

# South Dakota

## Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship

### Application Information

#### General Information

**Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by March 15 for priority consideration.**

**Please submit application via DocuSign unless paper copy is required.  
Scholarship applicants will be notified of the decisions.  
Scholarship is awarded for one year, must reapply to be considered for a second year.**

The Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Program is aimed at encouraging South Dakota high school graduates to:

- Obtain their postsecondary education in South Dakota.
- Remain in the state upon completion of their education.
- Contribute to the state of South Dakota and its citizens by working in a critical teaching need occupation.

The current critical teaching need occupations within a public, private, or parochial school are:

- Secondary
  - Math
  - Science
  - Career and Technical Education
  - Language Arts
  - World Language
- K-12
  - Special Education
  - English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Learners (ELL)
  - Vocal or Instrumental Music

The scholarship amount will be determined by calculating the student's remaining financial need, and may not exceed the tuition and generally applicable fees for 30 credit hours at a public South Dakota postsecondary institution.

Note: From the total pool of applicants, a limited number will be selected.

To be considered for the scholarship you must meet all of the following:

- Agree in writing to stay in South Dakota and work in a critical teaching need occupation for five years after graduating from a participating postsecondary institution;
- Agree, through a promissory note, that failure to abide by the employment requirement above will result in the scholarship being converted into an interest-bearing loan;
- Attend a participating South Dakota postsecondary institution as an undergraduate enrolled in your final two years of postsecondary education and be fully admitted in an elementary or secondary education program at the institution that is preparing you to work in a critical need teaching area; and
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.
- Have a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and an average of 2.8 GPA for all major coursework.

A student is eligible to receive the scholarship for two academic years (four consecutive fall and spring terms) or until the attainment of a baccalaureate degree in elementary or secondary education in a critical need teaching area, whichever comes first.

To maintain your scholarship eligibility you must:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Be considered a full-time student as defined by the college.
- Make satisfactory academic progress towards a degree.
- Attend a participating South Dakota college.

**\*This scholarship becomes a low-interest loan if you fail to fulfill the program requirements.**

# Instructions and Privacy Notice

Applications Steps	Submitting Your Application & Documents	Mailing Address and Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Application</li> <li>• Write essay (include your name)</li> <li>• Attach necessary documents                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• High School Transcript</li> <li>• ACT Score</li> <li>• College Transcript</li> <li>• Any additional documents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Submission                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DocuSign</li> <li>• PDF Mailed to Board of Regents</li> <li>• PDF via Document Submission Form</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Document Submission                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attach to DocuSign Application</li> <li>• Mailed to Board of Regents</li> <li>• Document Submission Form</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mailing: SD Board of Regents Attn: Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship 306 E. Capitol, Suite 200 Pierre, SD 57501</li> <li>• Document Submission</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="https://www.sdbor.edu/student-information/scholarships/CTNS/Pages/Apply_Now.aspx">https://www.sdbor.edu/student-information/scholarships/CTNS/Pages/Apply_Now.aspx</a> </p> 

## Applicant Instructions

*Please complete the document via DocuSign unless paper copy is required. If completing a paper copy, please use a dark ink ball point pen.*

**Item 1:** Enter your last name, then your first name and middle initial.

**Item 2:** Enter your nine-digit Social Security Number, Read the Privacy Notice below before completing this item.

**Item 3:** Enter your permanent home street address, apartment number, city, state, and zip code. If you have a Post Office Box and a street address, list both. A temporary school address is not acceptable.

**Item 4:** Enter the area code and telephone number for the address listed in Item 3. If you do not have a telephone, enter "N/A".

**Item 5:** Using only number, enter the month, day, and four-digit year of your birth. (For example, for June 24, 1998, you would enter 06/24/1998). Be careful not to enter the current year.

**Item 6:** Enter your school e-mail address and personal email address for receiving correspondence. Please include both as correspondence may occur following your graduation. By providing your e-mail address, South Dakota Board of Regents may use it to communicate with you.

**Item 7:** Indicate your U.S. citizenship status by checking "Yes". If you are not a U.S. Citizen/National, check "No".

**Item 8:** Enter the name of the public, parochial, or private high school you attended. If you were home schooled, enter "Home Schooled".

**Item 9:** List your cumulative high school grade point average (GPA—unweighted, on a 4.0 scale), class rank, and composite ACT score. You will need to attach a copy of your high school transcript or arrange for the high school that you are from to send an official copy of your high school transcript to the Board of Regents—this can be done via the document submission form. ACT Scores on a high school transcript are valid documentation.

**Item 10:** Enter the name of the participating South Dakota college you are currently attending.

**Item 11:** Enter the month and year you anticipate to graduate from your postsecondary institution. (For example, for May 2024, enter 05/2024.)

**Item 12a:** Indicate "Yes" if you were on active duty with an active component of the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Item 12b:** If you indicated "Yes" to Item 12a, using only numbers, enter the month, day, and year of your discharge. (For example, for June 20, 2019, enter 06/20/2019.)

**Item 13:** List your cumulative postsecondary grade point average (GPA). You will need to attach a copy of your current transcript. A copy may be submitted via the document submission form.

**Item 14:** Select what your university classification will be at the start of the Fall 2023 semester.

**Item 15:** Please check the appropriate box for each statement which reflects the means as to which you will submit the documents specified.

**Item 16a:** Indicate "Yes" or "No" if this your first time applying for the scholarship.

**Item 16b:** If you checked "No" to Item 16a above, indicate if you were selected to receive funding for this scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters). By checking "Yes" for Item 16b, you are signifying that you are requesting consideration to be awarded the second year of funds for this scholarship.

**Item 17:** Check the critical teaching need occupation for which you are pursuing a program of study in South Dakota.

**Item 18:** List the high school and college activities in which you have been involved. Include organizations, athletics, music, and other extracurricular activities. Also, include years involved, offices held, and special achievements. Emphasis will be placed on college activities. Please use an additional sheet if needed.

**Item 19:** List community service work in which you have participated. (For example: church-related activities, volunteer work, time used to raise money for charitable causes, or work done to help those in need.) Emphasis will be placed on community service work done in college. Please use an additional sheet if needed.

**Item 20:** List honors and awards you have received while in high school and college. Include those received through academics, school-related clubs or organizations, athletics, music, other extracurricular activities, and organizations or activities outside of high school. Emphasis will be placed on honors and awards earned in college. Please use an additional sheet if needed.

**Item 21:** Write a short (no more than one page) essay on the following subject: Research indicates that increasing screen time negatively impacts cognitive, affective, psychomotor, and physical health and capabilities of youth. Despite this understanding, screen-related technology is pervasive in the United States with toys and tools marketed to infants through the elderly. What impacts will screen time cause for elementary education teaching and learning.

*If for any reason you must submit it separately, be certain to include your name on the essay and the scholarship program title.*

*By consenting to the public release of your essay, the CTNS Board may use all or part of it in a press release or other public announcement in promotion of the scholarship program and/or its recipient.*

**Item 22:** Read, sign, and date the Applicant Statement of Understanding and Consent to Release Information.

**Application Information and Document Submission:**

[https://www.sdbor.edu/student-information/scholarships/CTNS/Pages/Apply\\_Now.aspx](https://www.sdbor.edu/student-information/scholarships/CTNS/Pages/Apply_Now.aspx)



Application questions can be directed to [Kerri.Richards@sdbor.edu](mailto:Kerri.Richards@sdbor.edu) or 605-773-3455

## Privacy Notice

The information provided in this application will be shared with and/or released to the Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board, South Dakota Board of Regents, as designated administrator, and to any parties as it relates to the selection and maintenance of the scholarship program. We will use your Social Security Number only as an identifier for maintaining and retrieving your scholarship records.

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### Applicant Information

**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form shall be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law:

### Recipient Information *Please print neatly or type. Read the instructions on the second page of this application carefully.*

1. Last Name	First Name	MI	2. Social Security Number
3. Permanent Street Address (If P.O. Box, see instructions.)			4. Home Area Code/Telephone Number
City	State	Zip Code	5. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)
6. School Email:		7. U.S. Citizen/National <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Personal Email:			
8. High School Attended:		9. Cumulative high school GPA _____ Composite ACT Score _____	
10. Name of College Currently Attending			
11. Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year)	12a. Military Service <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	12b. If yes, date of discharge (Month/Day/Year)	
13. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) _____			
14. University Classification at the start of the Fall 2023 semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (60-89 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (90+ credits)			
<b>15. ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT</b> <small>(See applicant authorization in the APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION section below.)</small>			
	<b>Attach to DocuSign Application</b>	<b>Use Document Submission Form</b>	<b>Mail in Separately</b>
High School Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACT Score	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16a. Is this your first time applying for this scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
16b. If you indicated "No" above, were you awarded funds for this scholarship in the 2022-2023 academic year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
17. Check the critical teaching need occupation for which you are pursuing a program of study in South Dakota:			
<u>Secondary Education</u>		<u>K-12 Education</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="checkbox"/> World Language	<input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Learners (ELL)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education (CTE)		<input type="checkbox"/> Vocal or Instrumental Music	

18. List high school and college activities—focusing on college activities. Include separate sheet if necessary.

19. List community service work—focusing on college service work. Include separate sheet if necessary.

20. List high school and college honors and awards—focusing on those earned in college. Include separate sheet if necessary.

21. Write a short essay on the following topic and attach it to this application.

Research indicates that increasing screen time negatively impacts cognitive, affective, psychomotor, and physical health and capabilities of youth. Despite this understanding, screen-related technology is pervasive in the United States with toys and tools marketed to infants through the elderly. What impacts will screen time cause for elementary education teaching and learning.

Do you consent to the release of all or a portion of your essay to be used in a press release or other public announcement?  Yes  No

22. APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION: If I receive the Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship, I understand that: I must attend a participating South Dakota college, university, or technical school; I must fulfill a critical teaching need occupation employment requirement; my failure to fulfill the employment requirements will convert this scholarship to an interest-bearing loan. I will sign a separate Acceptance and Promissory Note without which my award cannot be finalized and funds will not be disbursed. I authorize the Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board and the South Dakota Board of Regents, as designated administrator, access to any of my school records for the purpose of verifying the validity of my application information. I authorize a school official at my high school to release the requested information in the School Certification below.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_