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Regents Seek Native American Students for Bjugstad Scholarship

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents is continuing the application process for a special college scholarship open to Native American high school seniors.

Native American high school seniors who plan to pursue postsecondary studies in agribusiness, agricultural production, agricultural sciences, or natural resources may qualify for the Ardell Bjugstad scholarship program. “This is one of several endowed scholarships administered by the Board of Regents,” said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. “It was created by the Bjugstad family in memory of Ardell Bjugstad, a federal government range scientist who encouraged American Indian students to pursue higher education,” he said.

Applicants must provide verification of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe whose reservation is located in South Dakota or North Dakota, be a resident of either state, and demonstrate academic achievement as documented on an official high school transcript. The one-time \$500 scholarship may be used at any accredited postsecondary institution and will be distributed to the institution in two installments of \$250 each in the recipient’s first year of attendance.

Bjugstad Scholarship information and application materials are available on the Web at www.sdbor.edu/administration/academics/Scholarships.htm or by contacting high school guidance counselors. Multiple awards may be made, depending on the pool of qualified applicants and available funding. Completed application materials, postmarked by April 20, 2006, should be sent to:

South Dakota Board of Regents
Scholarship Committee
306 E. Capitol Avenue, Suite 200
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2545