

## Build Dakota Scholarship Program



### WHAT IS IT?

A new scholarship program created through a \$50 million dollar investment in South Dakota's young people, funded by a generous \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and a \$25 million contribution by Gov. Dennis Daugaard from the South Dakota Future Fund.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Build Dakota Scholarships will be awarded to students entering high-need workforce programs at South Dakota's technical institutes to fill the state's technical careers with skilled professionals.
- 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:

- Interest in the high-need workforce areas
- 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

### 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

### APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Application Deadline: April 2015; exact date to be determined in February 2015

Application will be available on the Build Dakota Scholarship webpage soon, at: <http://doe.sd.gov/builddakota>

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## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. WHAT IS THE BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

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### 2. WHAT PROGRAMS OF STUDY QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarship administration board will determine the eligible technical institute programs each year. The board will select high-need programs that address workforce shortages. For the 2015-16, information will be released with the scholarship application in February 2015.

### 3. WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarships will support tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in the eligible program at South Dakota technical institutes.

### 4. IS THERE A CAP ON THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD?

The scholarship covers tuition, fees and other required program expenses for Build Dakota scholars. For the 2014-15 school year, full-time students make the following investments for a technical institute education:

- AAS Programs: Full program expenses range from approximately \$16,000 to \$19,750 (median \$17,875) over the 2-year program. Included in the estimated expenses are tuition and fees, technology, tools and books required to complete the program.
- Diploma Programs: Full program expenses range from approximately \$9,000 to \$12,000 (median \$10,500) for the 1-year program.

### 5. CAN OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS APPLY?

Yes, they can. Both South Dakota students and out-of-state students are eligible for the scholarships.

### 6. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The Build Dakota Scholarship program will begin with newly enrolled students in Fall 2015.

### 7. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CRITICAL NEEDS WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP?

The technical institutes' Critical Needs Workforce Scholarship, which was funded for three years at \$500,000 a year, will be phased out as funds are reallocated to support the Build Dakota scholarship program.