



SOUTH DAKOTA
**Partners in
Education**

Empower

Engage

Enrich



For Families



South Dakota Partners in Education is excited to work with your family on your student's education journey. Finding the right school for your child can be hard, and we believe that tuition costs should not be a barrier for any student. Parents should be able to determine the school that is best for their child.

If you are interested in applying for a tax-credit scholarship, you're in the right place. **The application for the 2025-2026 school year will open February 5th.**

follow these steps

ONE

Review the **Parent Handbook** to learn more about our program and to confirm you are eligible to apply for a tax-credit scholarship.



visit <https://sdpartnersinedu.org/>

TWO

Complete the **application form** through TADS. SDPE will review completed applications to determine eligibility. The application deadline is May 31, 2025.

THREE

School enrollment process.

See our list of partner schools by scanning the QR code.



<https://sdpartnersinedu.org/families/>



Interested in knowing if your child qualifies for a scholarship?

Visit our website at:
sdpartnersinedu.org

Students can apply at any grade level - K-12. Qualifying students must be income eligible.





Private school tuition can be expensive.

We help make it affordable.

Every parent wants their children to be in the best learning environment for their particular needs. South Dakota Partners in Education empowers parents with tuition support so parents can choose the school that's right for their children, regardless of cost.



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Scholarship Granting Organization

South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) is the SGO for granting tax-credit scholarships in the state of South Dakota. We partner with families, schools, donors, and the state of South Dakota to help empower families with educational choice.

A Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that receives contributions from donors and grants educational scholarships to eligible students in South Dakota. Insurance companies that contribute to SGOs participating in the program can receive a tax credit.

For more information about SGOs and South Dakota's Partners in Education tax credits, visit the South Dakota Division of Insurance.

Please Note:

Income scale will be updated when new income guidelines are released in 2025.

Qualifying Income Scale

We honor the income level that originally qualified the student, or we use the lower-income level of a subsequent application submitted before the time to reapply. A qualifying income cannot be more than what is listed below.

Household Size	Free Lunch Income Level	Reduced Lunch Income Level	150% Of Reduced Lunch Income Level
2	\$25,527	\$37,814	\$55,721
3	\$33,566	\$47,767	\$71,650
4	\$40,560	\$57,720	\$86,580
5	\$47,554	\$67,673	\$101,510
6	\$54,548	\$77,626	\$116,439
7	\$61,542	\$87,579	\$131,368
8	\$68,536	\$97,532	\$146,298
For each additional family member, add	\$6,994	\$9,953	\$14,930

Eligibility Cycles:

To enable SDPE to track the year a student must reapply, we label each student with the year they qualified. The Category Code designations also recognize that the law allows students that qualify in high school to be eligible until they graduate from high school.

Those qualifying in 9th grade are then eligible without reapplying. If a student's 3-year eligibility overlaps with them entering 9th grade, the family may choose to reapply at 9th grade and receive the high school rate or stay at the same rate and wait until the initial eligibility runs out.

2 Gen students and F20 students must reapply for the 2023-2024 school year.

1 Gen - A student who first qualified in the 2016-2017 school year

2 Gen - A student who first qualified in the 2017-2018 school year

3 Gen - A student who first qualified in the 2018-2019 school year

F19 - A student who first qualified in the 2019-2020 school year

F20 - A student who first qualified in the 2020-2021 school year

F21 - A student who first qualified in the 2021-2022 school year

F22 - A student who first qualified in the 2022-2023 school year

F23 - A student who first qualified in the 2023-2024 school year

High School - A student who qualifies or reapplies in High School is eligible for the entirety of High School

Scale Revised 2/15/2023

INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch | Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751, et seq. | Effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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