



Building a Better Future – For You and For South Dakota

Build Dakota gives students entering South Dakota tech schools an opportunity to plan a foundation for their future. You'll come out of school with no student debt and a set of skills in high demand, so you'll be ready to hit the ground running and start your career right away.

[Statewide Scholarship Bulletin Board - Our Dakota Dreams](#)

Program Details

- Both in-state students and out-of-state students are eligible for the scholarships.
- The scholarships will support tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in the eligible technical institute programs.
- Recipients of the scholarships will commit to living and working in the state, in their field of study, for three years following graduation.
- In the first five years, a projected 300 scholarships will be awarded annually. Beyond the first five years, the endowment will support approximately 50 full-ride scholarships.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or U.S. national
- Applicants need not be South Dakota residents
- Financial need
- Demonstrated aptitude through one or more of the following:
 - The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) or other industry-recognized certifications in the career area.
 - Technical, dual or concurrent credit courses taken in the career interest area.
 - Career & Technical Education coursework completed in the career interest area.
 - Work-based learning experiences, internships or work experience in the career interest area.

Enrolling as a first-time student.

Student Commitment

In accepting scholarship awards, recipients will agree to:

- Enroll full-time in a technical institute program determined as a high-need workforce area in South Dakota.
- Following graduation, work full-time in the field of study in South Dakota for a minimum of three years.