



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

March

- **Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3A Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; March 15
- **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
- **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
- **SD Youth Trooper Academy** - HERE; March 21
- **Howard Memorial Scholarship** - HERE; March 21
- **Build Dakota Scholarship** - HERE; March 31
- **Corner Pantry Scholarship** - (info only) HERE or in counseling office; March 31
- **Fueling the Community - Round Up Scholarship** - (info only) HERE or 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
- **The First National Bank in Sioux Falls Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; March 31
- **Clark County Riders MC Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; March 31
- **Tiger Roar Scholarship** - HERE; March 31
- **ILT Tom Martin Memorial Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; March 31
- **Muth Electric Build Dakota Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; March 31



Additional Scholarship sites:

- **South Dakota Department of Education Scholarships**
- **South Dakota Board of Regents Scholarships**
- **South Dakota Community Foundation**
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation**

Scholarship Application Deadlines**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
- **Jeff & Marcia Sveen "Dakota Provisions, LLC" Scholarship** - [HERE](#); April 1
- **Mid-Dakota Rural Water System, Inc. Scholarship** - Print [HERE](#), Website [HERE](#) or Counseling office; April 1
- **USA Softball of South Dakota** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1
- **Central Cattlemen Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1
- **National Farmers Union: Stanley Moore Scholarship** - [HERE](#); April 1
- **National Farmers Union: Hubert K. & JoAnn Seymour Scholarship** - [HERE](#); April 1
- **Huron Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau Agriculture Committee Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1
- **Donald H. Quimby Memorial Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1
- **SDATAT Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1
- **CHS Farmers Alliance Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 4
- **Grand Commandery Knights Templar Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 5
- **DSG Education Connection Fund Scholarship** - [HERE](#); April 5
- **Dakota Relays Gold Medal Scholarship** - [HERE](#); April 9
- **M-O Federal Credit Union** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 15
- **Scottish Rite Book Grant** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 15 (NOTE- THIS IS A MODIFIED DUE DATE FOR 2025)
- **American Bank & Trust Scholarship** - [HERE](#); April 18
- **Huron Sertoma Club Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in the counseling office; April 22
- **Huron Masonic Lodge #26 Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 24
- **HRMC Auxiliary Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 30

**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

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3A Scholarship

(Huron Police Department)

- This is a \$250 scholarship
- Priority will be given to a student selecting a program of study in criminal justice at a 2 or 4 year higher education institution. Collegiate courses of study may provide a career as a Police Officer, Sheriff, Conservation Officer, Probation Officer, FBI Agent, or other positions related to Law Enforcement.

Applications are in counseling office.

Due Date: March 15

Turn in to SRO or counseling office.

**NEW Scholarships****Scottish Rite Book Grant**

The Aberdeen Valley of the Scottish Rite is taking applications for Book Grants. The applicant may attend a college, university, or post-secondary school of his or her choice.

Include with the application:

- High School transcript
- essay.

The essay should be no longer than one page describing: career plans and higher education major pursuits, connecting their future plans with their current community involvement.

DEADLINE CHANGED- Postmarked by April 15, 2025

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

Understand YOUR Financial Aid

Decode Your Financial Aid Award Letter

**info found at [goingmerry](#) by earnest website*

Those Financial Aid letters can be tricky to understand.

What do those numbers mean?

- Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study and Student Loans
- Estimated Cost of One Year of Attendance (COA)
 - Most college award letters include this but not all. So YOU need to double-check the costs and understand what they mean:
 - *Direct/Billable Costs - paid directly to the college*
 - *Indirect/Other Costs - costs paid by you on your own (Travel expenses, books, misc expenses)*
- How do I get the money?
 - Actually you won't be given any money. Any aid you've been awarded will be applied as a credit towards the tuition/fees/etc that you owe the college.
- Out-of-pocket cost
 - Total cost of attendance MINUS Grants/scholarships/loans EQUALS YOUR out-of-pocket cost
- What's the SAI (student aid index)?
 - The amount you and your parents are meant to pay for college. Based on your FAFSA SAI calculation.

Appeal for MORE: It's Worth the Ask

Did you know you can appeal you financial aid award letter?

If your circumstances have changed or if there are new financial hardships, this could be a good avenue to increase your financial aid package.

Student Loans 101

• What is it?:

A student loan is money borrowed to help pay for education costs that you have to pay back.

• What for?

Use your student loans to help pay for:

- Tuition/fees
- Books
- Room/Board
- Other Expenses related to education: school equipment, transportation to and from, dependent child care if applicable

• Who?

If you need additional money to cover the full cost of higher education, a student loan may be an option.

- **ONLY BORROW WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO PAY BACK!**

Develop a College Budget: A simple guide for students

Visit the above link for a step-by-step guide to help develop a college budget.



Opportunities

Discover UMN Morris in Huron, South Dakota

Date & Time

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 6:00–7:30 PM

Purpose

This event aims to engage prospective students and families from Huron, South Dakota, who are interested in UMN Morris but have not yet visited our campus.

Location

Mercy Thai Restaurant

2357 Dakota Ave S

Huron, SD 57350

Event Schedule:

5:45 PM - Check-in

6:00 - 6:45 PM - Welcome & Admissions Chat over a light meal

(with translation if needed)

6:45 - 7:30 PM - Q&A

[🔗 Registration Link](#)

[Register Here](#)

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

When: May 25-29

Contact: Margaret Greenfield @ 605-250-5254 or Linda Holmes @ 605-770-6228 for information

American Legion Boys State

When: June 2-6

Who: Juniors and Seniors

Apply [HERE](#)

Or contact local American Legion Post



JUNIORS:

Service Leadership Academy

GOAL: To grow participants' leadership skills, to nurture their service heart, to connect rising seniors from the region, and to have a lot of fun in the process.

WHEN: June 2-4 or July 30-August 1

WHERE: Augustana University

COST: FREE

LEARN MORE: [HERE](#)

REGISTER: [HERE](#)

INFORMATIONAL VIDEO: [HERE](#)

Questions: Email- Gregg@TheHumanityLaunch.com or call Gregg at: 605-261-0645

**information is also available in the counseling office*



LATC: Careers in Aviation

- Aviation Maintenance Technology:

LATC offers one of the region's only certified 147 Aircraft Maintenance programs. Students receive hands-on experience working with various aircraft, ensuring they gain the practical skills necessary to maintain and repair different types of systems.

More Information [HERE](#)

- Professional Fixed-Wing Pilot:

LATC's 18-month program equips aspiring pilots with the skills to pursue a successful aviation career. Students receive classroom instruction in airspace, aircraft systems, aircraft performance, FAA regulations and more.

More information [HERE](#)

FREE Aptitude Tests:
123test
MyNextMove
Truity
OurDakotaDreams

Test Prep Resources:

LearningExpress Library through the South Dakota State Library Database.

- Accuplace
- ACT
- SAT
- ASVAB
- And more!

See Mrs. Kary or Mrs. Moser in the HHS Library for more information or visit the link above.

ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- April 5- LATE registration- March 16
- 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

**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
- 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:** Friday Visit Days - March 14, 21, 28; Saturday Campus Visits - March 29, April 5
 - 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 - March 28; April 4, 11, 25; Yellow & Blue Discovery Days - March 29, April 26
 - check the website for individual visit days
- **Dakota State University:** Discover DSU Days- April 12, June 20
 - check the website for individual visit days
- **Dakota Wesleyan University:** 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:** Junior Visit Day - April 11, April 25
 - check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- **School of Mines & Technology University:** Go To Mines Open House - April 26, June 13, July 19
 - check the website for more details/dates
- **University of Sioux Falls:** Preview Day - March 14; Saturday Visit - March 29
 - visit the website for more details/dates
- **Mount Marty University:** Spring Open House - March 15
 - visit the website for more details/dates
- **Southeast Technical College:** 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- 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 to the University website and select the event and date that works for you.

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

**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*

