
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

\$1,000 Scholarship in Elementary Education

Annis I. Fowler/Kaden Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ A 3.0 cumulative high school GPA
- ✓ First-time entering freshman at BHSU, DSU, NSU or USD in 2019
- ✓ Intent to major in Elementary Education

To apply, submit all of the following:

- ✓ A completed Fowler/Kaden Scholarship application form
- ✓ An original essay on a topic selected by the donors each year
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Official high school transcript
- ✓ Copy of the applicant's ACT test results

Deadline: February 22, 2019

(must be postmarked on or before this date)

**Scholarship applications and additional information are available from
your high school Guidance Counselor.**

South Dakota Board of Regents Annis I. Fowler/Kaden Scholarship

Background: The Annis Irene Fowler/Kaden Scholarship was established in 1989 by the family of Annis Irene Fowler Kaden to recognize and continue Annis' dedication to education. Born in Grant County, S.D. to an English immigrant family, Annis Fowler began a teaching career in 1927 that spanned nearly 50 years. She obtained her B.A. from Northern Normal School and eventually specialized in teaching students with various learning disabilities.

The recipients of two scholarships, each at \$1,000, will be approved at the Board of Regents meeting in March 2019. The scholarships will be allocated to the institution for distribution to the students in two equal installments of \$500 during the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters.

Eligibility: Eligibility for these awards is limited to two high school seniors who:

- ✓ Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 after three years.
- ✓ Will be a first-time entering freshman at BHSU, DSU, NSU or USD.
- ✓ Will select elementary education as their major field.

To apply for the Fowler/Kaden Memorial Scholarship:

- ✓ Apply to a South Dakota public university granting degrees in Elementary Education;
- ✓ Complete a Fowler/Kaden Scholarship application form;
- ✓ Ask two teachers to send letters that address the student's academic achievement, character, leadership and motivational abilities;
- ✓ Submit an official high school transcript, complete through the junior year, which indicates **class rank and cumulative grade point average** AND a list of courses to be taken during the senior year;
- ✓ Write an original typed, double-spaced essay (1,000-1,500 words) on the topic selected by the donor. The 2019 essay topic is provided on the application.
- ✓ Submit a copy of your ACT test results.
- ✓ Mail application and essay to Board of Regents (address below).

Selection Criteria:

- ✓ GPA - 10 points
- ✓ High school courses - 10 points (Special attention given to science and mathematics courses.)
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation - 10 points
- ✓ Essay - 10 points
- ✓ Special consideration given to students with demonstrated motivational ability, a disability, or who are self-supporting.

All materials should be mailed to:

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

Application materials must be postmarked on or before by February 22, 2019.

2019 Fowler/Kaden Scholarship Essay Topic

Since 2004 school districts around the country have been held accountable for the progress of their students through the use of a common state administered examination. Most recently South Dakota has adopted the Smarter Balanced Assessment tool for evaluating student progress and development in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. Additionally, the new accountability model for the state requires that student growth scores be calculated to determine the impact a teacher had on his/her progression at a given grade level. What do you feel are benefits or disadvantages to taking this approach of evaluating teachers based on the growth individual students have had in their class over the course of the year? How would you approach your future classroom differently under this type of accountability framework?

Note: This essay topic is provided in consultation with the donor according to the terms of the agreement with the Board of Regents establishing the scholarship.