

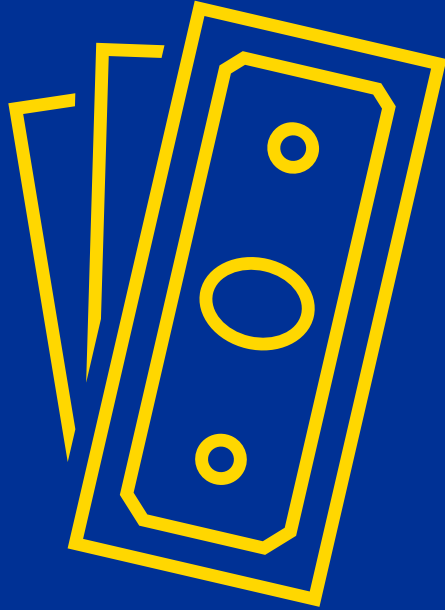


SOUTH DAKOTA FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

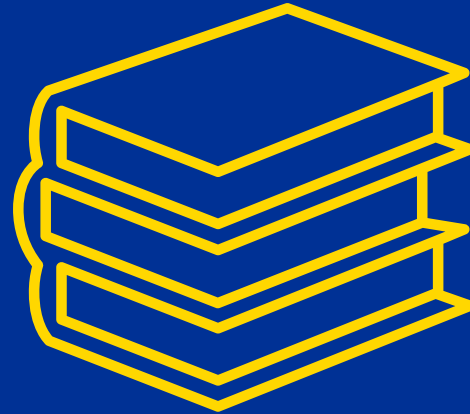


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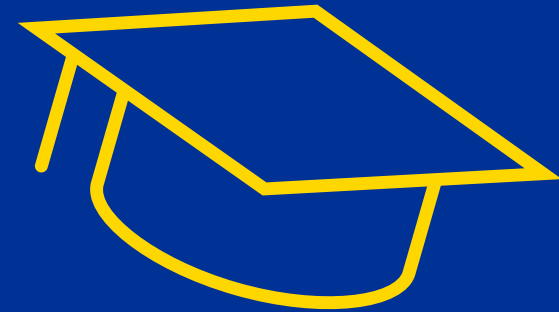
THE BIG PICTURE



\$6,438,501



2,048
Scholarships



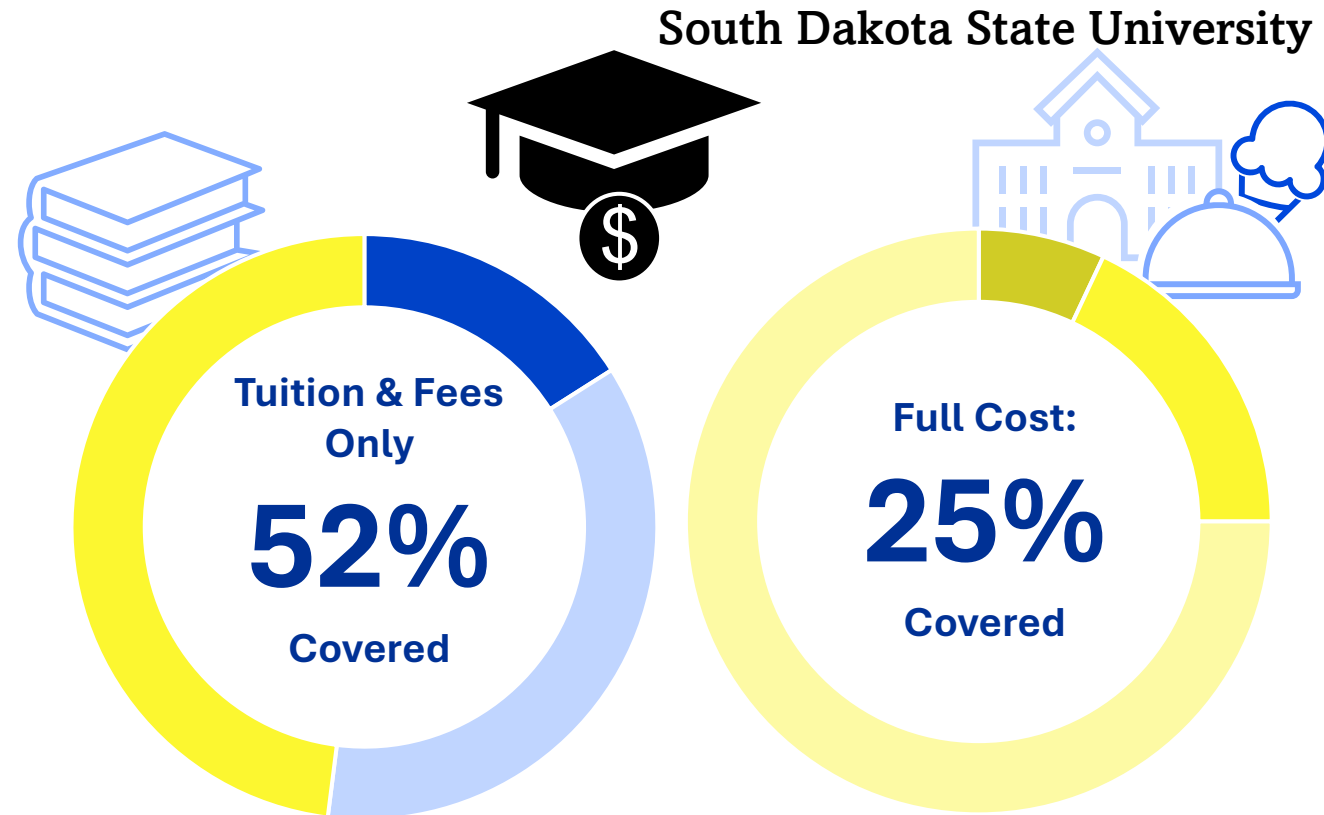
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Graduates



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PERCENTAGE OF STUDENT COSTS

SDSU 2025-26 Cost of Attendance	
Tuition and Fees	\$9,554
Housing and Meal Plan	\$10,648
Annual Cost of Attendance	\$20,202
First-Year SD Freedom + Jackrabbit Plus	\$5,000
Average Jackrabbit Plus Award	\$1,200-1,400
Returner SD Freedom	\$3,000



Fall 2024 & 2025 Class - \$0 Jackrabbit Plus Funding Required to Fulfil a \$5,000 SD Freedom Scholarship



FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP RETENTION

First-Year Students		
Fall 2024	Persistence	Retention
Freedom Recipient	97.5%	89.9%
Pell Recipients	93.5%	79.4%
All	93.3%	83.0%





STUDENT STORIES

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- SDSU Wokini Scholar
- Challenging family situation
- SD Freedom made college possible

“The Freedom Scholarship impacted not only the decision to attend SDSU but the reassurance that college would be manageable all four years.”

--Lisa Schramm—SDSU Admissions Office



STUDENT STORIES

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- Non-traditional first-generation student
- Substitute teaching-loves classroom
- Was going to stop-out due to funding, but Freedom allowed him to continue
- Will graduate with education degree this fall.

“The Freedom Scholarship has had a huge impact on our ability to help South Dakota students find ways to cover educational costs and succeed in college”

--Shyan Smith—SDSU Financial aid Office



THANK YOU!