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New Scholarship Will Support Adult Students

SIOUX FALLS, SD – November 17, 2010 – Adults seeking a college degree will soon have a new option to help pay for it. South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center (University Center) is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation to be used for scholarships for adult students.

The scholarships will be called *Osher Reentry Scholarships*, and are specifically designed to assist adult and non-traditional students who are seeking their first baccalaureate degree. Scholarships may be available to both full- and part-time students. Among other criteria, financial need will be considered in making the awards.

The entire grant will be distributed in a single academic year, and may be renewed for multiple years. Upon demonstrated success, the Osher Foundation may consider establishing a \$1 million endowment to provide permanent support for the Osher Reentry Scholarships at University Center.

Applications for the scholarship will open in January, with the first scholarships awarded for the fall 2011 term. Students who are interested in applying may contact University Center at 605-367-5640 or www.SDUniversityCenter.org.

For more information on The Bernard Osher Foundation visit: www.OsherFoundation.org

About University Center

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center, or University Center, provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner Universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University and served nearly 3,500 students this past year. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area.

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