

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – T**  
**DATE: April 3-4, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**

**South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship Report**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 3.6.1 – Scholarships, Grants, and Loans](#)  
[South Dakota Codified Law § 13-55-30](#)

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The annual South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship (SDOS) Report can be found as Attachment I. This report provides an update on the scholarship's value to the students, post-secondary institutions, and the state of South Dakota. Specifically, the SDOS impacted 3,515 students in the Fall of 2023, representing almost all of South Dakota's counties. It also highlights the scholarship's impact on our state's workforce pipeline and features the effect on several of the highest workforce-demand majors. Nearly 80 percent of all SDOS-awarded students attend South Dakota Board of Regents Universities.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Director believes this scholarship has a positive impact on the state of South Dakota and is thankful for the continued funding by the legislature and the Governor.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – 2024 South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship Report

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**