

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Scholarships

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Scholarships are provided to South Dakota Mines students from donated funds through the Hardrock Club and the Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement (CARA).

Scholarships are awarded consistent with the conditions made in accordance with the gift agreement between the donor and CARA and/or the Hardrock Club, and according to Scholarship Eligibility (below).

Athletic Scholarships

The Hardrock Club and CARA shall communicate the amount of funds available for athletic scholarships and any conditions on those scholarship funds to the Athletic Director on a mutually agreed schedule.

The Athletic Director shall establish and communicate to head coaches the scholarship budgets for each sport in compliance with NCAA rules.

The Athletic Director and the head coaches of each sport are responsible for selecting athletic scholarship recipients. The Athletic Department communicates this information with the Financial Aid Office, who is responsible for the award notification of athletic scholarships in compliance with financial aid and NCAA rules and regulations.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee includes the Associate Provost for Academic Administration, a designee from the Financial Aid Office, and any faculty or staff with feedback relevant to the scholarship awarding criteria.

Scholarship Eligibility

All students receiving university scholarships must have at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) AND be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours per semester). If a student is graduating in the academic year in which they are receiving a scholarship, they are not required to be a full-time student in order to be eligible to receive a university scholarship.

Some scholarships require a higher GPA as specified by the donor.

Scholarship Program

Incoming freshmen students receive 4-year scholarship offers using the scholarship matrix from the University's website. Additional information is available from the Financial Aid staff. Students must maintain at least a 3.0 University GPA and complete at least 24 University credit hours to retain the scholarship in future years. Exceptions may be made for majors that require coursework from other SDBOR universities. Students are required to write a thank you letter addressed to the donor and sent to the Foundation for their delivery to the donor. Students who do not complete this requirement may have their scholarship revoked for the remaining years of their scholarship award.

After the end of the spring semester, the Financial Aid Office reviews student transcripts to ensure the renewable scholarship criteria have been met. Students have the summer term to meet the renewable criteria and are given an option to appeal. For students who do not meet the renewable scholarship criteria, a review will be completed after each semester to determine if their scholarship will be reinstated. Students who meet the renewable scholarship criteria after the fall semester will receive one-half of the full-year scholarship in the spring semester and then will join all other students for a review at the end of each spring semester.

Students are only eligible to receive their 4-year scholarship the first four years of their academic journey at the University. Students who participate in a cooperative education assignment may still receive their renewable scholarship as long as they are taking the co-op for credit. Students who do not take the co-op for credit will forfeit their scholarship for that semester.

Departmental Scholarships

The Financial Aid Office will inform Departments of the availability of scholarship funds for students in majors offered by the Department.

To the maximum extent possible, scholarship offers for incoming freshmen shall be awarded at the same time as university scholarships so that families have a complete picture of all aid available from the University.

Financial Need Scholarships

Some scholarships require that students demonstrate financial need. To be eligible for need-based scholarships, students must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in each year of attendance.

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