



## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1217

Introduced by: **Representative** Bordeaux

1 **An Act to establish a nonbeneficiary student scholarship program for certain**  
2 **students attending tribally controlled colleges and to make an appropriation**  
3 **therefor.**

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

6 **13-55-79. Nonbeneficiary student scholarship program.**

7 There is hereby established the nonbeneficiary student scholarship program to be  
8 administered by the Board of Regents. The purpose of the scholarship is to defray a portion  
9 of the costs incurred when a nonbeneficiary student is enrolled in a tribally controlled  
10 college or community college. For the purposes of this chapter, a nonbeneficiary student  
11 is a student who is enrolled in Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, Sinte Gleska University in  
12 Rosebud, Sitting Bull College in Mobridge, or Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College in  
13 Sisseton; who meets the South Dakota residency requirement established in § 13-53-24;  
14 and who is not an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

15 **Section 2.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

16 **13-55-80. Scholarship--eligibility.**

17 To receive a scholarship under this chapter, a nonbeneficiary student shall apply  
18 to a participating college on a form provided by the Board of Regents. A student is eligible  
19 to participate in the scholarship program for up to four consecutive spring and fall  
20 semesters or until the attainment of a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first. The  
21 consecutive enrollment requirement may be waived for a good cause.

22 **Section 3.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

1           **13-55-81. Eligibility--Enrollment at participating college.**

2           In order to maintain eligibility in the nonbeneficiary student scholarship program,  
3           a nonbeneficiary student shall maintain enrollment at a participating college and make  
4           continued progress toward a degree as determined by the student's program of study.

5           **Section 4.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

6           **13-55-82. Maximum scholarship award.**

7           Funding for the nonbeneficiary student scholarship is limited to a maximum of one  
8           thousand dollars per year for each full-time equivalent nonbeneficiary student. One-half  
9           of the scholarship award shall be paid to the participating college on behalf of an eligible  
10          nonbeneficiary student at the beginning of the fall semester, and one-half of the  
11          scholarship award shall be paid to the participating college on behalf of an eligible  
12          nonbeneficiary student at the beginning of the spring semester. If, in any year, the funds  
13          available for scholarships are insufficient to permit each eligible nonbeneficiary student to  
14          receive the full amount provided in this section, the available funds shall be prorated and  
15          distributed on behalf of each eligible nonbeneficiary student in proportion to the  
16          entitlement created in this section.

17          **Section 5.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of fifty thousand  
18          dollars (\$50,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Board of Regents, for the  
19          purpose of funding the nonbeneficiary scholarship program established in section 1 of this  
20          Act.

21          **Section 6.** The executive director of the Board of Regents shall approve vouchers and the  
22          state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

23          **Section 7.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June  
24          30, 2021, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.