FINANCIAL AID
FINANCING YOUR DSU EDUCATION

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Enrollment Services ............................  (888) 378-9988
(Admissions and Registration)
Financial Aid Office .............................  (605) 256-5152
DSU Athletics Office ............................  (605) 256-5229
Community College for Sioux Falls ....  (866) 220-7085
Enrollment Services Center ................  (800) 404-1547
(For information or inquiries regarding Federal Verification)
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

2022-2023
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WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?
Financial aid is money that you may receive to help offset the cost of your college education. Federal Financial Aid generally does not cover the full cost of attendance. Your financial aid award package could include any of these types of aid:

GRANTS are awards that do not have to be repaid. Most are available through federal funding and are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need.

SCHOLARSHIPS are available from many different sources. Scholarships are generally awarded based on academic achievement or special talents and do not have to be repaid. Institutional scholarships are funded by the Dakota State University Foundation. Be sure to investigate opportunities that may be available from local and regional service clubs, fraternal organizations, and businesses.

DSU also offers students information on outside scholarship opportunities at: dsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/cost-aid/scholarships
Also, check our web site for free scholarship searches that are available.

LOANS are awarded at a pre-determined rate of interest to qualified students. Student loans must be repaid under the specified terms. (94% of DSU students repay their loans on time!!) Repayment obligations usually begin after you complete your education, discontinue enrollment, or if your enrollment status drops below half-time.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT is available to students both on and off campus. The Federal Work Study Program (FWS) positions are awarded based on financial need. FWS employment includes on and off campus positions to serve the needs of the institution and community with available funds.

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES are available through the Career Services Office and are not based on financial need.

ADDITIONAL FINANCING OPTIONS
INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS for educational costs reduce dependence on your current family income, Federal financial aid and alternative education loans. Consider cashing in a plan to assist in paying education expenses.

PARENT PLUS LOAN for Undergraduate Students is available for dependent students. A parent may borrow a PLUS loan to help cover educational expenses. The loan maximum is figured individually, based on your total cost of education minus any financial aid received. Repayment begins after full disbursement unless the parent applies for a forbearance or deferral while the student is enrolled. Graduate students may borrow a PLUS loan in addition to their Stafford loans. The interest rate and eligibility criteria are the same as the parent PLUS.

ALTERNATIVE PRIVATE LOAN Programs are available to interested students who meet individual program eligibility criteria. Students may borrow up to their cost of attendance minus other financial aid received. The interest rates are variable based upon the Treasury bill, prime rate or LIBOR rate and are not capped.

TAX BENEFITS are available to families who choose to submit information on their tax return regarding their out of pocket expenses toward the cost of tuition and certain required fees. The American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning tax credit programs are based on the amount paid by the taxpayer (either the student or the parent who claims the student as an exemption) for these expenses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit the IRS web site at irs.gov/newsroom/tax-benefits-for-education-information-center

DSU students received over $21 million in financial aid in the 2020 award year.
### FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

Financial aid is determined by merit or financial “need.” Merit-based aid is awarded by reviewing an applicant’s academic achievements, special abilities, or leadership skills. Student qualifications are compared against the competitive pool for scholarships. Financial need is based on the amount of educational costs that exist after your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) has been determined. Most financial aid is based on your need, which is determined using the information that you report on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Information reported is used to calculate a fair estimate of what you and your family can provide for educational expenses, known as your EFC, and what need is remaining.

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\text{FINANCIAL NEED} = \text{COST OF EDUCATION} - \text{EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION}
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DSU follows the Federal Philosophy that “the primary responsibility of financing a college education belongs to you and your family.” If you would like an estimate of your family’s contribution before you officially apply for 2022-2023, complete an EFC estimator at [fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://fafsa4caster.ed.gov).

### COST TO ATTEND

The direct educational expenses (tuition, fees, room & board) for a typical DSU student during the 2021-2022 year is approximately $17,058 based on 15 credits per semester for a SD resident student living on campus. Every student will also have additional indirect educational expenses incurred for books, personal expenses and transportation to and from the university. Indirect expenses vary depending on personal needs and circumstances.

Visit [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) a Department of Education web site specifically for students.

### DIRECT UNIVERSITY COSTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR:

**SEPTEMBER 2021 - MAY 2022**

(Based upon 15 credits per semester, includes Tablet PC lease)

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<th>Tuition Residency Status</th>
<th>South Dakota &amp; SD Advantage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Undergraduate Tuition &amp; Fees</td>
<td>$9,634</td>
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<td>On Campus Room &amp; Board*</td>
<td>$7,424</td>
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<td>Est. Direct Education Cost</td>
<td>$17,058</td>
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Cost of attendance budgets vary based upon living arrangements and residency status of a student. Students living off campus should add $1,100 to expected costs over the costs of students on campus. Students living with parents should reduce their expected costs by $3,000 compared to students living on campus.

The estimated costs for books and supplies for an academic year is $1,200.

Financial Aid Budgets will also include estimated costs for travel, personal, and miscellaneous expenses averaging $3,300 to $4,100. Students with dependent care costs or disability expenses should contact the Office of Financial Aid for a budget adjustment.

Double dorm room and minimum meal plan used.

**This tuition rate is equal to 150% of the resident rate, and applies to non-resident students other than those eligible for Minnesota reciprocity.**

New freshmen students and new transfer students from Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado are eligible for a tuition rate equivalent to the resident undergraduate rate.
1. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Return your completed application, high school and/or college academic transcripts, a copy of your American College Testing (ACT) Profile, and $20 application fee to the DSU Admissions Office. You may apply for admission online at: dsu.edu/apply. Final high school transcripts or GED certification is required of all students to receive Federal financial aid.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: You must submit transcripts from any previous institutions you attended before you are awarded Federal financial aid at DSU.

2. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Be sure to check with your high school counselor or principal for local scholarship opportunities and applications. South Dakota high school graduates completing the Regents curriculum and receiving a composite ACT of 24 or better should apply for the SD Opportunity Scholarship.

Check out DSU Scholarships, links to free scholarship searches and outside scholarships at; dsu.edu/admissions/scholarships

3. APPLY FOR A FSA ID

In order to fill out your FAFSA online, both you and a parent will need to create an FSA ID at: https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm.

You’ll need the FSA ID in order to sign your FAFSA online and access other federal student aid sites.

4. COMPLETE THE 2022-2023 FAFSA USING 2020 TAX AND ASSET INFORMATION

You may apply online at www.fafsa.gov. You can complete your application any time after October 1. Both student and parent information is required on the dependent student’s application.

It is recommended that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool within the FAFSA to transfer your tax return information directly onto your FAFSA. If you do not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool you may be required to obtain an official tax return transcript from the IRS.

DSU priority date is March 1 to ensure consideration for certain limited aid programs. Later applications are processed according to available funding. Be sure to include DSU’s school code on your FASFA (003463).

5. REVIEW THE STUDENT AID REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Student Aid Report (SAR) will include your calculated EFC. Your EFC is used to determine your eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant and other types of Federal financial aid at DSU. Check the SAR for accuracy. If you provided the Department of Education your E-mail address, you will receive your SAR electronically within days of completing the electronic application. Otherwise, the SAR will be mailed to you.

6. MAKE CORRECTIONS ONLY IF YOU SUBMITTED INCORRECT DATA

Use one of the following options:
- Provide the correct information with your PIN at www.fafsa.gov. Dependent student corrections will also need a parent PIN to make updates.
- Mail corrections on your signed SAR to the Department of Education’s processor at the address provided.

7. RETURN REQUESTED INFORMATION AS DIRECTED

It is important to promptly complete and return all forms that the Financial Aid Office may require to complete your financial aid file. You may be required to submit a 2020 tax return transcript obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (and your parent’s, if dependent) to the Enrollment Service Center in Vermillion if your application results are chosen for “verification.” Other documentation may also be requested to determine eligibility such as a birth certificate, Social Security card, visa, or marriage certificate. We are required to comply with Federal regulations and verify the information you reported on your FAFSA with documentation that we request.

8. FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER PACKETS

Financial Aid offer notifications are emailed to new students who have been accepted for admission after April 1. Watch your DSU email!
## FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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<td>Dakota State University Presidential Champion Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming freshman, minimum 32 ACT Composite and 3.0 high school GPA</td>
<td>$5,000 - 4 year renewable, must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time DSU enrollment</td>
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<td>Dakota State University Elite Champion Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming freshman, minimum 28 ACT Composite and 3.0 high school GPA</td>
<td>$3,500 - 4 year renewable, must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time DSU enrollment</td>
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<td>Dakota State University Merit Champion Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming freshman, minimum 24 ACT composite and 3.0 high school GPA</td>
<td>$2,500 - 4 year renewable, must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time DSU enrollment</td>
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<td>Dakota State University Achievement Champion Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming freshman, minimum 21 ACT Composite and 3.0 high school GPA</td>
<td>$750 - 4 year renewable, must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time DSU enrollment</td>
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<td>Dakota State University Rising Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming freshman, minimum 30 ACT composite and 3.0 high school GPA, enrollment in an undergraduate degree program within The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences</td>
<td>$5,000 - 4 year renewable, must maintain 3.25 cumulative GPA and full-time DSU enrollment</td>
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<td>Dakota State University Transfer Rising Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming transfer student, minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and 30 ACT, enrollment in a degree program within the Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences</td>
<td>Eligible for up to 8 semesters minus other post-secondary enrollment.</td>
<td>More information available at dssu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/cost-aid/undergraduate-scholarships.html.</td>
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<td>Horatio Alger Denny Sanford Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming freshman who has faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. Have demonstrated financial need ($55,000 or less family income) minimum high school GPA of 2.5.</td>
<td>Up to $10,000 over 4 years</td>
<td>Contact the DSU Athletic Office at 605-256-5229 or <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Walz@dsu.edu">Jennifer.Walz@dsu.edu</a></td>
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<td>Dakota State University Transfer Champion Scholarship</td>
<td>Incoming transfer student, minimum 24 ACT composite, 3.0 cumulative GPA, full time enrollment, or 3.75 cumulative college GPA with minimum 24 earned credits.</td>
<td>$1,500 per year for up to 8 semesters minus other post-secondary enrollment.</td>
<td>More information and application available at sdsu.sdor.edu/transfer or from your high school counselor.</td>
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<td>Dakota State University Foundation Athletic Scholarship</td>
<td>Students who meet the academic and athletic criteria established by the DSU Athletic Department</td>
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<td>South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship</td>
<td>High school graduates with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and composite ACT score of 24; student must be a SD resident, Regents Scholar Curriculum required.</td>
<td>4 year renewable, $1300 first three years, $2600 fourth year. Must maintain 3.0 GPA and complete 30 credits per academic year.</td>
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<td>Dakota Corps Scholarship</td>
<td>Students who graduated from a South Dakota high school with a minimum 2.8 GPA and composite ACT of 27, must agree to work in a critical need occupation as defined by the state for 2 years for each year of college enrolled.</td>
<td>4 year renewable. Full tuition and standard fees up to $18,200; must maintain 2.8 GPA and full-time enrollment.</td>
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<td>South Dakota Education Access Foundation (SDEAF) Grant</td>
<td>Undergraduate students who are residents of SD, must be enrolled full-time and have financial need.</td>
<td>$1,000 per year</td>
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<td>Graduate Assistantships &amp; Fellowships</td>
<td>Qualified graduate students, based on major and/or merit</td>
<td>Tuition rate assessed at 1/3 resident graduate tuition rate for state-support courses, stipend</td>
<td>Additional information available at dsu.edu/admissions/graduate/index.html</td>
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<td>Federal Pell Grant</td>
<td>Students with a low calculated family contribution</td>
<td>$672-$6,495 in 2021-2022 (prorated for less than full-time enrollment)</td>
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<td>Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant</td>
<td>Student with a low calculated family contribution and exceptional financial need</td>
<td>$100 - $2,000 per year</td>
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<td>Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant</td>
<td>Students who plan to teach in a high-need field in a low income school district. Teaching service requirement is four years of full-time teaching.</td>
<td>Up to $4,000 per year for full-time enrollment.</td>
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<td>Federal Subsidized Direct Loan</td>
<td>Students who demonstrate financial need</td>
<td>Max annual amounts per grade level; 1 - $3,500; 2 - $4,500; 3 &amp; higher - $5,500;</td>
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<td>Students with low or no financial need, to replace a portion of the family contribution</td>
<td>$2000/year for dependent Undergraduates</td>
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<td>Federal PLUS Loan</td>
<td>Parents of undergraduate dependent students and graduate students</td>
<td>Up to total cost of attendance less financial aid repayment begins 60 days after full disbursement</td>
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<td>Alternative education loan</td>
<td>Credit ready enrolled students (Most students will need a credit worthy-cosigner)</td>
<td>Up to total cost of attendance less expected financial aid</td>
<td>Obtain an application from lenders or online at choice.fas.harvard.edu, or call 1-800-903-3839.</td>
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<td>Federal Work Study</td>
<td>Students with exceptional financial need</td>
<td>DSU 2021-2022 award $2,800; paid monthly as the hours are worked</td>
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