



# FREEDOM

SCHOLARSHIP SOUTH DAKOTA

## SUPPORTING SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS

The Freedom Scholarship is a need-based scholarship for South Dakota students who plan to study and work in state. If you demonstrate financial need and meet the requirements\*, you can use the scholarship at 11 South Dakota colleges and universities for any bachelor's degree.

### PARTICIPATING COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Augustana University
- Black Hills State University
- Dakota State University
- Dakota Wesleyan University
- Mount Marty University
- Northern State University
- Presentation College
- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- South Dakota State University
- University of Sioux Falls
- University of South Dakota

### DO I QUALIFY?\*

Get started by answering three questions:

\*For a full list of qualifications and requirements, see the back of this sheet.



Are you a South Dakota resident considering going to college in state?



Have you or do you plan on completing your FAFSA?



Do you plan to live and work in South Dakota after graduation?

## HOW TO APPLY

After completing your FAFSA, ask your college or university's financial aid office how to apply. Each school has its own application process.

# FULL QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

## Eligible students must:

- Maintain South Dakota residency for at least one year prior to scholarship application
- Attend an eligible institution
- Demonstrate financial need through the completion of your FAFSA
- Pursue a bachelor's degree
- Maintain a 2.0 college GPA
- Graduate with a bachelor's degree in five years or less
- Commit in writing to living and working in South Dakota for at least three years after graduation
- Acknowledge that any failure to meet these requirements will result in the scholarship being converted to a 4% fixed interest loan

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I MOVE OR DON'T MEET A REQUIREMENT?



If you meet all requirements and work in-state for at least three years after graduation, you don't have to pay the money back.  
Woohoo!



If you decide to move out of state or fail to meet other requirements, the scholarship turns into a 4% fixed interest-bearing loan.



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