

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: I – D

DATE: April 1-2, 2015

SUBJECT: Spring 2015 Tuition Reduction Programs

Board Policies 5:5 and 5:5:1 outline the tuition reduction programs available to students. The tuition reduction programs included in the report cover both Board approved and legislatively mandated programs and relate to state-support courses.

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.
- ◆ Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets (ROTC): 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.
- ◆ North Dakota Residents Attending Northern State University (NSUND): First-time freshmen and new transfer students from North Dakota enrolled beginning with the summer 2004 term at Northern State University shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.
- ◆ Western Regional Graduate Program (WRG): The Master’s and Ph.D. degree programs in materials engineering and science, offered by South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, are part of the Western Regional Graduate Program allowing students from WICHE compact states to attend the program at the resident tuition rate.
- ◆ Wyoming Residents Attending Black Hills State University (WY): First-time freshmen and new transfer students from Wyoming enrolled beginning with the summer 2013 term at Black Hills State University shall be assessed the resident tuition rate. This reduced rate is available only at the undergraduate level.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Information only.

LEGISLATIVE APPROVED PROGRAMS

- ◆ Child of Deceased Veteran (SDCL § 13-55-6) (CDV): Free education for children of residents who died during service in armed forces. Any person under the age of twenty-five years, a resident of this state, who 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 Offices 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 § 13-24) (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 USF/GAF, allowing the student to be eligible for more tuition assistance.

The Board waived a total of \$160,468 in tuition and USF fees for Guard members. When added to the \$276,423 for all other programs, the total tuition and fees waived would be \$436,891 for the spring semester.

Attachment I provides the student numbers, state-support hours and tuition amounts, university support fees, general activity fees, room and board, and total revenue for the Regental system.

Attachment II provides the amount of tuition dollars waived for each of the programs including the National Guard program explained above.

South Dakota Board of Regents
State-Support Reduced Tuition Programs for Spring 2015
Estimate of Tuition, Fees and Housing Collected

Reduced Tuition Program	Level	Tuition Rate	Number of Students	State Hours	Tuition	University Support	General Activity	Room & Board	Total Revenue
Child of Deceased SD Veteran	UGRAD	\$0.00	1	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326.00	\$1,326.00
North Dakota NSU Student	UGRAD	\$133.10	80	1096	\$145,878.00	\$98,968.00	\$31,455.00	\$125,318.00	\$401,619.00
Qualified Veteran Undergrad	UGRAD	\$0.00	3	32	\$0.00	\$2,890.00	\$1,226.00	\$0.00	\$4,116.00
Reserve Officer Training Corps	UGRAD	\$69.40	6	55	\$3,817.00	\$4,967.00	\$1,540.00	\$0.00	\$10,324.00
Senior Citizen	UGRAD	\$33.30	1	3	\$100.00	\$271.00	\$86.00	\$0.00	\$457.00
Senior Citizen	UGRAD	\$34.75	2	7	\$243.00	\$632.00	\$268.00	\$0.00	\$1,143.00
Senior Citizen	GRAD	\$52.60	6	15	\$789.00	\$1,355.00	\$502.00	\$0.00	\$2,646.00
Resident SD Employee	UGRAD	\$66.55	6	25	\$1,664.00	\$2,257.00	\$712.00	\$0.00	\$4,633.00
Resident SD Employee	UGRAD	\$69.40	18	85	\$5,899.00	\$7,676.00	\$2,706.00	\$0.00	\$16,281.00
Resident SD Employee	LAW	\$149.95	1	1	\$150.00	\$723.00	\$306.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.00
Resident SD Employee	GRAD	\$100.95	5	19	\$1,918.00	\$1,715.00	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$4,178.00
Resident SD Employee	GRAD	\$105.20	61	262	\$27,562.00	\$23,659.00	\$9,070.00	\$0.00	\$60,291.00
Resident Teacher Certificate	UGRAD	\$66.55	1	3	\$200.00	\$271.00	\$86.00	\$0.00	\$557.00
Resident Teacher Certificate	GRAD	\$100.95	4	19	\$1,918.00	\$1,716.00	\$534.00	\$0.00	\$4,168.00
Resident Teacher Certificate	GRAD	\$105.20	5	18	\$1,894.00	\$1,625.00	\$689.00	\$0.00	\$4,208.00
Visually Handicapped	UGRAD	\$0.00	3	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,383.00	\$3,383.00
Visually Handicapped	GRAD	\$0.00	1	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Western Regional Graduate Prog	GRAD	\$201.85	1	3	\$606.00	\$270.00	\$92.00	\$2,628.00	\$3,596.00
Western Regional Graduate Prog	GRAD	\$210.40	8	62	\$13,045.00	\$5,598.00	\$2,503.00	\$2,628.00	\$23,774.00
Wyoming Student	UGRAD	\$133.10	151	1916	\$255,020.00	\$173,014.00	\$58,438.00	\$218,409.00	\$704,881.00
			<u>364</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>\$460,703</u>	<u>\$327,607</u>	<u>\$110,758</u>	<u>\$353,692</u>	<u>\$1,252,760</u>

**South Dakota Board of Regents
State-Support Tuition Reduction Programs for Fall 2014
Estimate of System Tuition Waived**

<u>Program</u>	Student Numbers	Credit Hours	Per Cr Hour Regular Cost	Tuition Total Regular Cost	Per Cr Hour Reduced Cost	Tuition Total Reduced Cost	Tuition Waived
Board Approved							
ND Residents-NSU	80	1,096	\$199.75	\$218,926	\$133.10	\$145,878	(\$73,048)
WY-Wyoming Residents-BHSU	151	1,916	\$199.75	\$382,721	\$133.10	\$255,020	(\$127,701)
Persons 65 Years of Age/Older-Undergraduate	3	10	\$133.10 / \$138.80	\$1,371	\$33.30 / \$34.75	\$343	(\$1,028)
Persons 65 Years of Age/Older-Graduate	6	15	\$201.85/210.40	\$3,156	\$50.45/ \$52.60	\$789	(\$2,367)
Reserve Office Training Corps	6	55	\$138.80	\$7,634	\$69.40	\$3,817	(\$3,817)
Western Regional Graduate Program	9	65	\$0.00	\$30,441	\$0.00	\$13,650	(\$16,790)

Legislative Approved

Child of Deceased Veteran	1	14	\$133.10	\$1,863	\$0.00	\$0	(\$1,863)
Dependent of Deceased/Disabled NG	0	0	\$133.10	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
State of SD Employees-Undergraduate	24	110	\$133.10/ \$138.80	\$15,126	\$66.55/ \$69.40	\$7,563	(\$7,563)
State of SD Employees-Graduate	67	289	\$201.85/210.40	\$59,260	\$100.95/ \$105.20	\$29,630	(\$29,629)
Survivors of Fire Fighters, Police, EMT	0	0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Teacher Recertification-Undergraduate	1	3	\$133.10/ \$138.80	\$399	\$66.55/ \$69.40	\$200	(\$199)
Teacher Recertification-Graduate	9	37	\$201.85/210.40	\$7,622	\$100.95/ \$105.20	\$3,812	(\$3,811)
Dependent Prisoner War/MIA	0	0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Qualified Veterans	3	32	\$133.10/ \$138.80	\$4,442	\$0.00	\$0	(\$4,442)
Visually Impaired-Undergraduate	3	30	\$133.10/ \$138.80	\$4,164	\$0.00	\$0	(\$4,164)
Visually Impaired-Graduate	1	5	\$201.85/210.40	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0

Sub Total	364	3,677		\$737,124		\$460,701	(\$276,423)
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Army National Guard Reduced Tuition Programs ⁽¹⁾	159	2,006					(\$109,515)
Air National Guard Reduced Tuition Programs ⁽²⁾	54	708					(\$50,953)

Total Amount Waived (\$436,891)

(1) Total of USF and GAF the Board waived for Army National Guard members

(2) Net amount of tuition waived for Air National Guard members after the institutions are reimbursed by the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs.