



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1055

Introduced by: **Representative Venhuizen**

1 **An Act to increase the dollar amount of South Dakota opportunity scholarships.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 13-55-33 be AMENDED:**

4 **13-55-33.** ~~One-half~~At the beginning of the fall semester, one-half of the annual
5 opportunity scholarship award shall ~~must~~ be paid to public institutions, on behalf of eligible
6 students, ~~there enrolled or~~ provided directly to eligible students enrolled at nonpublic
7 institutions ~~at the beginning of the fall semester and the.~~ The other half shall of the
8 scholarship must be paid at the beginning of the spring semester.

9 The amount of the annual award ~~shall be as follows:~~

10 (1) ~~One thousand dollars for the first year of attendance;~~

11 (2) ~~One thousand dollars for the second year of attendance;~~

12 (3) ~~One thousand dollars for the third year of attendance;~~

13 (4) ~~Two thousand dollars for the fourth year of attendance unless the student attended~~
14 ~~full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school located~~
15 ~~outside South Dakota prior to admission to the program, in which case the award~~
16 ~~shall be one thousand dollars.~~

17 ~~For students first receiving a scholarship award after July 1, 2015, the amount of~~
18 ~~the annual award shall be as follows~~scholarship is:

19 (1) For students first receiving a scholarship on or before June 30, 2023:

20 (a) One thousand three hundred dollars for the first year of attendance;

21 (2) (b) One thousand three hundred dollars for the second year of attendance;

22 (3) (c) One thousand three hundred dollars for the third year of attendance; and

23 (4) (d) Two thousand six hundred dollars for the fourth year of attendance unless,
24 except if the student attended was in full-time attendance at a regionally accredited
25 university, college, or technical school, located outside South Dakotathis state,

1 prior to admission to the program, ~~in which case the award shall be~~ the scholarship
2 is one thousand three hundred dollars; and

3 (2) For students first receiving a scholarship on or after July 1, 2023:

4 (a) One thousand five hundred dollars for the first year of attendance;

5 (b) One thousand five hundred dollars for the second year of attendance;

6 (c) One thousand five hundred dollars for the third year of attendance; and

7 (d) Three thousand dollars for the fourth year of attendance, except if the
8 student was in full-time attendance at a regionally accredited university,

9 college, or technical school, located outside this state, prior to admission to
10 the program, the scholarship is one thousand five hundred dollars.

11 If a scholarship recipient completes an undergraduate degree within three full years
12 of attendance and subsequently enrolls in a graduate program and attains full-time
13 graduate status, as determined by the graduate program, at an eligible institution, as
14 ~~defined described in subdivision § 13-55-31(4) in a graduate program and attains full-~~
15 ~~time graduate status as determined by the graduate program,~~ the recipient is entitled to
16 the remainder of the ~~award scholarship~~ the recipient would have received if the recipient
17 had completed an undergraduate degree following four full years of attendance.

18 If, in any year, the total ~~funds~~ moneys available to finance the ~~scholarship~~
19 ~~awards~~ scholarships are insufficient to permit each eligible recipient to receive the full
20 amount provided in this section, the available moneys ~~shall~~ must be prorated and
21 distributed to each recipient in proportion to the entitlement ~~contemplated by~~ set forth in
22 this section.

23 The total amount ~~of the scholarship~~ payable to a student under this section may
24 not exceed ~~six~~ seven thousand five hundred dollars.