

FUJITSU TABLET COMPUTER – SDSM&T TABLET PC PROGRAM

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee,

Throughout my full, four-semester, experience with the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Tablet PC Program I have gradually noticed two major benefits it has provided. To start, the most important, I think, is the simplification of the relationship between secondary education and beneficial technology. For instance, the Tablet PC Program allows student access to crucial software with the most basic programs having been pre-installed before the student even opens the laptop for the first time. Having access to these programs and not having to worry about downloading the right program for a certain course has accelerated my education immensely. This cookie cutter type tablet program has allowed me access to required software programs to allow me to thrive in my career choice. Like I mentioned before, the simplification of the computer by creating a system for every student and faculty member time by allowing for a single uniform system.



Another huge factor involved in the tablet program is the tech support. If I had my own computer and something happened to go wrong it would be up to me to pay for another one or get the current one fixed. Here at the School of Mines, when a problem arises there are extra parts readily available for replacement. Even though my personal school computer for the last two years has never suffered even the slightest technical hiccup I can rest assured a quick fix will be available with little or no time wasted toward my education.

Finally, the tablet part of the Tablet PC Program. Whether it's as simple as taking notes or completing a technical problem for my structural theory class, the tablet function has allowed me too quickly and efficiently access documents that required writing of some sort. The best part of the tablet function though? The amount of notes and homework that can be stored in one place. Good bye notebook paper, good bye paper and pen.

Even the high school I attended made use of the superior integration of Fujitsu laptops with education. I was extremely happy to hear that the School of Mines used the same system. Why some students decide to use a different computer I will never understand. It seems like I have grown up spending hours and hours toward my education through a Fujitsu and tablet PC program.

Thank you.



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P.S. The tablet function is also very useful in adding signatures to electronic documents.