<u>ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:</u>

- October 26- deadline Sept 14/LATE deadline October 7
- December 14- deadline Nov 8/LATE deadline Nov 22

*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.

SENIORS: Month-by-Month Guide SEPTEMBER

*from SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org

- mark your calendar with registration, admissions, and financial aid deadlines and fees
- create separate folders for each of the schools that interest you
- begin writing drafts of college essays
- start completing early admission college applications
- · meet with school representatives that visit your high school
- develop a college application resume to highlight your activities, achievements, etc.
- take college campus tours
- take the SAT/ACT
- ask employers, teachers, coaches for letter of recommendation to accompany your applications
- set up your <u>FSA ID</u> (and your parents will need one too). School year 2025-2026 FAFSA application will be available by December 1, 2024.

Dates of Upcoming Events

*see previous newsletters for more details or click links

- KIBBLE Equipment: Student Intern Program
- Financial Aid Information Night 9/25 @ 6:00pm
- SCRUBS Camp 9/25 Deadline for sign up
- Post-High Career Day 10/9 @ 1-3pm
- USD Admissions Rep Visit 10/15 @ 1:15-1:45
- SDSU Admissions Rep Visit 10/30 @ 10-10:30
- TechKnowledge Discovery Day Nov 4-8
- DSU Admissions Rep visit 11/6 @ 1:35pm

Scholarship Search Websites:

Just click the name

South Dakota Scholarships
Tuition Funding Sources
CollegeXpress
Scholarships.com
Student Scholarships
SD Scholarship Bulletin Board
Huron HS Scholarship Database
*many are not updated/available yet
KEEP CHECKING

Scholarship Application Deadlines

- American Legion Scholarships Deadlines vary
- <u>Athlete of the Month</u> (Vantage Financial Partners) 1st of each month (ONLY APPLY ONCE): available online, to <u>print</u>, or in counselors' office
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship September 30
- SD State DAR Scholarship for Military Descendants print here or in counselors' office; Dec 1

<u>United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program</u>

Open to qualified high school juniors or seniors. Applicants must show demonstrated leadership by
serving in elected or appointed positions in which they
actively represent a constituency in organizations related
to student government, education, public affairs and
community service.

Scholarship information can be found <u>HERE</u>
South Dakota's contact is Mr. Mark Gageby
mark.gageby@state.sd.us

Application

Applications MUST BE COMPLETED AND EMAILED
Students must email with their application two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter should be an academic letter from a teacher, counselor or principal. The other letter should be from a mentor, employer or adult advisor.

Each student must also include their HS transcript; include ACT scores if available. Selections will be based on the information the student provides with their application.

Deadline: October 4

Email application to: Melissa.Bothun@state.sd.us

SD State Daughter of the American Revolution for Military Descendants Scholarship

Any high school senior who plans to attend an institution of higher learning, is a resident of SD, and is the child or grandchild of a United States Military Veteran is eligible. This includes legally adopted children.

The application must include:

- a signed personal letter from teh applicant (details to include are listed on the application)
- 3 recommendation letters
- Transcript
- copy of the qualifying military member's service record.

Deadline: December 1

SD Legislative Page: 2025 Session

Students interested in serving as pages for the South Dakota Legislature must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school junior or senior (seniors will be given preference).
- Have signed sponsorship approval by a current legislator or legislator-elect.
- Submit completed application and cover letter ON or BEFORE the deadline on the application.
- Have written permission from school.
- Have strong academic performance (3.0+ GPA is encouraged). Have written permission from parent or legal quardian.
- Submit a cover letter and two written letters of recommendation.
- <u>SDLegislature.gov</u> provides information about the Page Program, legislators, and the legislative process.
 - 2025 Legislative Page Application pdf
 - General Information pdf
 - OR pick up the information in counseling office

Deadline (preferred): October 4
FINAL deadline: October 18

Helpful Resources:

- <u>Scholarship Application Tracking & Received Sheets</u>
- Scholarship Search Sites
- Estimated Costs for SD Colleges (2023-2024 numbers)
- Guide to SD Technical Colleges
- State Scholarship Programs



<u>Upcoming Campus Visit Dates</u>

- *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 Days- Oct 18;
 - o check the website for individual visit days
- University of South Dakota: Coyote Visit Days- Sept 20, Oct 11, 17, 18;
 - o check the website for individual visit days
- South Dakota State University: Jackrabbit Preview Days- Oct 4, 11, 25; Nov 1, 15; Dec 6;
 - check the website for individual visit days
- Dakota State University: Discover DSU Days- Oct 18; Nov 2, 8; Dec 13;
 - o check the website for individual visit days
- Dakota Wesleyan University: check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- Black Hills State University: Yellow Jacket Preview Days- Oct 18; Nov 15;
 - check the website for individual visit days
- Augustana University: Explore Augustana Events Sept 21; Oct 11, 18; Nov 8;
 - o check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- School of Mines & Technology University: Go To Mines Open House- Oct 19; Nov 2;
 - check the website for more details/dates
- University of Sioux Falls: Campus Preview Days- Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 8;
 - visit the website for more details/dates
- <u>Mount Marty University:</u> STEM Symposium- Oct 1 @ 9am (\$2,000 scholarship for attending); Fall Open House- Oct 19; Nursing Visit Day- Oct 25;
 - visit the website for more details/dates
- <u>Southeast Technical College</u>: Campus Visit Days- Oct 4; Nov 1; 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- Nov 7; Jan 23; March 26; Tech Camp- Nov 21; Career Expo- Set 23;
 - visit the website for more details/dates
- Western Dakota Technical College: Visit Days- Oct 12; Dec 3; 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.

