

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Scholarships

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Scholarships are awarded consistent with the conditions made per the gift agreement between the donor, the Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement (CARA), and/or the Hardrock Club and according to Scholarship Eligibility (below).

Athletic Scholarships

The Athletic Director and the head coaches are responsible for selecting athletic scholarship recipients. The Athletic Department communicates this information with the Financial Aid Office, which is responsible for the award notification of athletic scholarships in compliance with financial aid and NCAA rules and regulations.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee includes the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, a designee from the Financial Aid Office, and any faculty or staff with feedback relevant to the scholarship awarding criteria.

Scholarship Eligibility

All students receiving university scholarships must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) as defined in BOR Policy 2.8.1 AND be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours per semester). If a student is graduating in the academic year in which they are receiving a scholarship, they are not required to be a full-time student to be eligible to receive a university scholarship.

Some scholarships require a higher GPA as specified by the donor.

Scholarship Program

Incoming freshman students receive 4-year Mines Merit Scholarship offers using the scholarship matrix from the university's website. Students must maintain at least a 3.0

Cumulative GPA and complete at least 24 South Dakota Mines credit hours to retain the scholarship in future years. Exceptions may be made for majors that require coursework from other SDBOR universities. Students must write a thank you letter using the scholarship portal. Students who do not complete this requirement may have their scholarship revoked for the remaining years of their scholarship award.

After the end of the spring semester, the Financial Aid Office reviews student transcripts to ensure the renewable scholarship criteria have been met. Students have the summer term to meet the renewable criteria and are also given an option to appeal. Going forward, for students who do not meet the renewable scholarship criteria, a review will be completed after each semester to determine if their scholarship will be reinstated. Students who meet the renewable scholarship criteria after the fall semester will receive one-half of the full-year scholarship in the spring semester and then will join all other students for a review at the end of each spring semester.

Students are only eligible to receive their 4-year Mines Merit Scholarship the first four years of their undergraduate academic journey at the university. Students participating in a cooperative education (co-op) assignment may still receive this renewable scholarship if they take the co-op for credit. Students who do not take the co-op for credit will forfeit their scholarship for that semester; however, an additional semester will be added to the scholarship end date.

Financial Need Scholarships

Some scholarships require that students demonstrate financial need. To be eligible for need-based scholarships, students must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in each year of attendance.

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BOR Reference: [Policy 2.8.1](#)