
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

\$1,000 Scholarship in Elementary Education

Annis I. Fowler/Kaden Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements:

- ✓ A 3.0 cumulative high school GPA
- ✓ First-time entering freshman at BHSU, DSU, NSU or USD in 2023
- ✓ Intent to major in Elementary Education

To apply, submit all of the following:

- ✓ A completed Fowler/Kaden Scholarship application form
- ✓ An original essay on a topic selected by the donors each year
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Official high school transcript
- ✓ Copy of the applicant's ACT test results

Deadline: February 25, 2023

(must be postmarked on or before this date)

**Scholarship applications and additional information are available from
your high school Guidance Counselor.**

South Dakota Board of Regents Annis I. Fowler/Kaden Scholarship

Background: The Annis Irene Fowler/Kaden Scholarship was established in 1989 by the family of Annis Irene Fowler Kaden to recognize and continue Annis' dedication to education. Born in Grant County, S.D. to an English immigrant family, Annis Fowler began a teaching career in 1927 that spanned nearly 50 years. She obtained her B.A. from Northern Normal School and eventually specialized in teaching students with various learning disabilities.

The recipients of two scholarships, each at \$1,000, will be approved at the Board of Regents meeting in Spring 2021. The scholarships will be allocated to the institution for distribution to the students in two equal installments of \$500 during the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters.

Eligibility: Eligibility for these awards is limited to two high school seniors who:

- ✓ Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 after three years.
- ✓ Will be a first-time entering freshman at BHSU, DSU, NSU or USD.
- ✓ Will select elementary education as their major field.

To apply for the Fowler/Kaden Memorial Scholarship:

- ✓ Apply to a South Dakota public university granting degrees in Elementary Education;
- ✓ Complete a Fowler/Kaden Scholarship application form;
- ✓ Ask two teachers to send letters that address the student's academic achievement, character, leadership and motivational abilities;
- ✓ Submit an official high school transcript, complete through the junior year, which indicates **class rank and cumulative grade point average** AND a list of courses to be taken during the senior year;
- ✓ Write an original typed, double-spaced essay (1,000-1,500 words) on the topic selected by the donor. The 2021 essay topic is provided on the application.
- ✓ Submit a copy of your ACT test results.
- ✓ Mail application and essay to Board of Regents (address below).

Selection Criteria:

- ✓ GPA - 10 points
- ✓ High school courses - 10 points (Special attention given to science and mathematics courses.)
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation - 10 points
- ✓ Essay - 10 points
- ✓ Special consideration given to students with demonstrated motivational ability, a disability, or who are self-supporting.

All materials should be mailed to:

South Dakota Board of Regents
Scholarship Committee
306 E. Capitol Avenue, Suite 200
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-2545

Application materials must be postmarked on or before by February 25, 2022.

2023 Fowler/Kaden Scholarship Essay Topic

Retention of elementary education teachers is a critical issue in South Dakota and other states across the nation. In the United States, 8% of educators leave the profession each year. If presented with the opportunity to provide administrators and colleagues with ideas to address and increase teacher retention in South Dakota, what suggestion(s) would you give?

Note: This essay topic is provided in consultation with the donor according to the terms of the agreement with the Board of Regents establishing the scholarship.