National American University
South Dakota Education Access Foundation Grant
2015/16

National American University (NAU) proposes to award the South Dakota Education Access Foundation (SDEAF) grant in support of the SDEAF mission by awarding non-traditional low income students who face low rates of entry and financial barriers in their pursuit of Post-Secondary Higher Education, hopefully this will improve their rate of entry and success in pursuing their educational goals.

NAU proposes to award the SDEAF Grant as follows:

1. For students at the Rapid City/Distance Learning, Ellsworth AFB, and Sioux Falls/Watertown campuses only.
2. Institutional Student Information Record received by 6/30/15.
3. Independent students.
4. Pell Eligible low income students as defined by an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of equal to or greater than 1500 and less than or equal to 5198.
5. Award in date order of the ISIR’s received by 6/30/15 for Independent students with an EFC equal to or greater than 1500 and less than or equal to 5198.
6. Should we have funds remaining after 6/30/15 spreadsheet has been exhausted, a second listing of students in date order of the ISIR’s received by 9/30/15 for Independent students with an EFC equal to or greater than 1500 and less than or equal to 5198 will be created for awarding the remaining funds.
7. Students must be new students to National American University summer 2015 or beyond.
8. Enrolled at least half-time per quarter
9. Awards will be:
   a. Full time = $1000 per quarter
   b. ¾ time = $800 per quarter
   c. ½ time = $600 per quarter
10. Grant will be awarded all 4 quarters of the award year (if attending), Summer 15 – Spring 16
11. Student must have unmet Federal Need, or the grant will be reduced accordingly
12. Students not awarded but meeting the criteria will be put on a waiting list, if funds should become available later (due to a
previously awarded student withdrawing or no longer meeting the criteria) the students shall be awarded in order on the waiting list.

These students, all though Pell eligible, do not receive the maximum or higher award amounts of Pell grant. In awarding the SDEAF grant to these non-traditional low income students our goal is to reduce their loan burden and possible default, and decrease the financial barriers which prevent them from attending Post-Secondary Higher Education.