

## HURON HIGH SCHOOL

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### ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- 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](https://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.*

- [FREE ACT Practice Test & Resources](#)
- [ACT Test Dates \(Spanish\)](#)
- [ACT Test Dates \(English\)](#)

- JUNIORS- You should be taking your ACT NOW.

### Dates of Upcoming Events

\*see previous newsletters for more details or click links

- [KIBBLE Equipment: Student Intern Program](#)
- [NSU Admissions Rep Visit - 9/24 @ 11:00am](#)
- 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
- ASVAB Testing - 11/13 @ 8:00 -11am
  - (look for sign up soon)

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October 1 - November 30**

### College-Bound Senior (2 or 4 year)

**\*What should you be doing to succeed?**



- Start planning college visits
- Begin collecting recommendation letters from teachers/counselors/employers/mentors
- TAKE CHALLENGING COURSES!!
- Plan to take your ACT-dates are posted
- The FREE SD College Application Period will open up this fall-stay tuned for further information
  - visit [OurDakotaDreams](#) to research SD Public Colleges
- set up your [FSA ID](#) (and your parents will need one too). School year 2025-2026 FAFSA application will be available by December 1, 2024.

### Scholarship Search Websites:

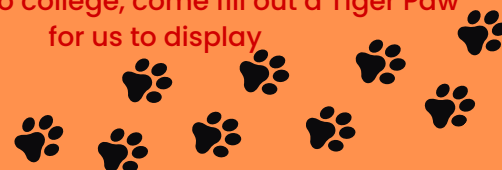
*\*Just click the name\**

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**

### SENIORS!!

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



### Scholarship Application Deadlines



- [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
- [Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship](#) - September 30
- [US Senate Youth Scholarship Program](#) - October 4
- [SD Legislative Page Program](#) - October 4
- [VFW Voice of Democracy](#) - Oct 31; available online or in counseling office
- [SD Farmers Union Foundation Scholarship](#) - November 15; also available in counseling office
- [SD State DAR Scholarship for Military Descendants](#) - print here or in counselors' office; Dec 1

## YOUR Guide to College & Beyond:

[OurDakotaDreams.com](http://OurDakotaDreams.com)  
[MappingYourFuture.org](http://MappingYourFuture.org)  
[SDmylife.com](http://SDmylife.com)  
[ONetonline.org](http://ONetonline.org)  
[StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov)

### Helpful Resources:

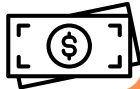
- [Scholarship Application Tracking & Received Sheets](#)
- [Scholarship Search Sites](#)
- [Estimated Costs for SD Colleges \(2023-2024 numbers\)](#)
- [Guide to SD Technical Colleges](#)
- [State Scholarship Programs](#)



### Begin Cost Comparisons:

It's never too early to start to plan for post-high school.

Explore SD colleges at [CollegeSimply](http://CollegeSimply.com) and [CollegeTuitionCompare.com](http://CollegeTuitionCompare.com)



### In-State or Out-of-State??

Are you unsure if you want to attend an in-state school or out-of-state school after high school? Start looking at WUE schools.

What in the world is a WUE, you ask?

WUE is WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE. It's an agreement among WICHE'S 16 members (160+ public colleges and universities) to provide nonresident tuition savings for Western students. Click [HERE](#) for a full list of participating WUE schools.

### REMEMBER

As a college-bound student-athlete YOU are responsible for your eligibility. That means planning ahead, taking high school classes seriously and protecting your amateur status. It can be challenging, but the benefits of being a student-athlete are worth the effort.



ASVAB Testing - look for sign ups soon.  
Date: November 13, 8:00 - 11:00am



### Athletic Participation Post High School

Some students desire to compete athletically at the next level. Is that you? If so, there are a couple things you should know.

You can compete at a college/university that is either [NCAA \(DI, DII, DIII\)](#) OR [NAIA](#) affiliated. Both have different requirements and guidelines.

- [NCAA](#) - you need to create an account with the [NCAA Eligibility Center: NCAA.org](#)
  - Before you can be certified to compete at a DI or DII school, NCAA needs to know more about your academic history and sports experiences. To create an "Academic and Amateurism Certification Account" - the most common account for future NCAA student-athletes, it will cost \$100.
  - [NCAA Standards](#)
- *NOTE: this is NOT NCSA!! NCSA (Next College Student Athlete) is the largest recruiting network. It is a FOR-PROFIT organization that connects middle and high school student-athletes with college coaches. NCSA Recruiting is a paid-for service. If you are interested in this service visit: [www.athleticscholarships.net](http://www.athleticscholarships.net) OR [www.NCSAsports.org](http://www.NCSAsports.org)*
- *Coaches count on interested athletes contacting them as early as eighth grade or freshman year of high school. This is ON YOU. Don't wait around for colleges to come knocking!*
  - [NCAA GUIDE](#)
  - [NCAA FAQ's](#)
  - [DI and DII Worksheets](#) (for personal tracking of academic eligibility)
- [NAIA](#) - you need to register with the NAIA Eligibility Center by creating a profile at [PlayNAIA.org](http://PlayNAIA.org). NAIA requires student athletes to send specific documentation to be eligible to compete.
  - [NAIA Guide](#)



### SD Farmers Union Foundation Scholarship

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Current member of SD Farmers Union
- Senior in high school planning to attend or a current freshman at a SD post-secondary institution.

Scholarship committee prefers for scholarships to be submitted via the ONLINE VERSION, however, paper submissions will be accepted.

Applications are available [HERE](#) or in the Counseling Office.

Deadline: 8am November 15

### VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship

Open to ALL students in the 9th–12th grade.

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veteran's of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme.

This year's theme is:

**"IS AMERICA TODAY OUR FOREFATHERS' VISION?"**

What do You Need to Enter?

Record your original 3–5 minute audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. You submit the recording, typed essay and the completed entry form. \*Use of ChaptGPT or other AI tools is NOT allowed.

Entry forms are available in the Counseling Office or access form [HERE](#).

Local Post: POST 1776

Deadline: Oct 31

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### How are YOU paying for college?

Onlinedegree.com has compiled a list of options that don't include using student loans or accessing personal loans using a private finance option.

#### 9 Ways to Pay for College Without a Ton of Loans

- **Employer Reimbursement**
  - Many businesses, in an effort to be competitive and attract top talent, are offering tuition reimbursement/assistance to both full and part-time employees.
- **Scholarships**
  - Applying for scholarships can be a real hassle, but the upside to that is that many students are discouraged from even trying to get a scholarship. So there is less competition to receive this money. If you have the time and ability to focus and get the process done, scholarships can be a way to help pay for college and they don't have to be paid back!
- **Grants**
  - As much money gets left on the table with scholarships, even more gets left on the table with grants. And grants also don't have to be paid back! Beyond federal grants, there are also many private grants available to eligible students. Take the time to research and be sure to apply to as many as you can.
- **Work Study Programs**
  - Do you qualify for your school's work study program? These programs place students in an area related to their chosen field and allows the money they would earn to be used for tuition and other college-related expenses such as books.
- **Join the Military**
  - Military members can qualify for the GI Bill. Talk to your local recruiter about educational benefits that may be available for enlisting in the US Armed Services.
- **Attend a State School**
  - Moving out of state to attend school, particularly a private school, will cost FAR MORE than attending a school in your own state. Often graduating school without debt means not going with your first choice. A state school will give you a great education and cost a fraction of what a private, out of state school would cost.
- **Take Longer to Graduate**
  - No one says you must graduate college in 4 years. Some students pay as they go, working part-or full-time jobs while in school to pay for each semester as they go. It may take you an extra year or two to graduate, but you won't be carrying around massive amounts of debt when you do!
- **Certifications**
  - There are many rewarding and high-paying careers that don't necessarily require a 4-year education, and that's where certification comes in. Think of certification as a fast-track to a career you love, that pays well and that can lead to future advancement. When you enroll in a certification program, there is no unnecessary coursework, no undergraduate courses like English and History that are required. You focus your time and effort 100% on the skills you need to enter the workforce and land an excellent job in your chosen field.

## South Dakota Elks Association: Career & Technical Ed. Scholarship

This \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to students planning to enroll in a CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

Include:

- Completed application
- Personal Essay
- 2 letters of recommendation

Application can be printed from [HERE](#) or picked up from the Counseling Office.

Deadline: November 12

### Most Valuable Student (MVS) Contest

The 2025 MVS application is now open! The Elks National Foundation (ENF) awards 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis at a US college/university next year.

Applicants compete separately for male and female awards.

Huron Students- choose HURON ELKS LODGE #444 for sponsoring lodge.

Applications can be found [HERE](#).

Deadline: November 12, 2024

### What is the FAFSA and why do I care?

- You must submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) if you want to apply for federal and state financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require the FAFSA. You must submit it every year that you want aid.
- The form is available online, although PDF and paper versions can be requested. The best option is to complete the [web-based version](#). It includes step-by-step instructions for completing the online version as well as preapplication worksheets.
- You can obtain a FSA ID, which is like your FAFSA login, that will also allow you to [electronically sign the form too](#). If you have technical questions about the Web form, call 1-800-4-FED-AID.
- The FAFSA deadline is the same every year: June 30. However, the federal government and many states award [financial aid](#) on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it's wise to submit the form as soon as it becomes available.
  - Filing your FAFSA online offers several benefits, including:
    - You will get your Student Aid Report (SAR) sooner than with the paper or PDF forms.
    - It will be more accurate, since the online form has built-in edit checks to catch simple errors and you avoid errors introduced by the OCR process.
    - Submitting the form online allows you to list up to ten colleges, while the paper version has space only for four colleges.

### Need to take the ACCUPLACER?

Come into the Counseling Office and schedule a time. You can take it right here in our office. Make sure you know in what Technical College and program you have been accepted.

### 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 Days- Oct 18;
  - check the website for individual visit days
- **University of South Dakota:** Coyote Visit Days- Sept 20, Oct 11, 17, 18;
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - 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
- **Mount Marty University:** 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
- **Southeast Technical College:** 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.*

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