selection and maintenance of the scholarship program. We will use your Social Security Number only as an identifier for maintaining and retrieving your scholarship records.



Mail To (if applicable):	Applications must be postmarked (or received electronically) by February 1.
South Dakota Board of Regents Attention: Dakota Corps Scholarship Program 306 East Capitol Ave, Suite 200 Pierre, SD 57501	The South Dakota Board of Regents administers the Dakota Corps Scholarship Program on behalf of the Governor's Office.
Call: 1-800-874-9033, if you have any questions about the program or application completion process.	

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WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form shall be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law:

Recipient Information				<i>Please print neatly or type. Read the instructions on the second page of this application carefully.</i>			
1. Last Name		First Name		MI		2. Social Security Number	
3. Permanent Street Address (If P.O. Box, see instructions.)						4. Home Area Code/Telephone Number	
City		State		Zip Code		5. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)	
6. E-mail Address (do NOT use a K12 email as some correspondence may occur after high school graduation.)						7. U.S. Citizen/National Yes No	
8. College Name							
9. High School Attended/School Address							
10. Date of Graduation (Month/Year)		11a. Military Service Yes No		11b. If yes, date of discharge (Month/Day/Year)			

12. List high school activities. Include separate sheet if necessary.

13. List high school honors and awards. Include separate sheet if necessary.

14. List community service work. Include separate sheet if necessary.

15. Check the critical need occupation for which you are pursuing a program of study in South Dakota:

<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Accountant / Auditor
<input type="radio"/> Elementary or Secondary Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse
<input type="radio"/> High School Career and Technical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineer* (includes all fields EXCEPT mining, chemical engineering, biomedical engineering, and computer hardware engineering)
<input type="radio"/> High School Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology*
<input type="radio"/> High School Science	
<input type="radio"/> Elementary or Secondary Foreign Language	
<input type="radio"/> Secondary Language Arts	* If you checked "Engineer" or "Information Technology," please indicate the specific field of study _____
<input type="radio"/> English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Learners (ELL)	
<input type="radio"/> Elementary or Secondary Vocal or Instrumental Music	

Please note—Not all colleges offer the majors listed as critical need areas

16. List ACT Composite, Superscore, or SAT Math/Verbal score, GPA, and class rank.

ACT or SAT Score _____ Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale (**unweighted**) _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____
(Please request unweighted GPA on transcript)

17. ATTACH A COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND ACT / SAT SCORE REPORT
(See applicant authorization in the APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION section below.)

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| • Do you wish to attach a copy of your high school transcript electronically? | Yes | No, I will mail it in separately |
| • Do you wish to attach a copy of your ACT/SAT Score Report electronically? | Yes | No, I will mail it in separately |
| • Do you have any other additional documents you would like to attach? | Yes | No |

18. Are you a home school student? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Home School Parent or Administrator _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Home School Parent / Administrator Telephone Number (including area code) _____

Home School Parent / Administrator Email Address _____

Do you wish to provide a brief summary of any pertinent information relating to your home school education that is not provided elsewhere in the application?

Yes, and I would like to attach it electronically Yes, but I will mail it in separately No, I do not have any additional information

19. APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION: If I receive the Dakota Corps Scholarship, I understand that: I must attend a participating South Dakota college, university, or technical school; I must fulfill a critical need occupation employment requirement; my failure to fulfill the employment requirements will convert this scholarship to an interest-bearing loan. I will sign a separate Acceptance and Promissory Note without which my award cannot be finalized and funds will not be disbursed. I authorize the Dakota Corps Scholarship Board and the South Dakota Board of Regents, as designated administrator, access to any of my school records for the purpose of verifying the validity of my application information. I authorize a school official at my high school to release the requested information in the School Certification below.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____