

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**  
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**AGENDA ITEM: 6 – T**  
**DATE: December 7-8, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**Reduced Tuition Annual Report**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

- [BOR Policy 5:5:1](#) – Tuition and Fees: On-Campus Tuition
- [SDCL § 3-20-1](#) – Reduced Tuition for Certain State Employees
- [SDCL § 33-6-5](#) – Tuition Benefits for National Guard Members
- [SDCL § 13-55-2](#) – Veterans Entitled to Free Tuition at State Institutions
- [SDCL § 13-55-6](#) – Free Education of Children of Residents Who Died During Service in the Armed Forces
- [SDCL § 13-55-10](#) – Free Tuition to Child or Spouse of NG Member Disabled or Deceased in the Line of Duty
- [SDCL § 13-55-11](#) – Free Tuition and Fees for Visually Impaired Persons
- [SDCL § 13-55-22](#) – Free Tuition for Survivors of Certain Firefighters, Certified Law Enforcement Officers, and Emergency Medical Technicians
- [SDCL § 13-55-24](#) – Reduced Tuition for Elementary or Secondary Teachers or Vocational Instructors

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Board Policy 5:5:1 outlines the tuition reduction programs available to students. The tuition reduction programs included in this report cover both Board approved and legislatively mandated programs and relate to on-campus courses for the 2022 academic school year (Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022).

**BOARD APPROVED PROGRAMS**

- Persons 65 Years of Age or Older (SC): The tuition for resident students sixty-five (65) years of age or older during the calendar year enrolled shall be one-fourth (1/4) of the cost of resident tuition.
- Graduate Fellows and Assistants (GA/GAS): Resident graduate assistants and graduate student fellows shall be assessed 53% of the resident graduate tuition rate for all on-campus courses, nonresidents shall be assessed 63%.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

- Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets (ROT): South Dakota residents who are junior and senior students and who are contracted senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets shall be charged fifty percent (50%) of the undergraduate resident tuition rate established by the Board of Regents for not more than four semesters.
- Western Regional Graduate Program (WRG): Students from the WICHE states can participate in the Western Regional Graduate Program. The graduate programs that have been approved by the Board for South Dakota allow students to pay in-state tuition rates.
- Children of Alumni (COAB/COAD/COAN/COAM/COAS/COAU): Effective summer 2015, first-time freshmen and new transfer students who attend the same university where their parent or legal guardian received a degree, provided the student meets eligibility criteria established by the home institution, shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.
- South Dakota Advantage (ISR): First-time freshmen and new transfer students from Colorado, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming beginning with the summer 2019 term shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.

#### LEGISLATIVE APPROVED PROGRAMS

- Child of Deceased Veteran (SDCL § 13-55-6) (CDV): Any person under the age of twenty-five years, a resident of this state, and is a child of a deceased parent, mother or father who was a veteran as defined in § 33-17-2, is entitled to free tuition to pursue any course of study in any state educational institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents.
- Dependents of National Guardsmen Disabled or Deceased in Line of Duty (SDCL § 13-55-10) (DDD): South Dakota residents under the age of 25 years whose father, mother, or spouse died or sustained a total permanent disability resulting from duty as a South Dakota National Guard member, while on state active duty or any authorized training duty, shall be entitled to tuition without cost and be entitled to attend any course or courses of study.
- Employees of the State of South Dakota (SDCL § 3-20-1) (SDE): Employees of the state who meet eligibility requirements and are admitted to the university may be eligible for a fifty percent (50%) tuition reduction for undergraduate and graduate courses up to a maximum of six credit hours per semester.
- Survivors of Fire Fighters, Certified Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians (SDCL § 13-55-22) (SFP): If a firefighter or certified law enforcement officer or an emergency medical technician dies as a direct result of injuries received in performance of official duties, the survivor, upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any state-supported university of higher education or state-supported technical or

- vocational school, shall be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or vocational degree for so long as the survivor is eligible, free of any tuition. However, the bachelor's degree or vocational degree shall be earned within a thirty-six month or eight semester period or its equivalent.
- Certain Elementary and Secondary Teachers and Vocational Instructors (SDCL § 13-55-24) (TC): Certain elementary and secondary school teachers and vocational instructors may pursue any undergraduate or graduate course on campus upon payment of fifty percent (50%) of tuition and 100% of required fees.
  - Veterans and Others Who Performed War Service (SDCL § 13-55-2 through 13-55-4) (QV): Veterans and others who performed active war service may pursue any undergraduate course or courses without payment of charges for tuition for each month of qualified service or major fraction thereof a month in academic time. No eligible person shall be entitled to less than one nor more than four academic years of free tuition. Note: Many veterans will be coded as National Guard (NG), so the actual number of veterans qualifying will be understated.
  - Dependents of Prisoner of War or Missing in Action (SDCL § 13-55-9.2) (DPM): Any dependent of a prisoner of war or a person missing in action, upon his being duly accepted for enrollment into any state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school, shall be entitled to eight semesters or twelve quarters, free of tuition and mandatory fees other than subsistence expenses, for either full or part-time study, for so long as he is eligible.
  - Visually Impaired Persons (SDCL §§ 13-55-11 through 13-55-13) (VH): Residents of South Dakota who are visually impaired and are eligible for admission may pursue any course of study without payment of tuition and fees that other students are required to pay directly to the university until they have received two hundred twenty-five (225) semester hours of credit or its equivalent.
  - National Guard Members (SDCL § 33-6-5) (NG): All National Guard students are entitled to a benefit of fifty percent (50%) of the in-state resident tuition to be paid or otherwise credited by the Board of Regents. As of FY13, the Army's regulatory policy no longer allowed federal tuition assistance to be applied toward fees. Because this change would have meant a loss of \$1,800 to a full-time National Guard member, the Board staff worked diligently to find a solution. The Army agreed that the Board could apply the fifty percent (50%) reduced-tuition benefit to fees, allowing the full tuition to be paid with federal tuition assistance. The Board still only provides a benefit equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the tuition, but it is applied to GAF, allowing the student to be eligible for more tuition assistance.

## IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board waived an estimated total of \$2,430,212 in tuition for National Guard members. When added to the \$11,649,727 for all other programs, the total tuition waived was \$14,079,938 for the 2022 academic year.

Attachment I provides the amount of tuition dollars waived for each of the programs listed above as well as the amount of student fees, tuition, and housing collected from participants in the reduced tuition programs.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – All Campus Tuition Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2022 - Estimate of System Tuition Waived/Tuition, Fees, and Housing Collected on Reduced Tuition Programs



**South Dakota Board of Regents**  
**All Campus Reduced Tuition Programs for Academic Year 2022**  
**Estimate of System Tuition Waived/ Tuition, Fees, and Housing Collected on Reduced Tuition Programs**

Program	Academic Level	Campus	Number of Credit		Per Cr Hour Regular Cost	Tuition Total		Per Cr Hour Reduced Cost	Tuition Total		Student Fees	Room & Board	Total Revenue Collected
			Students	Hours		Regular Cost	Reduced Cost		Tuition Waived	Total Revenue			
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	NSU	3	14	\$ 253.85	\$ 3,554	\$ 126.95	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,777	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad - Ctr/Remote	NSU	13	68	\$ 354.75	\$ 24,272	\$ 227.85	\$ 15,589	\$ 8,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,589	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad - Ctr/Remote	SDSU	8	22	\$ 354.75	\$ 7,805	\$ 225.20	\$ 4,954	\$ 2,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,954	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	SDSU	4	8	\$ 259.10	\$ 2,073	\$ 129.55	\$ 1,036	\$ 1,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,036	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad - Ctr/Remote	USD	6	17	\$ 354.75	\$ 6,031	\$ 225.20	\$ 3,763	\$ 2,268	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,763	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Undergrad	USD	1	3	\$ 259.10	\$ 777	\$ 129.55	\$ 389	\$ 388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 389	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	BHSU	1	3	\$ 333.25	\$ 1,000	\$ 166.65	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Grad - Ctr/Remote	BHSU	41	206	\$ 470.45	\$ 96,913	\$ 303.85	\$ 62,593	\$ 34,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,593	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Grad - Ctr/Remote	DSU	19	87	\$ 470.45	\$ 40,929	\$ 303.85	\$ 26,435	\$ 14,494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,435	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	DSU	2	6	\$ 333.25	\$ 2,000	\$ 166.65	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	NSU	3	9	\$ 333.25	\$ 2,999	\$ 166.65	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Grad - Ctr/Remote	NSU	58	407	\$ 470.45	\$ 191,473	\$ 303.85	\$ 123,691	\$ 67,782	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,691	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	SDSU	18	52	\$ 340.15	\$ 17,688	\$ 170.10	\$ 8,845	\$ 8,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,845	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Grad - Ctr/Remote	SDSU	31	179	\$ 470.45	\$ 84,211	\$ 300.35	\$ 53,763	\$ 30,448	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,763	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Graduate	USD	19	82	\$ 340.15	\$ 27,892	\$ 170.10	\$ 13,873	\$ 14,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,873	
TC-Resident Teacher Certificate	Grad - Ctr/Remote	USD	89	496	\$ 470.45	\$ 233,343	\$ 300.35	\$ 148,841	\$ 84,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,841	
<b>Sub Total of Board and Legislative Approved Programs</b>			<b>4,751</b>	<b>96,369</b>		<b>\$ 36,504,902</b>		<b>\$ 24,855,175</b>	<b>\$ 11,649,727</b>	<b>\$ 27,916,289</b>	<b>\$ 30,632,491</b>	<b>\$ 83,403,955</b>	
National Guard Programs						\$ 4,218,628		\$ 1,874,578	\$ 2,344,051				
						\$ 173,819		\$ 87,658	\$ 86,161				
Law													
Pharm													
<b>Total Amount Waived</b>									<b>\$ 14,079,938</b>				

(1) The Board waived a total or a portion of the USF and GAF for Army National Guard members