

HURON HIGH SCHOOL

# The 2025-2026 FAFSA is NOW Open!

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## Scholarship Application Deadlines

### Deadlines Vary

- **Alert College Scholarship: Essay Contest** - No deadline; available online or in counseling office
- **American Legion Scholarships** - Deadlines vary
- **Athlete of the Month** (Vantage Financial Partners) - 1st of each month (ONLY APPLY ONCE): available online, to print, or in counselors' office; **ONLINE APPLICATION** is PREFERRED
- **South Dakota Community Foundation Scholarships** - Several available via online portal; due date vary
- **South Dakota College/University School Specific Scholarships** - all deadlines vary and are specific to the school

### January

- **DEC Power Line & Maintenance Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; Jan 29
- **DEC Electrician Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; Jan 29
- **Basin Electric/Dakota Energy Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; Jan 29
- **Dakota Energy Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; Jan 29

### February

- **Coaches Against Cancer** (SDHSCA Scholarship) - HERE or in counselors' office; February 10
- **South Dakota Coaches Foundation Scholarship** (SDHSCA Scholarship) - HERE or in counselors' office; February 10
- **Ty Eschenbaum Cancer Survivor Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; February 15
- **BBB Students of Integrity** - HERE; February 28
- **Serving Others Scholarship through Independent Insurance Agents** - HERE or in counselors' office; February 28
- **Evie Kahnke Memorial Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; February 28

### March

- **Horatio Alger Scholarships** - HERE; March 1; NEEDS BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS
- **South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships** - HERE; March 1
- **Leo Crawford Junior Achievement Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 1
- **South Dakota Farm Bureau Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 1
- **WRCA (Working Ranch Cowboys Assoc.) Foundation Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 1
- **Resource Conservation Speech Contest** - HERE or in counseling office; March 1
- **HACA Music Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; March 1
- **Dacotah Bank Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 3
- **First Dakota Scholarships** - editable form HERE or in counselors' office; March 4
- **Venture Communications Community Service Scholarship** - HERE; March 7
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships** - HERE; March 15
- **Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 15
- **South Dakota Firefighters Association (SDFA) Fire Service Scholarship** - HERE but info in counseling office; March 15
- **HRMC Scholarships (3 options)** - HERE; March 15
- **Alison Slepikas Davis Memorial Scholarship** - Print HERE; March 15

## Scholarship Application Deadlines

### March Cont.

- [South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#); March 16
- [Bellator Titans MC Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 26
- [SANTEL Communications- Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 21
- [Build Dakota Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#); March 31
- [Corner Pantry Scholarship](#) - in counseling office; March 31
- [STOP Noxious Weeds: SD WeedFighters Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; March 31
- [SD Association of Conservation Districts Employees Memorial Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 31
- [Ally Dakota Development Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; March 31

### April

- [SDAPHCC Scholarship](#) - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1
- [Day County Coyote Hunt](#): For SD National Guard members/family - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; April 1

### School Specific Scholarships

Each individual school will have their own scholarship offerings with specific deadlines. DO NOT neglect to check those as well.

*\*Click each university to find out more about their specific scholarships*

[Augustana University](#)

[Black Hills State University](#)

[Dakota State University](#)

[Dakota Wesleyan University](#)

[Lake Area Technical College](#)

[Mitchell Technical College](#)

[Mount Marty University](#)

[Northern State University](#)

[South Dakota School of Mines & Technology](#)

[South Dakota State University](#)

[Southeast Technical College](#)

[University of South Dakota](#)

[University of Sioux Falls](#)

[Western Dakota Technical College](#)

### [Build Dakota Scholarship](#)

#### Get Your Tech Degree for Free

Are you a doer, fixer or solver? Do you want a career that uses your hands as much as your mind? If you answered yes, it's time to get your technical degree. And you can do it 100% free, with the Build Dakota Scholarship.

[Apply NOW](#) in 3 easy steps.

Deadline: March 31

### [South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy](#)

The South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy is a cooperative effort between the South Dakota Highway Patrol and the American Legion of South Dakota.

Our mission is to recruit young men and women from culturally diverse backgrounds from across the state of South Dakota, and to increase their understanding of the job of a state trooper. The program is designed to expose young adults to the demands of Highway Patrol Recruit training and to develop better relationships between the youth of our state and the Highway Patrol. Details or to apply go [HERE](#).

Deadline: March 21, 2025

### [Dakotas Electrical Apprenticeship](#)

YOU can become a journey-level electrician through the Dakotas Electrical Apprenticeship, and as you develop more complex job skills and improve your knowledge, you'll receive predetermined pay increases.

#### BENEFITS:

As an apprentice, then a journeyman, you'll have job security. The skill of a union electrician is highly respected nationwide. The finest electrical workers in the country receive their training through the Dakotas Electrical Apprenticeship.

Current journeyman wages vary from \$28.25 to \$35.92 an hour, depending on jurisdiction. Apprentice wages are based upon a percentage of the journeyman hourly wage and advancements are made at six-month intervals. After the first two steps of the apprenticeship program, you will receive a pension, vacation, and holiday pay.

Details found [HERE](#)

For more information or to get started, Contact:

701-297-5934

[Office@dakotasjatc.org](mailto:Office@dakotasjatc.org)

# NEW Scholarships

## STOP Noxious Weeds: "SD WeedFighters Scholarship"

2 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded

### Eligibility:

1. Must be a citizen of the US and a South Dakota Resident
2. Must be a high school graduate
3. Must be a post-secondary student with an agriculture production, precision farming, agronomy, entomology, or Natural Resources as fields of study in a South Dakota College, University or Technical School or any bordering state.

Applicants must attach an essay discuss the theme "Why do we need to take care of Noxious Weeds, and how does that effect the agriculture economy? Include an official Transcript.

Applications found [HERE](#) or in the counseling office.

Deadline: March 31, 2025

Questions, contact: [SDweedfighters@gmail.com](mailto:SDweedfighters@gmail.com)

## Resource Conservation Speech Contest

Each year the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division sponsors a resource conservation-oriented speech contest. Any SD student in grades 9-12 is eligible to enter. This includes public, private, and home-school students.

The contest consists of three levels - local, area, and state. Two winners from each of the local contests advance to area contests. Two winners from each of the seven area contests advance to the state competition.

- First Place: \$1,200 Scholarship
- Second Place: \$800 Scholarship
- Third Place: \$500 Scholarship

Entry forms can be found [HERE](#) or in the Counseling Office.

You may contact the [Resource Conservation and Forestry Division](#) with questions: 605-773-3626

Deadline: March 1

## South Dakota Firefighters Association (SDFA): Fire Service Scholarship

### ELIGIBILITY:

- A Son or Daughter of any member (living, deceased or retired) of a Fire Department in South Dakota or an active member of a Junior/Explorer/Cadet Fire Program in South Dakota.
- A high school senior or student entering their first semester of college.
- The applicant must be sponsored by a Fire Department that has 100% Department Membership in the SD Firefighters Association for the current year and dues must have been paid prior to submission of your application.
- The applicant may also be sponsored by a member of the SD Firefighters Auxiliary, a local Fire Department Auxiliary or a member of the Dear Old Timers.
- The scholarship may be used at any University, College or Post-Secondary Institution (Vo-Tech.) Preference will be given to those who are obtaining a Fire Science or Emergency Service degree.
- Applications must be received by the date listed above to be considered.

Applications must be completed [ONLINE](#)

Deadline: March 15

Scholarship details are available in the counseling office but application is [ONLINE](#).

## SD Association of Conservation Districts (SDACDE) Memorial Scholarship

### Qualifications:

- The recipient will be a current year graduate of a South Dakota High School.
- The recipient shall have graduated in the upper 50% of the class.
- Students must be attending a school in an Agricultural/Conservation-related field in a South Dakota College or Vocational School.

### Selection criteria:

1. Personal (employment, extracurricular, honors, community service) = 40%
2. Brief description of education and career goals = 30%
3. Academic (grades & class rank) = 10%
4. Letters of recommendation (2) = 10%
5. Financial Need = 10%

The SDACDE is offering three (3) - \$500 scholarships. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage those students concerned with conserving their natural resources by furthering their education in an agricultural/conservation-related field. The scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors who will be attending a 4-year college or vocational school.

Applications available [HERE](#) or in counseling office

DEADLINE: March 31, 2025

# NEW Scholarships

## SANTEL Communications: Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Student must currently be a high school senior.
2. Student's parent or legal guardian must be a residential telephone or broadband customer of Santel Communications fiber optic network.
3. Must attend a post-secondary school in South Dakota within 12 months of high school graduation.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A typed letter of application. The letter should describe how the Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship will help you realize your educational goals.
2. A typed resume which includes the following minimum items: Name, Address, Telephone Number, Parents' Names, High School Name, Post-Secondary School you plan to attend, a List of Awards and Extra-Curricular School and Community Activities – don't hold back...be detailed and brag about all of your activities and accomplishments.
3. A one-page, double spaced, essay about a current local or world event and you must tell us how or why this event will specifically impact your future plans. **\*\*THE LETTER OF APPLICATION, THE RESUME, AND THE ESSAY MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN. NEATNESS COUNTS TOWARDS THE OVERALL JUDGING OF YOUR APPLICATION: PLEASE CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING BEFORE SUBMITTING.**
4. A picture to be used for publicity if chosen as a winner – must be emailed in jpg format to info@santel.coop. Actual photographs not accepted.

**\*\*FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION\*\***

All applications must be received via email by 5pm Friday, March 21, 2025. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Send to info@santel.coop

Application details found [HERE](#) or in the counseling office.

## HRMC Foundation Scholarships

**\*all applications are ONLINE**

- **Commitment Scholarship** – must commit to work at HRMC or in the Huron region at a participating medical facility for a determined amount of time following graduation. Must be a graduating senior or currently attending/enrolled in post-secondary education. Must intend on pursuing a degree in a high-need medical field as determined by the HRMC Foundation. Must have a 2.0 or better grade-point average.
  - Nursing: LPN Program; RN Program; BSN Program
  - Laboratory Science: Lab Tech
  - Respiratory Therapy
    - Apply ONLINE
    - **Deadline: March 15, 2025**
- **Helping Hands Scholarship** – created by the employees of HRMC to help support their fellow employees and their family members further their education. The amount available varies depending on the success of the previous year's Helping Hands Program fund drive.
  - Must be an employee of HRMC or a direct family member of an HRMC employee.
  - Preference will be given to applicants who indicate financial need and plan to seek or continue employment in the Huron, SD area after graduation.
    - Apply ONLINE
    - **Deadline: March 15, 2025**
- **Interest Scholarship** – This effort focuses on supporting those in the Huron area that are interested in a career in the medical field but are either not pursuing a degree in a critical need field or are not ready to make a commitment to return to the Huron area after graduation.
  - Must be a graduating senior or currently attending/enrolled in post-secondary education.
  - Must be graduating or have graduated from high school in one of the following counties: Beadle, Clark, Hand, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Sanborn, or Spink
  - Must intend to pursue or currently be pursuing a degree in a healthcare-related degree.
  - Must have a 2.0 or better grade-point average.
  - Preference will be given to applicants who plan to seek or continue their employment in the Huron, SD, region after graduation.
    - Apply ONLINE
    - **Deadline: March 15, 2025**

# NEW Scholarships

## Day County Coyote Hunt

The Day County Coyote Hunt Scholarship Program has been established to award scholarships to immediate family (parent, step-parent, grand parent, sibling) of a current soldier or Veteran of the Armed Forces including SD National Guard & desire to further their education.

- Applicants must be 19 years of age or younger.
- You must be a graduating senior from an accredited high school during the year of application.
- This scholarship may also be granted to a family member of a SD National Guard soldier who is physically challenged as determined by the American Disabilities Act passed on July 25, 1990.
- Scholarships must be used in one of the following types of accredited post-high school institutions: College, University or Vocational Technical School

Deadline: April 1

Applications found ONLINE or in Counseling Office

## Huron Area Concert Association

\$250 Music Scholarship

To be eligible, you must:

- Be a graduating High School senior majoring or minoring in the music field

Applications can be printed HERE or they are available in the counseling office.

Deadline: March 1

## Bellator Titans MC Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for students in need of financial assistance. It is open to high school seniors planning to attend any post-secondary institution of higher learning as freshman.

ELIGIBILITY:

- South Dakota Resident
- Senior going into their first year of post-secondary education in SD
- Financial Need

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: 3 hole punched

- Scholarship application
- Photo of applicant printed on 8.5x11 paper
- Essay question
- Letter of Recommendation

Available HERE or in Counselors' Office.

Deadline: March 26

## Alison Slepikas Davis Memorial Scholarship

The Alison Slepikas Davis Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial aid to a graduating senior of Huron High School looking to pursue a degree in one of the following fields:

- Chemistry
- Microbiology
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Agriculture
- Animal Science

The scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior for the amount of \$1,000 per year for four years. The graduating senior must meet the following qualifications:

- Be accepted into a college or university within the state of South Dakota
- Be pursuing a degree in one of the fields listed above.
- Come from an agricultural/farm background.
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Applications can be printed from HERE or picked up in the counselors' office.

Deadline: March 15

## Ally Dakota Development Scholarship

Ally Dakota Development, your trusted ally for small business finance, is pleased to offer five - \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a business/finance related field.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a high school senior attending a South Dakota High School
- Be accepted into a business/finance program at an accredited, post-secondary institution in South Dakota
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or greater, calculated on a 4.0 grading scale
- Submit an application (with documentation) by March 31, 2025. Required documentation:
  - Essay
  - Activities
  - Character
  - Academic

Applications can be printed HERE or found in the counselors' office.

Deadline: March 31

**SENIORS!!**  
Celebrate your success!  
When you get accepted to  
college, come fill out a  
Tiger Paw for us to display

**FREE Aptitude Tests:**  
123test  
MyNextMove  
Truity  
OurDakotaDreams

### ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- April 5- deadline February 28
- June 14- deadline May 9
- July 12- deadline June 6

\*HHS CODE: 420-656



### COST

- w/o "Writing"- \$69
- w/ "writing"- \$94
- Late Fee- \$38

Register at [ACT.org](https://www.act.org)

*\*If you have FREE/REDUCED lunch you can fill out a waiver and take the test for FREE. If this is an option for you, please come into the counselors' office.*

*\*It will be helpful to have a copy of your transcript when applying to take the ACT. Come into our office and request a copy of your transcript to help with that process.*

- *ACT study guides are available at the Huron Public Library*
- *Free Test Prep at [SDMyLife.com](https://www.sdmylife.com)*
- *[FREE ACT Practice Test & Resources](#)*
- *[ACT Test Dates \(Spanish\)](#)*
- *[ACT Test Dates \(English\)](#)*

- **JUNIORS** who are planning on attending a 4-year college/university- You should be taking your ACT NOW.

### Upcoming Campus Visit Dates

*\*more dates and info to come as they become available. Go to the College website you want to visit and find applicable dates/events that fit your schedule*

- **Northern State University:** Northern Bound Day Feb 21
  - check the website for individual visit days
- **University of South Dakota:** Coyote Visit Day - March 21
  - check the website for individual visit days
- **South Dakota State University:** Jackrabbit Preview Day - Feb 14, 21, 28; March 7, 28; April 4, 11, 25
  - check the website for individual visit days
- **Dakota State University:** Discover DSU Days- Jan 31; Feb 21; April 12
  - check the website for individual visit days
- **Dakota Wesleyan University:** Scholarship Day- Feb 21; Tiger Preview Day - March 28;
  - check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- **Black Hills State University:** Yellow Jacket Preview Days- March 21, April 25
  - check the website for individual visit days
- **Augustana University:**
  - check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- **School of Mines & Technology University:**
  - check the website for more details/dates
- **University of Sioux Falls:**
  - visit the website for more details/dates
- **Mount Marty University:**
  - visit the website for more details/dates
- **Southeast Technical College:** Campus Visit Days- Feb 7; March 7; Career Exploration Events- Dec 18; May 14
  - visit the website for more details/dates
- **Lake Area Technical College:** visit the website for more details/dates
- **Mitchell Technical College:** Exploration Days- Jan 23; March 26
  - visit the website for more details/dates
- **Western Dakota Technical College:** Visit Days- April 12
  - visit the website for more details/dates

*To register, go the University website and select the event and date that works for you.*

*\*Click the links below for more information*

## Valuable Resources & Websites

Test Prep      ACT Information      Financial Aid Websites  
College & Beyond Websites      Resume Tips      WUE/ WICHE details

## \$ Huron HS Scholarship Database \$

Scholarships are added and updated constantly. Check often!

## Scholarship Tips

## Federal Financial Aid: Let's Talk Details

Financial Aid- What Comes Next

Student Loans-Basic Info

## Forward Thinking

DI, DII, DIII, NAIA Requirements/Eligibility

To College or Not To College

Calculating the Cost of Post-Secondary

## Seniors: Month-by-Month Guide

## FAFSA 101

Errors to Avoid

FAQ

Checklist

## Think About Your Future

Careers

What Should I Be Doing?

What Comes Next?

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

## South Dakota: 2-year & 4-year College Master List

## Advice for Parents

*\*Click the links above for more information*