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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
- January**
- **Black Hills Angus** - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; Jan 10
 - **South Dakota Association of Environmental Professionals (SDAEP) Scholarship** - [Here](#) or in counseling office; Jan 15
 - **South Dakota Solid Waste Management Association (SDSWMA) Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; Jan 15
 - **Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; Jan 15
 - **US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship: College/University option or Vocational/Industrial option** - January 17; in Counseling Office or [online](#)
 - **Agtegra Agricultural Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; Jan 17
 - **SDS Engineering Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; Jan 17
 - **Dakotaland FCU Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; Jan 17
 - **Davis-Bachall Scholar Program** - [HERE](#); Jan 17
 - **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

- **Ty Eschenbaum Cancer Survivor Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; February 15
- **BBB Students of Integrity** - [HERE](#); February 28

March

- **Leo Crawford Junior Achievement Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 1
- **South Dakota Farm Bureau Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 1
- **Dacotah Bank Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 3
- **Venture Communications Community Service Scholarship** - [HERE](#); March 7
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships** - [HERE](#); March 15
- **Bellator Titans MC Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counselors' office; March 26
- **Corner Pantry Scholarship** - in counseling office; March 31

April

- **SDAPHCC Scholarship** - [HERE](#) or in counseling office; April 1



NEW Scholarships

Corner Pantry Scholarship

Two \$2,500 Scholarships

Requirements:

- Current HS senior
- Anticipating completion of HS diploma at the time of application
- Planning to pursue a 4-year degree at an accredited post-secondary institution
- Essay on "How They Give Back to Their Community and Why They Should Be Chosen for the Scholarship". Max of 3 pages.

Email essays to TANNER@MGOIL.COM (receive confirmation of receipt)

Deadline: March 31

Ty Eschenbaum Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is open to young applicants diagnosed with a form of cancer at any point during their life. It is open to high school students graduating from a South Dakota school district and planning on attending any post-secondary school in South Dakota. Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational institution following proof of enrollment.

Deadline: February 15

Apply ONLINE

Or Download the application, complete and email to alli@tyefoundation.org or mail to:

Ty Eschenbaum Foundation

PO Box 65

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

Venture Communications Community Service Scholarship

Venture Communications will be offering 14 - \$750 Scholarships to 2025 graduating seniors in their service area.

To be eligible:

- The students' parents or legal guardian must be an active subscriber of Venture Communications.
- Students must have a cumulative B average.
- The scholarships are awarded based on Community Service, Academics, School Involvement, and Essay.

The Scholarships will be awarded prior to the start of the second semester of the 1st year students are enrolled in a post-secondary school.

Applications must be submitted ONLINE.

Deadline: March 7

BBB Scholarship Program

The BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship Program honors students who demonstrate outstanding leadership and integrity. These awards are made possible by the BBB Education Foundation.

BBB Midwest Plains provides three \$2,000 scholarships for each of the five regions in its service area: Kansas City & Western Missouri, Kansas Plains, Lincoln & Greater Nebraska, Omaha & Southwest Iowa, and South Dakota.

Application portal closes on Feb. 28, 2025.

South Dakota Farm Bureau Scholarship

SD Farm Bureau is dedicated to agriculture in our state. This scholarship is to celebrate youth that have a passion for agriculture and their rural communities. We want to award scholarships to youth who are planning on returning to rural communities to work. Applicants can choose to be considered for an agriculture-focus or community-focus scholarship, depending on their major and/or experience with agriculture.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Applicant, applicant's parents or guardians must be a current member of South Dakota Farm Bureau and must have been a member for 2 years.
2. Not allowed to receive this scholarship award more than once.
3. Must be accepted by an accredited school of higher learning and planning to study a minimum of one year as a full-time student.
4. Must be 17 years of age or older, a high school graduate or a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. If still in high school, must have an expected graduation date of Spring 2025.
5. Applications from high school seniors must include a copy of most recent ACT score or Accuplacer score. All applicants must include current transcript with grade point average.
6. Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship.
7. Scholarship is applied toward tuition fees only and will be awarded after the first semester.

Applications available ONLINE or in counselors' office.

Deadline: March 1

DO NOT USE STAPLES WHEN SUBMITTING SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

NEW Scholarships

South Dakota Community Foundation Scholarships

NOW an application portal!

- Step 1: register your account as “Individual”
 - Do NOT use your k-12 email!
- Step 2: Receive confirmation message and click “View” to start the process of applying
 - PHASE 1: Common Application Phase – provide complete and truthful answers
 - On final page of Phase 1 “Scholarship Information” you will see a list of scholarships based solely on your selected HS
 - Click SUBMIT
 - PHASE 2: in GOapply, you will see an empty checklist of scholarships based on selected High School as well as statewide opportunities.
 - You will need to check “YES” in the opt in section to show statewide scholarship descriptions
 - Finalize your selections; click “Next” to begin the application process. The system will guide you through the process.

Scholarships previously available in-office but now are using the GOapply portal:

- **Curtis Marvin Hohn Scholarship** – DUE: MARCH 10
 - awarded to seniors graduation from a SD high school attending a public or private college/university or technical school in South Dakota. (Preference will be given to applicants pursuing studies in history, political science, or water resources). Applicants should reflect the values that embodied Curtis Hohn’s life: integrity, individual character, courage; leadership in school and community; involvement in civic affairs; participation in organizations that shape the school and community; leadership to reform policies that benefit school and community; work ethic; interest in national and global issues; interest in humanitarian issues.
- **Oahe Racers Association Scholarship** – DUE: MARCH 31
 - must be graduating for a SD high school; Planning to pursue a degree in Automotive; attending one of the four TECHNICAL COLLEGES in South Dakota
- **Inez Taylor Walter Scholarship** – DUE: APRIL 1
 - Preference given to a student planning on attending a South Dakota or North Dakota college in the field of nursing
- **Dr. Dale A. Gibson Oral Health Scholarship** – DUE: APRIL 15
 - Must be pursuing a Dental Assisting degree at Lake Area Technical College; Intend to remain in SD after graduating from LATC; must have strong academic qualifications; first preference goes to candidates from South Dakota; second preference to those with a greater financial need
- **Esther Edie Environmental Scholarship** – DUE: APRIL 15
 - Awarded to a student in their Final year of schooling; must be attending a SD college or university; must be pursuing a degree in Environmental Science (biology or chemistry), Environmental Geography, Environmental Sociology, Natural Resource Management or Environmental Law
- **Gene Abdallah Scholarship** – DUE: APRIL 15
 - Must graduate from a South Dakota High School; cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; Must be pursuing a career in Law Enforcement; Include a letter of acceptance from a SD college/university or vocational school which applicant plans to attend; submit a short essay.

Opportunities

Mitchell Tech: Exploration Day & Build Dakota Industry Connection Fair

- **MTC Exploration Day** - Held in conjunction with the Build Dakota Industry Connection Fair. Discover what Mitchell Technical College has to offer!
 - visit classes and labs in any of MTC programs or majors
 - learn about financial aid opportunities
 - participate in a Q&A session with staff and students
- **Build Dakota Industry Connection Fair** - Don't miss this opportunity to meet industry partners who are eager to connect with prospective Build Dakota Scholarship recipients. This event is a great chance to network with professionals, explore potential career paths, and learn about high-demand, hands-on careers. Build relationships through the DoubleEdge program to prepare for your future career while supporting industry workforce needs.

WHEN: Thursday, January 23; 9:30 - 2:00pm

Register [HERE](#)

WHEN: January 23; 1:00 - 4:00pm

WHERE: Nordby Trades Center

Register [HERE](#)



Western Dakota Tech: Weld to Win

Register today to participate in the WDTC Welding Competition for high school welding students!

WHEN: February 4; 9am - 1pm

WHERE: WDTC Event Center

Deadline to register: January 31

- 1st Place will receive the Build Dakota Scholarship (must be a high school senior to win)
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
- Swag bags for all contestants
- Free lunch
- Learn about welding and welding careers
- Visit with WDTC Welding & Fabrication Industry partners

Register [HERE](#)

American Legion: Boys State 2025

June 2-6 @ Northern State University,
Aberdeen, SD

Understand the American system of government, appreciate the responsibilities of citizenship and learn fundamental principles of leadership. Open to Juniors and Seniors (Only eligible to attend one time)

Information and applications found at:

[SOUTHDAKOTABOYSSTATE.COM](https://southdakotaboysstate.com)

OR contact your local American Legion

Post.

ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- February 8- LATE deadline January 20
- 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:** Ready, Set, GO! Build Dakota Day - January 16, 2025; 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*