

# South Dakota Workforce Scholarships: Admin and Operations update

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# a. SDCF 2025 Annual Report article



# b. University Allocations review

Freedom Scholarship - University Allocations for Years 2022-2026					
University	2026-27 October 27, 2025	2025-26 Approved by Board Oct 24	2024-25 Approved by Board	2023-24 Approved by Board	2022-23 Approved by Board
Augustana	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 370,000	\$ 300,000.00
BHSU	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 470,000	\$ 470,000.00
DSU	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 490,000.00	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 405,000	\$ 405,000.00
NSU	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 365,000.00	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000.00
SDSM&T	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000.00
SDSU	\$ 2,600,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,600,000.00
USD	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000.00
USF	\$ 305,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 285,000	\$ 280,000.00
DWU	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 70,000	\$ 50,000
Mount Marty	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Presentation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,215,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,760,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,405,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,005,000.00</b>
Freedom Scholarship - Census Figures					
University	Fall 2025	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Fall 2022	Fall 2021* different census count
Augustana	1,000	939	866	851	822
BHSU	916	917	911	890	1,290
DSU	1,010	1,025	988	829	1,108
NSU	680	715	668	684	922
SDSM&T	685	675	690	677	844
SDSU	4,345	4,159	3,938	3,869	4,520
USD	2,647	2,573	2,548	2,580	3,306
USF	512	550	584	642	768
DWU	415	408	411	439	453
Mount Marty	280	260	257	283	294
Presentation	0	0	0	71	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,490</b>	<b>12,221</b>	<b>11,861</b>	<b>11,744</b>	<b>14,327</b>





## c. Activities Since January Board meeting

- i. University advisory council meeting about KPIs
- ii. Startup operations for SD Workforce Scholarships as an organization
- iii. Closing out files, records at SDCF
- iv. New database and portal (next slide)





# New Freedom Scholarship Database

## Custom built by Codewise Technologies

### Owned by SD Workforce Scholarships

**FREEDOM**  
SOUTH DAKOTA FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

- Home
- Your Info
- Scholarships
- Report Academic Changes
- Graduation
- Residency & Employment
- Repayment
- Contact Staff
- FAQs
- Share Your Gratitude
- Documents

Logout

SCHOLAR PORTAL

Welcome, Elli Haerter

Your place to stay on top of scholarship paperwork, updates, and next steps.

SOUTH DAKOTA FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

### We're cheering for you from enrollment through graduation and beyond.

On behalf of the SD Freedom Scholarship Board, congratulations on receiving a South Dakota Freedom Scholarship. Use this portal to update your information, report changes, track documents, and prepare for the final requirement of living and working in South Dakota.

[Update Your Info](#)

[Open Documents](#)

PORTAL STATUS

#### Current Scholarship Snapshot Active

Enrollment Year	2026-2027
School	Augustana University
Award Amount	\$3,000.00
Packet Signed	04/28/2026

QUICK ACTIONS

What would you like to do?

- Your Info
- Scholarships
- Academic Changes
- Graduation
- Employment
- Contact Staff
- Share Gratitude

ELIGIBILITY

#### South Dakota Freedom Eligibility Requirements

- Maintain South Dakota residency for at least one year prior to scholarship application.
- Attend an eligible institution and pursue a bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrate financial need through completion of the FAFSA.
- Maintain a 2.0 college GPA.
- Graduate with a bachelor's degree in five years or less.
- Commit to living and working in South Dakota for at least three years after graduation.
- Acknowledge that unmet requirements can convert the scholarship to a 4% fixed-interest loan.

RECENT REQUESTS

#### Recent and Pending Submissions [Open Request Center](#)

Area	Request	Status	Submitted
Scholarships	Scholarship update - 2026-2027 Scholarship, secondary contact, or graduation update	Approved	04/28/2026 8:59 AM

DOCUMENTS

#### Recent Saved PDFs [Open All Documents](#)

Document	Enrollment Year	Generated	Open
2026-2027 - Scholarship Packet - 20260428143924.pdf	2026-2027	04/28/2026 2:39 PM	<a href="#">Open</a>
2026-2027 - Final Disclosure - 20260428143924.pdf	2026-2027	04/28/2026 2:39 PM	<a href="#">Open</a>
2025-2026 - Scholarship Packet - 20260424105820.pdf	2025-2026	04/24/2026 10:58 AM	<a href="#">Open</a>
2025-2026 - Final Disclosure - 20260424105820.pdf	2025-2026	04/24/2026 10:58 AM	<a href="#">Open</a>
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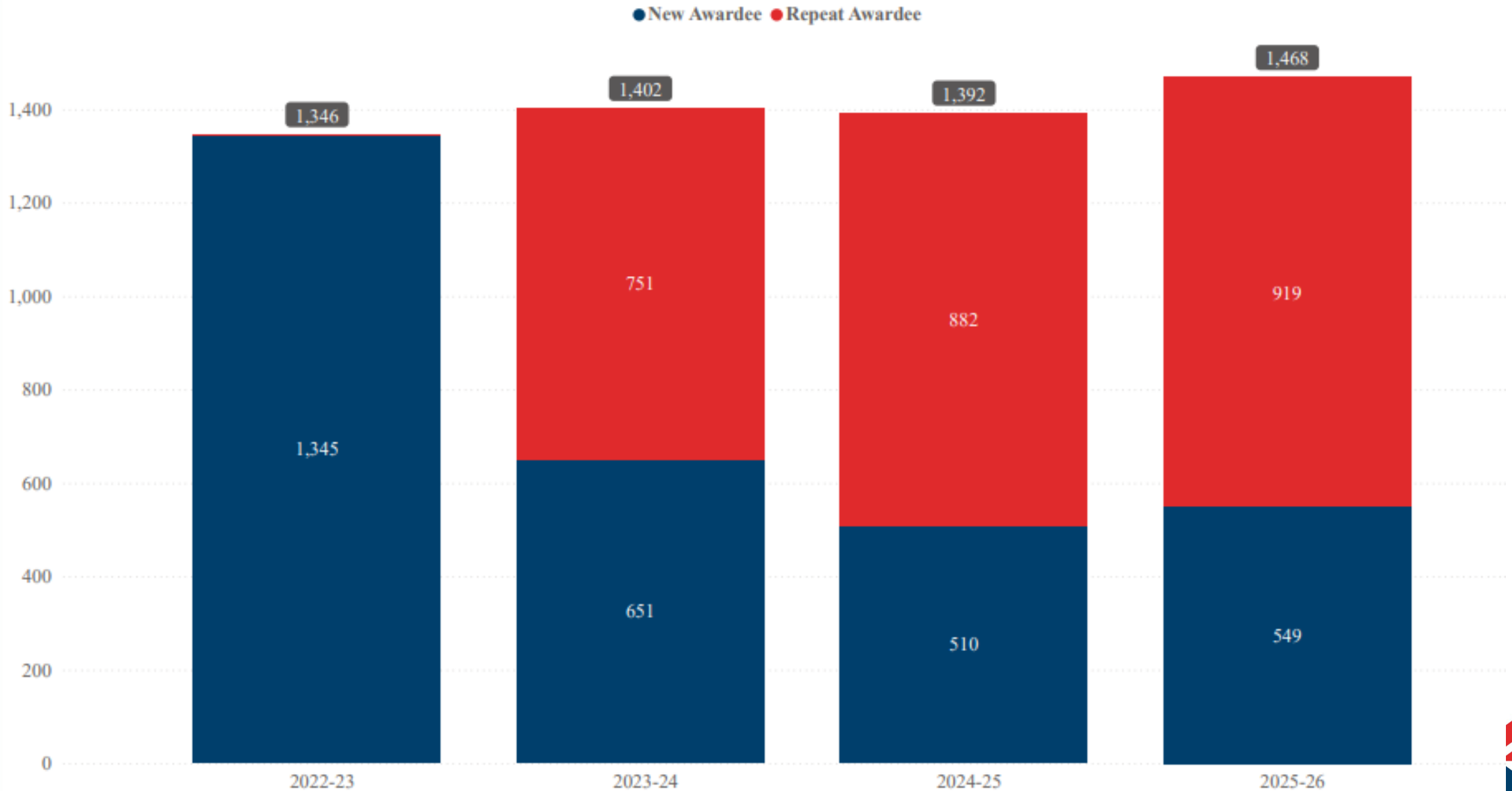


# d. Year Four Stats!



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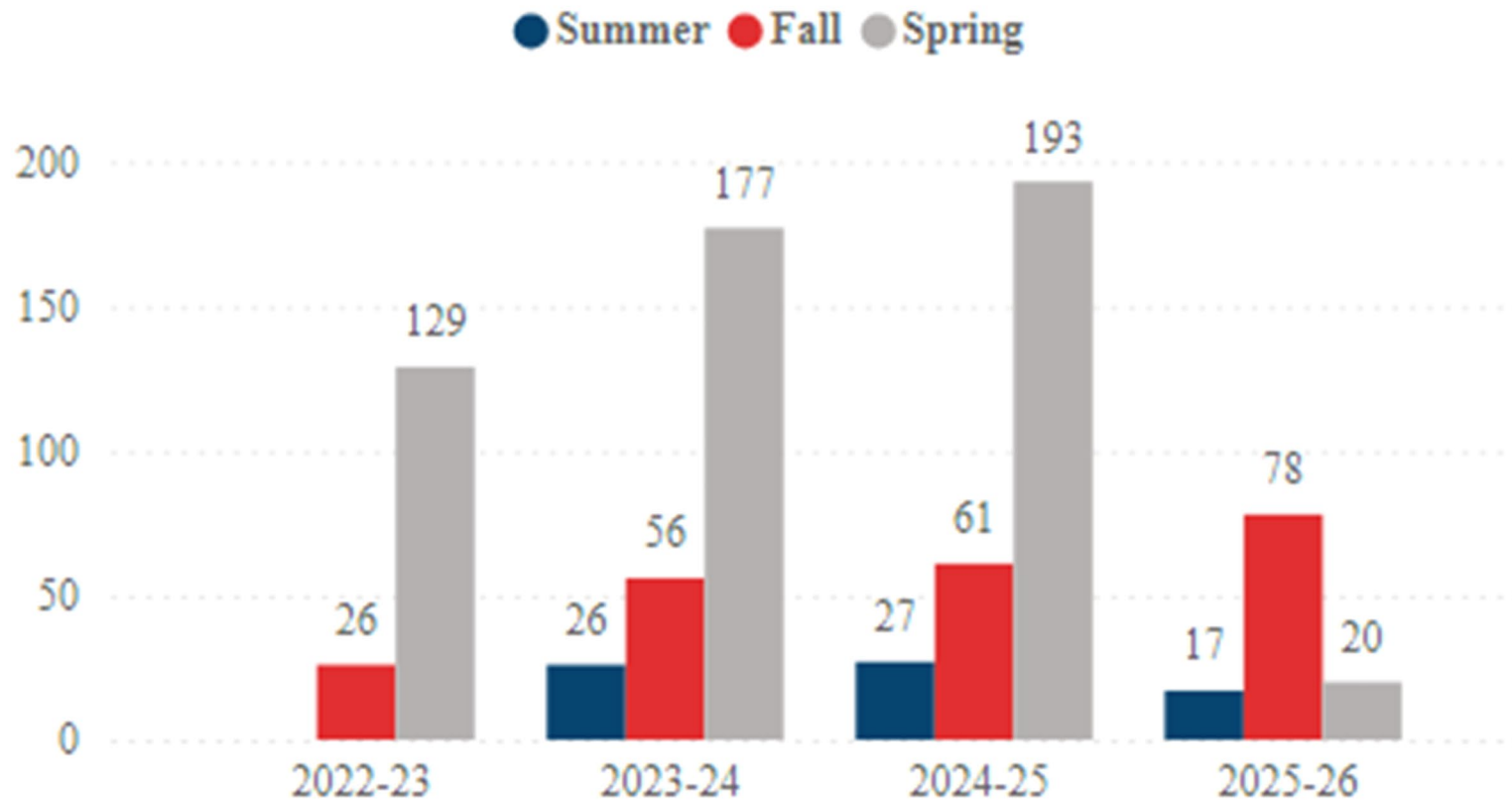
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BY YEAR



Note: Data from CRM on 4/29/2026. 2025-26 Year not yet reconciled.



## Graduates by Graduation Period

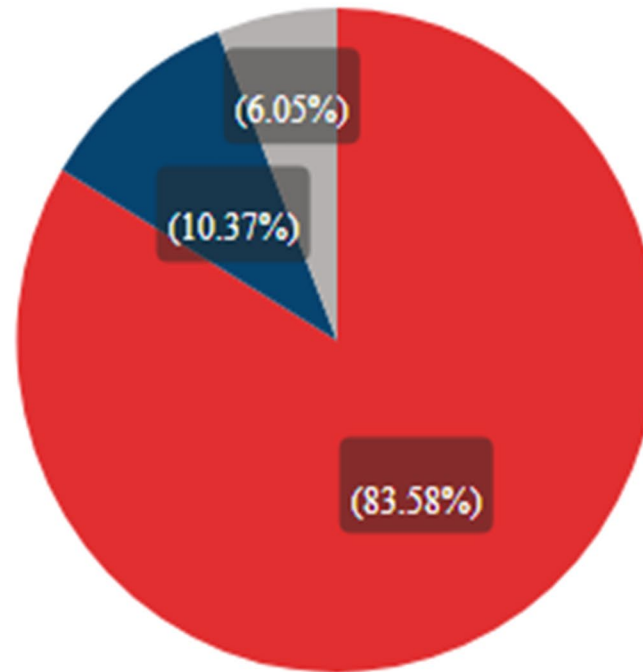


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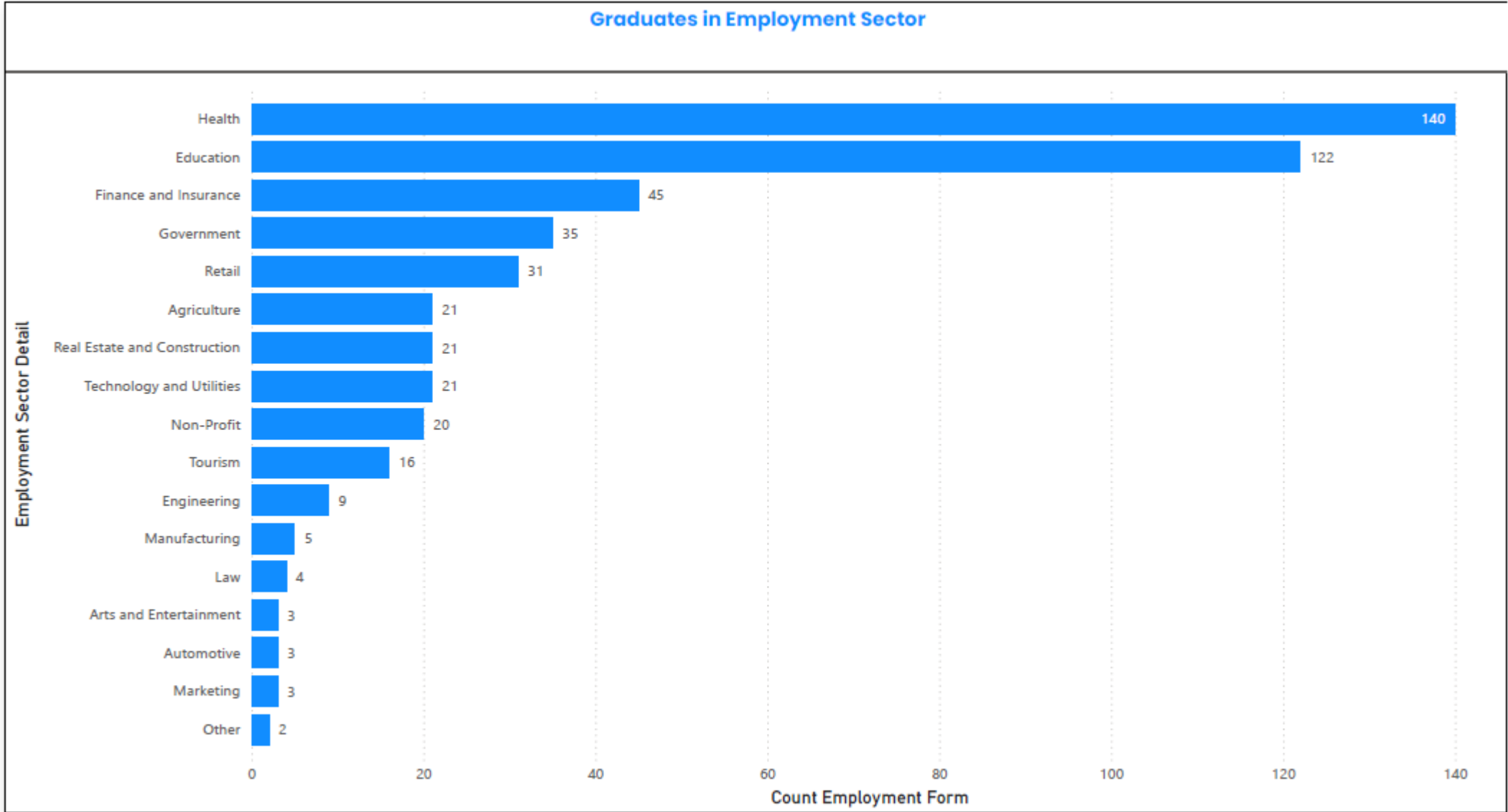
## Post Graduate Status

● In Active Employment ● Deferment ● In Repayment



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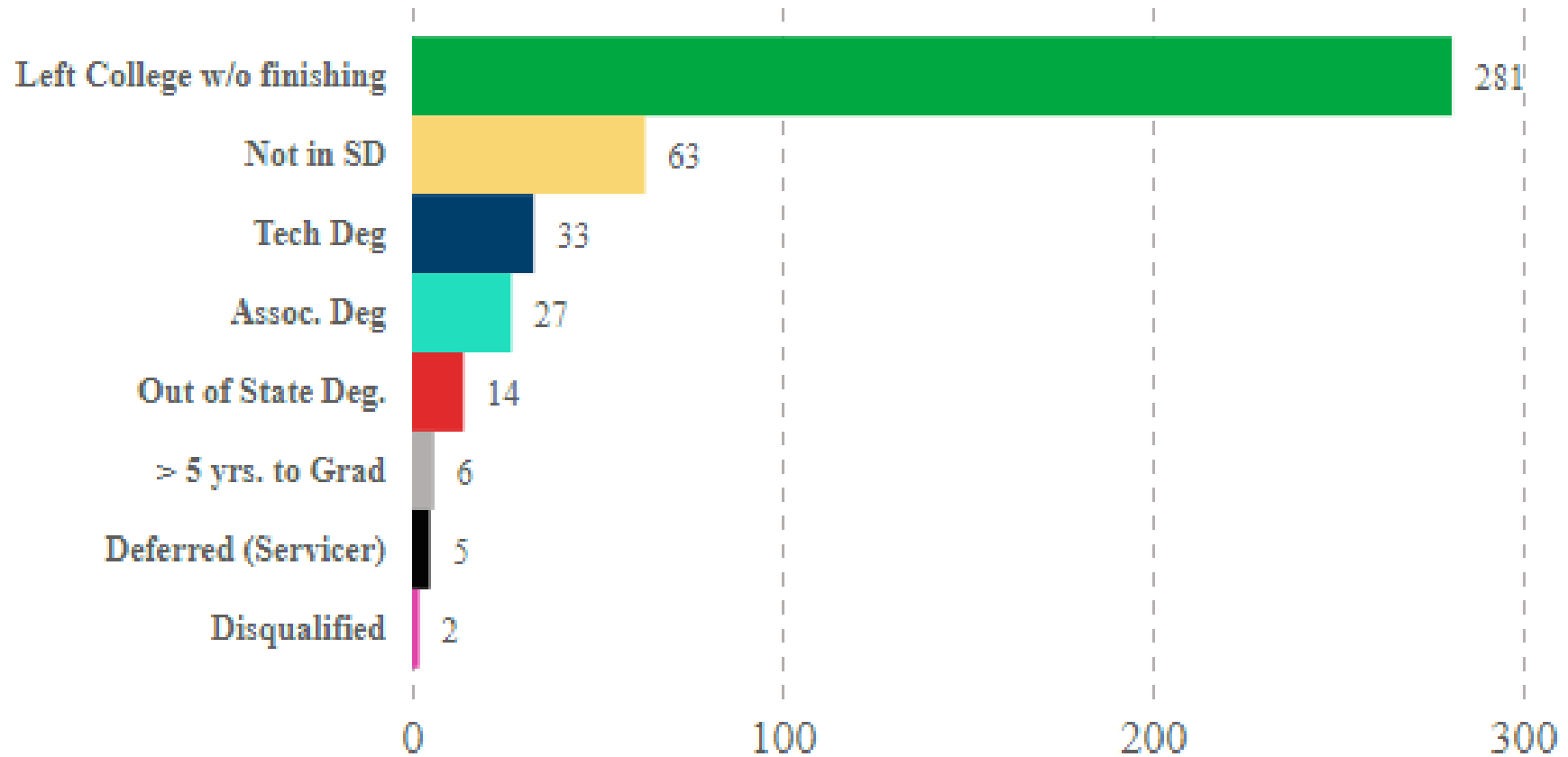




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## Reason for Not Completing Program N = 431



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### Financial/Debt Reporting

University

All

Enrollment Year

All

Date Loan Awarded

All

Debt Status

All

\$639.31K

Unpaid Debt

\$229.34K

Repaid Debt

68.75%

Making Payments

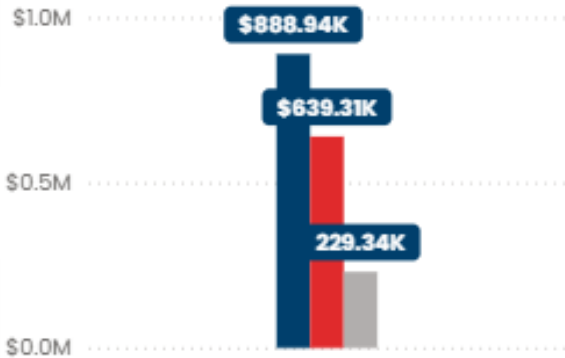
\$55.97K

Paid in Full + Death or For...

#### Servicer Tracking - includes Reversals

Total= \$888,942

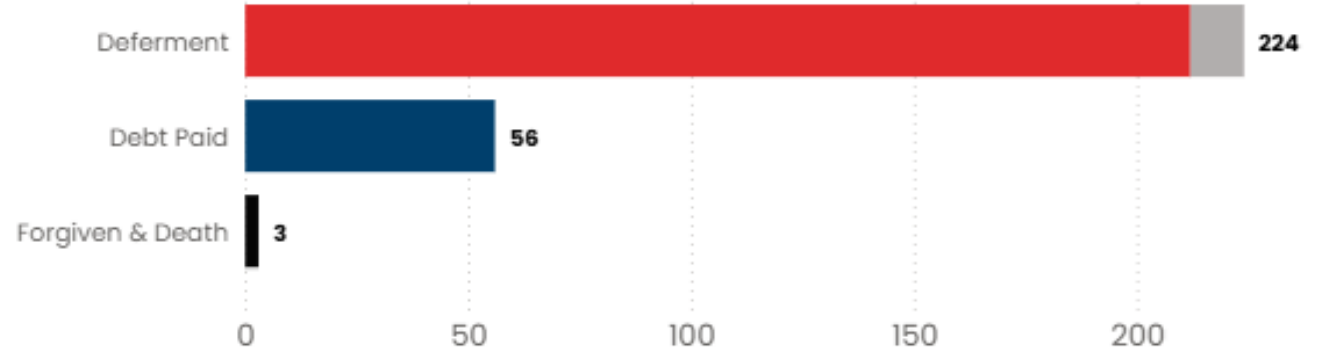
● Total Student D... ● Unpaid Debt ● Repaid De...



#### Debt Overview

N = 283

Detail ● Debt Paid ● Deferment(Educational) ● Deferment(Military) ● Forgiven



Note: Data from CRM on 4/29/2026. Does not include the 5/1/2026 servicing report that shows third-party collection for the first time.





## d. Celebrating Grads in 2026!

- i. Merci Arbach video
- ii. Student submissions
- iii. Press release about Y4
- iv. Mailers and emails



# 7. South Dakota Freedom Scholarships: 2026 Scholarship Disbursements



# Motion:

Approval of July 2026 and December 2026 Freedom Scholarship disbursements to universities from the PREMIER Fund and the Freedom Scholarship Fund, including the allocation for continuing Presentation College student. Allocation totals were determined in October 2025, specific payout amounts between the fund accounts will be determined by SDCF staff. \*



# South Dakota Freedom Scholarships: Key Performance Indicators Update





# KPI Update

- University Council met on April 2
- Reviewed January draft and offered feedback
- Need Freedom Board thoughts:
  - a. Removing Fall to Spring KPI 1, leaving 2
  - b. Suggestion: group based metric on SD grad retention
  - c. Additional work for historical/comparables



