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Undergraduate Application for Admission and Freshman Scholarships

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South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

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COSTS, FEES, AND FINANCIAL AID

2007-2008 ESTIMATED UNDERGRADUATE COSTS & FEES

(based on 30 credit hours)

	SD Residents	Other Non-Residents
Tuition and Fees*	\$ 5,724	\$ 6,961
Room and Board†	\$ 4,580	\$ 4,580
Books and Supplies**	\$ 1,930	\$ 1,930
Total University Costs	\$12,234	\$13,471

* (15 credits per semester)

** Includes Tablet PC program

† Rates based on approximate average. Costs may vary.

FINANCIAL AID

The following information is intended as a brief overview of the aid programs at the School of Mines. More detailed information is available at our web site at <www.GoToMines.com>. School of Mines administers more than 11 million dollars in grants, loans, and work-study to approximately 80 percent of our students each year. Nearly one million dollars in scholarships are also awarded each year through the SDSM&T Foundation. The Financial Aid Office staff will make every effort possible to develop a financial aid package that will make it possible for capable, qualified, and needy students to finance their college education. However, students should still be prepared to contribute to the cost of their education through savings and employment, and parents of dependent students will be expected to assist to the extent to which they are able.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Detailed information regarding the Federal Aid programs at the School of Mines is available at our web site as indicated above. Except for the PLUS loan program, eligibility for all Federal Aid Programs is determined first by completing a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA each year. The FAFSA must be submitted to the Federal Processor and the results received in our office no later than March 15th prior to the year you wish to attend the School of Mines in order to receive priority consideration for such programs as Perkins Loan, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and Work-Study. You must meet all eligibility requirements described at the website above in order to be awarded Federal Student Aid. Unless otherwise noted, these programs are available to both graduate and undergraduate students.

FEDERAL GRANTS AND WORK-STUDY

Pell Grant: Available only to undergraduate students. Your award is based on the Expected Family Contribution listed on your Student Aid Report. The actual amount applied to your account will be based on your enrollment status as of the final add/drop date each semester.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG): Available only to undergraduate students. Priority is given to Pell Grant recipients.

Work-Study (FWS): This program provides both on- and off-campus jobs for students who show financial need through the FAFSA. You normally will work between 10 and 12 hours per week, starting at \$6.00 per hour, with your class schedule in mind. Off - campus employment emphasizes community service work.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS

The Federal Loan Programs are either administered by the School of Mines (Perkins) or a bank or credit union (Stafford and PLUS). Regardless of the program, you are under no obligation to accept a student loan and should do so only after considering the long-term implications of borrowing more than what you really need to attend college. Repayment is according to the terms of your promissory note when you graduate or are no longer enrolled at least half time (Perkins and Stafford) or within 60 days of the final disbursement (PLUS) for the loan period. No principal or interest payments are required for the Perkins or Subsidized Stafford for any period in which you are enrolled at least half time at an eligible post-secondary institution or have been approved for one of the many available deferments. No principal payments are required for the same time periods for the Unsubsidized Stafford, but the borrower is responsible to pay the accrued interest. The interest rate is fixed at 5 percent for the Perkins, but is variable and capped at 8.25 percent for the Stafford and 9 percent for the PLUS. Depending on how much you have borrowed, you may have up to 10 years to repay the Perkins and Stafford.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming freshmen must submit an admission application to the Office of Admissions no later than **February 1** prior to the fall they plan to attend the School of Mines. The application is available online at our website. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants must have applied for and been accepted for admission to the School of Mines and will be notified whether or not they have been awarded a scholarship. Students with an established academic record at the School of Mines are automatically considered by the scholarship committee based on the qualifications and expectations as specified by the donor as well as the student's academic attainment and promise for the future. For more information on financial aid and scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office at (605) 394-2274 or (877) 877-6044, ext. 2.

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and offers all benefits, services, education and employment opportunities without regard for ancestry, age, race, citizenship, color, creed, religion, gender, disability, national origin, sexual preference, or Vietnam Era status.

The institutions under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Regents shall offer equal opportunities in employment and for access to and participation in educational, extension and other institutional services to all persons qualified by academic preparation, experience and ability for the various levels of employment or academic program or other institutional service, without discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, or disability.

Undergraduate Admission Application Instructions

Application Requirements

Application Fee

All *new* applicants are required to submit a nonrefundable application fee with your application. The application fee is \$20. Make check or money order payable to "School of Mines." *Exceptions* are made for students who are *non-degree seeking*, or have previously applied, paid the fee, **and** attended a university in the South Dakota Board of Regents system.

High School Transcript

If you are applying to a degree program, you must arrange for an official high school transcript to be sent to the Office of Admissions. If you are still attending high school, the transcript must include courses completed and courses in progress, or the high school counselor may use the "College Preparatory Subject Area" section of this application to certify courses in progress. You must also arrange for a final **official** transcript to be sent after you graduate from high school.

Official College Transcript

If you are applying to a degree program, you must request official transcripts from all institutions you previously attended, excluding BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSM&T, SDSU, or USD. Transcripts from the previously attended institution are considered **official** only if they are sent directly to the Office of Admissions or the Enrollment Services Center. If you are currently enrolled at another institution, you may have the school send a partial **official** transcript(s) and be considered for provisional admission until the final **official** transcript(s) arrives.

Official Report of ACT or SAT Scores

If you are applying to a degree program and are age 21 or under at the start of the term to which you are applying, you must complete a college entrance examination (ACT or SAT) and have the results sent to the universities to which you are applying or to the Enrollment Service Center. If ACT or SAT scores are listed on your high school transcript, it is not necessary to request the scores from the testing agency.

Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Admission criteria are subject to change by the Board of Regents of South Dakota and by the six universities in the Board of Regents system.

Freshman Admission (Applicants younger than 24 years old at start of term)

The School of Mines will carefully review and consider for acceptance applicants who meet the general requirements outlined in the following sections A through D. *Applications from students with deficiencies are reviewed on an individual basis.*

obtain an ACT composite score of at least 21 (or equivalent SAT score)

OR obtain an ACT math subscore of at least 21 (or equivalent SAT score)

OR achieve a high school GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.

Complete the following required courses with a cumulative grade point average of a "C" or higher (2.0 on a 4.00 scale):

4 years of English

OR ACT English sub-test score of 18 or above

OR AP English score of 3 or above

3 years of Advanced Mathematics*

OR ACT Math sub-test score of 20 or above

OR AP Calculus score of 3 or above

3 years of Laboratory Science**

OR ACT Science Reasoning sub-test score of 17 or above

OR AP Science score of 3 or above

3 years of Social Science

OR ACT Social Studies/Reading sub-test score of 17 or above

OR AP Social Studies score of 3 or above

1 year of Fine Arts

OR AP Fine Arts score of 3 or above

Computer Science

At the time of admission, it is expected that students will have basic keyboarding skills and have had experience in using computer word processing, database, and spreadsheet packages and in using the Internet or other wide area networks. These expectations may be met by high school course work. Effective Fall 2006, entering students who have not taken such high school coursework must complete a specified computer course addressing these skills and competencies within the first 42 credit hours attempted.

* Advanced mathematics includes algebra or any higher level of math.

** Laboratory science includes biology, chemistry, physics, or other approved science courses in which there is a weekly lab period scheduled.

In addition, the School of Mines will automatically accept for admission applicants who . . .

obtain an ACT composite score of 25 AND obtain an ACT math subscore of 25 (or SAT equivalent score)

OR obtain a high school GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale

AND have taken four years of mathematics

OR are South Dakota Regents Scholars

Readmitted Students

Former students who want to reapply for admission must submit another admission application and official transcripts directly to the Office of Admissions for all colleges attended since leaving the university. If you interrupt your attendance by a semester or more, you must reapply for admission. If a name change has occurred since prior attendance, additional documentation will be required.

Transfer Admission

The requirements listed below are the minimum requirements to all six universities in the Board of Regents system. Individual universities and individual programs within the universities may have higher requirements.

A. Transfer students with 24 or more semester credits are eligible to be candidates for admission if they meet both standards below:

- Have a cumulative college grade point average of 2.00 or higher.
- Are in good standing with their most recently attended school.

B. Students with less than a 2.00 GPA may be admitted on probation, but each applicant is considered on an individual basis.

C. Transfer students under the age of 24 who have earned fewer than 24 semester credits must also meet the freshman admission requirements above.

Other Applicants

Applicants not meeting the requirements above will be reviewed on an individual basis. For additional information regarding admission requirements contact the Office of Admissions at (877) 877-6044, ext. 1, or visit our website <www.GoToMines.com>.

Prior Education

High School Attended _____
School City State

Date of High School Graduation or GED (MM/YY) ____/____.

Have you taken the ACT test? Yes No Date Tested (MM/YY) ____/____ Composite Score _____

Have you taken the SAT test? Yes No Date Tested (MM/YY) ____/____ Math _____ Verbal/Critical Reading _____

Were your scores sent to the institution(s) to which you are applying on this application? Yes No

For High School Students Only

We ask that you (counselor) assist the student by supplying the following information along with a transcript of completed courses. Completing this section is not mandatory; however, it will speed the admissions process for the student.

At the end of _____ semesters, the student ranked _____ out of _____. Student's cumulative GPA (4 point scale) _____. This ranking is:
 exact approximate.

Check "yes" if the student is a South Dakota Regents Scholar (see SDCL § 13-55D). Yes

College Preparatory Subject Area

The following course work is in progress and/or planned for these term(s).

	Semester 7 Unit/Grade (If not on transcript)	Semester 8 Unit/Grade (If not on transcript)
English _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____
Advanced Math _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____
Lab Science _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____
Social Studies _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____
Fine Arts _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____
Computer Science _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____
Foreign Language _____ _____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____

Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

High School _____ High School Telephone (_____) _____

Post Secondary Education

Have you previously attended BHSU DSU NSU SDSM&T SDSU USD?

If yes, location where you attended _____ Date first attended _____

List in chronological order **any other** institutions you have attended, regardless of length of attendance, and even if no work was completed. Include previous attendance at institutions on this application and any correspondence or extension courses taken. Failure to list all institutions previously attended may result in loss of credit and/or dismissal. If more than five institutions were attended, attach an additional sheet with the appropriate information.

Name of Institution	Location (City/State)	From Month/Year	To Month/Year	Degree Earned
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Instructions: Please type or use black ink to complete this undergraduate application for admission, sign it, and return it to the Office of Admissions. Please enclose a \$20 application fee.

Biographical Data

Legal Name _____ **Social Security Number*** _____ - _____ - _____
Last First Middle * Please refer to page 8 of 8

Former Name(s) _____ **Preferred First Name** _____ **Birth Date** _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____ *Current Mailing Address* _____

Street _____ **Street** _____

City _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip Code** _____ - _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____ - _____

Telephone (____) _____ **Telephone (____)** _____

Other number (____) _____ **Cell Phone** **Work Phone** **Fax (____)** _____

E-mail Address _____

Person to Contact in Case of Emergency

Name _____ **Relationship to you** _____

Street _____

Telephone (____) _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____ - _____

CITIZENSHIP: **USA** **Resident Alien** **International Student** _____ (Status) **Other** _____

If you checked Resident Alien or International Student, please specify Citizenship _____, and Country of Birth _____

RESIDENCY: Have you lived in South Dakota for the past 12 months? Yes No

In what state are you a resident? _____

South Dakota residents should also list the County in which you reside _____

If you are a South Dakota resident, but you have not lived in South Dakota for the past 12 months, please explain: _____

If you are not currently a resident of South Dakota, please answer the following questions.

Yes No Were you a South Dakota resident at the time of high school graduation and lived with a parent or legal guardian who was also a South Dakota resident?

Yes No Will you begin to attend classes no later than the fall semester of the seventh year after the date of high school graduation?

Yes No Has your parent or legal guardian resided continuously in South Dakota since your high school graduation through the time you will first attend classes?

CHILD OF ALUMNI: Parent Name(s) _____

Attended BHSU DSU NSU SDSM&T SDSU USD

Semester and year you wish to enroll: Fall Spring Summer, then Fall Summer ONLY, Year _____

Prior Application: Have you previously applied to BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSM&T, SDSU, or USD? No Yes

If yes, list the school(s) to which you applied _____ Year _____ Semester _____

_____ Year _____ Semester _____

Educational Goal: Check the option below that best describes your educational goal.

Option A: I plan to pursue a degree and have decided on a major.

Check one: Bachelor's Degree (4 year degree) **OR** Associate's Degree (2 year degree)

Option B: I plan to pursue a degree, but have not decided on a specific major.

Check one: Bachelor's Degree (4 year degree) **OR** Associate's Degree (2 year degree)

Option C: I do not plan to pursue a degree and will be taking courses as a non-degree seeking student. I understand that this educational goal does not qualify me to receive federal financial aid.

Have you previously attended SDSM&T? Yes No

Signature

All answers I have given on this application are accurate and true. If admitted, I agree to observe the rules of the South Dakota Board of Regents and to pay all fees and charges assessed. My signature below also authorizes the release of my high school transcript and rank if requested. I acknowledge that federal law permits institutions of higher education to disclose academic, enrollment, and financial aid information about me to staff who need to know such information to carry out their administrative tasks. I understand and acknowledge that the institutions that comprise the South Dakota system of higher education are also permitted to share such academic, enrollment, and financial aid information, either within or outside the South Dakota system of higher education, when I transfer between institutions, when I enroll in coursework from more than one institution during a term, or when I enroll in courses offered by a university other than the one that will grant my degree. I understand that by transferring between institutions, selecting courses from more than one institution during a term in which I received federal financial aid, or enrolling in courses offered by a university other than the one that will grant my degree, I will be deemed to have consented to the disclosure of academic and financial aid information about myself.

Signature _____ Date _____

Reminders:

Thank you for completing this application form. Please help us process your application more quickly by completing all required information. Also, please double-check the following items:

- Have you signed and dated the form?
- Have you enclosed the \$20 application fee amount?
- Please include applicant's name on the check.
- Have you requested official transcripts be sent directly to the **Office of Admissions**?
- If some of your records are under a former name, have you listed this name on the former names section on page 5 of this application?

Send your completed application and application fee to:

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Office of Admissions
501 East Saint Joseph Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

*Use of Social Security Number

We are requesting your SSN for administrative record accuracy and reporting. Disclosure of your SSN is voluntary and if you decline to provide it to us this action will not affect your admissions eligibility. However, we request this information from you in order to meet our federal obligation to report student employment, Hope and Lifetime scholarship tax information, and federal financial aid. The SSN number is confidential information under the Federal Educational Rights to Privacy Act and we will not release it without your consent. Having your SSN on record will enable the university to keep accurate information and to report it promptly.

Questions?

If you have any questions about our universities or academic programs, please call us or visit our website. An online application is available on our home page.

	<i>Local</i>	<i>Toll Free</i>	<i>Website</i>
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	(605) 394-2414	(877) 877-6044	www.GoToMines.com

Racial/Ethnic Background (optional)

Gender Male Female

Providing the information requested below is voluntary. The South Dakota Board of Regents universities are strongly committed to racial and ethnic diversity among its students, faculty, and staff. Several donated scholarships are specifically designated for students in underrepresented racial minority populations; therefore, it may be to your advantage to report this information. It will also be used for summary reports required by federal and state laws and regulations and to support institutional affirmative action efforts. It will not be used as a basis for admission or in a discriminatory manner. You will not be subjected to adverse treatment if you do not provide the requested information.

Predominant racial/ethnic background (check one)

- Ethnic Group**
- American Indian or Alaskan Native (List Tribe) _____
 - Asian or Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.)
 - Black, not of Hispanic origin (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)
 - Hispanic (A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)
 - White, not of Hispanic origin (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.)
 - Other
 - Multiracial (If multiracial, please indicate racial background) _____
 - Do not wish to respond

South Dakota universities offer all educational programs, material, and service to all people without discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age or disability.

South Dakota universities are Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employers.

South Dakota universities do not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, their programs or activities.