South Dakota School of Mines (SD Mines)  
**FIRST® Scholarship**

### Scholarship Description
In support of the **FIRST®** mission, South Dakota Mines is offering two, merit-based scholarships, each for $1,000, to high school seniors who have participated on a **FIRST** team during their school career. This scholarship may be utilized for any undergraduate course of study at South Dakota Mines.

### Eligibility
To be eligible for this scholarship, you must:
- Be a senior in high school
- Have participated on a **FIRST®** Robotics Competition (FRC®) team or a **FIRST®** Tech Challenge (FTC®) team.
- Apply **and be admitted** to South Dakota Mines as a full-time student by February 15.
- Have a composite ACT score of at least 27 and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 (on a scale of 4.0).

### Scholarship Application Package Contents
To apply for the SD Mines **FIRST** Scholarship, complete the SD Mines **FIRST** Scholarship Application and provide:

- A brief letter of recommendation from one of your **FIRST** adult mentors, confirming your participation in the **FIRST** Program. Additional letters of support will not be considered.

### Submission of Scholarship Application
The completed **FIRST** Scholarship application must be submitted, **no later than February 15** to:

South Dakota School of Mines  
Financial Aid Office  
501 East Saint Joseph Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701
About the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Established in 1885, the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is a science and engineering research university located in Rapid City, South Dakota. South Dakota Mines is a public university offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in engineering and science. Known for our academic rigor, we maintain a 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Our students benefit from immersive learning experiences including undergraduate research, co-ops/internships, and numerous nationally competitive engineering teams. Our graduates have a 98% placement rate.

In small, interactive classes and within state-of-the-art facilities and laboratories, you’ll discover 2,500 students eagerly collaborating with more than 170 faculty on engineering and scientific issues of critical importance to South Dakota, the nation, and the world.

South Dakota Mines is a growing university that enrolls around 2,500 students from 45 states and 35 countries. Rapid City is the state's second, largest city (with an urban population of 76,184 and metropolitan population of 199,656) and is nestled at the foot of the beautiful Black Hills. Mount Rushmore, the Badlands National Park and Crazy Horse Memorial are all within an hour of the University. Rapid City enjoys a relatively mild climate and offers year-round recreational opportunities, including, hiking, bicycling, skiing, snowboarding, fishing, and hunting, to name a few. For more information about South Dakota Mines and Rapid City, visit: www.sdsmt.edu and http://visitrapidcity.com.
South Dakota School of Mines

**FIRST® Scholarship Application**

**Personal Information**

Name______________________________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

City_____________________________________ State_________ Zip ______________

Telephone (____)_________________   E-mail _________________________________

**FIRST** Team Number________   **FIRST** Team Name _____________________________

**FIRST** Program:  □ FRC  □ FTC                   Year(s) of participation _____________

Intended College Major:_____________________________________________________

You must be admitted to the South Dakota School of Mines no later than February 15 to be eligible.

Your signature authorizes SD Mines to release your application information to the **FIRST** Alumni Programs Manager.

Signature:  _____________________________________   Date:  _______________

**Additional Materials**

Please include one letter of recommendation from one of your **FIRST** adult mentors, confirming your participation in the **FIRST** Program. Additional letters of support will not be considered.

**Application Submission**

Your **FIRST** Scholarship Application and materials must be received no later than February 15.

Please send your application package to:

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**Questions?**   Call Valerie Solano, Financial Aid Office, at 605-394-2274 or send an email to FinancialAid@sdsmt.edu