

Brookings Bobcat Scholarship Program

January 4, 2022

I. Overview of Proposed Scholarship Program

- a. The primary objective of this scholarship program is to increase the number of Brookings High School graduates who attend South Dakota State University.
- b. The scholarships will be used strategically by SDSU to attract and retain more BHS graduates (first-time students or transfer students).
- c. Enhancing the number BHS graduates that attend SDSU will have a positive impact in our community.
- d. More BHS students graduating from SDSU will also help meet some of the work force demands in the Brookings area.
- e. The scholarships shall be prioritized for students that intend to enroll in academic majors that serve local professions and industries that are facing the most acute work force challenges.

II. Brookings High School Data (3-year average: 2019, 2020, 2021)

- a. Students in BHS graduating class: 212
- b. BHS first-time students attending SDSU: 63 (30%)
- c. BHS students attending 4-year college/university annually: 138 (65%)
- d. Students attending technical school annually: 37 (18%)
- e. Students working/armed services/other annually: 35 (17%)

**Information provided by SDSU and Brookings School District*

III. Request for Scholarship Investment

- a. \$400,000 (\$80,000/yr x 5 yrs)
 - i. Annual installments made in January of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- b. Scholarships awards beginning in the 2022-23 school year

IV. Questions