

HURON HIGH SCHOOL

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ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- October 26- 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.*

**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- You should be taking your ACT NOW.

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](https://OurDakotaDreams.com) 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.

FREE SD College Application Period:
October 1 - November 30

Dates of Upcoming Events

*see previous newsletters for more details or click links

- [KIBBLE Equipment: Student Intern Program](#)
- 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

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; [ONLINE APPLICATION](#) is PREFERRED
- [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
- [2024 Angus Association Undergraduate Scholarship](#) - October 31; online or in counseling office
- [2024 SD Heifer Grant Application](#) - October 31; online or in counseling office
- [SD Elks Association: Career & Tech Ed Scholarship](#) - November 12; online or in counseling office
- [MVS \(Most Valuable Student\) Contest](#) - November 12
- [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
- [US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship: College/University option or Vocational/Industrial option](#) - January 17; in Counseling Office of online
- [SDAPHCC Scholarship](#) - April 1; available online or in counseling office

YOUR Guide to College & Beyond:

OurDakotaDreams.com
MappingYourFuture.org
SDmylife.com
ONetonline.org
StudentAid.gov



ASVAB Testing - Sign up in NOW Counseling Office
Date of Test: November 13, 8:00 - 11:00am

Helpful Resources:

**just click on the below category*

- Scholarship Application Tracking & Received Sheets
- Scholarship Search Sites
- Estimated Costs for SD Colleges
- Guide to SD Technical Colleges
- State Scholarship Programs
- WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange)
- SD College Cost Comparison
 - CollegeSimply
 - CollegeTuitionCompare.com
- FAFSA/Federal Student Aid Application
- [FSA ID](#) - Create your account to file your FAFSA and e-sign
 - *Both you and your parents will need one*



Athletic Participation Post High School

You can compete at a college/university that is either NCAA ([DI](#), [DII](#), [DIII](#)) or NAIA.

Both have different requirements and guidelines.

- NCAA - you need to create an account with the NCAA Eligibility Center: NCAA.org
 - [NCAA Guide](#)
- NAIA - you need to register with the NAIA Eligibility Center by creating a profile at PlayNAIA.org. NAIA requires students to send specific documentation to be eligible to compete.
 - [NAIA Guide](#)

QuestBridge

MISSION: QuestBridge connects high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds with a thriving community and transformative educational, career, and life opportunities that help propel them to lives of fulfillment, meaning, and purpose.

VISION: QuestBridge seeks to create a more equitable society where every student can dream big, reach their potential, contribute to the world, and build a life that they love.

Interested in Finding out more or if QuestBridge is right for you? Visit [AskQB](#)

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*

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.

Federal Student Aid 411:

Types of Aid

- Grants - money you do NOT have to repay YAY! (unless you withdraw from school)
- Scholarships - FREE MONEY!! Apply for lots and lots. FREE! FREE! FREE!
- Loans - money you borrow and MUST pay back with interest. (Stay tuned for more discussion regarding Federal Student Loans, Parent Plus Loans, and Personal Loans)

Once you complete the FAFSA (available December 1, 2024), you have officially applied for Federal Financial Aid. You have to do this yearly (have your previous years' tax return nearby while completing the application).

As the school year goes along, be sure to check your newsletters. I will be providing more information about Financial Aid to help you understand the process, options, and requirements.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

The Law requires us to release the directory information of our juniors and seniors to all branches of the military. The legislation allows parents and students to request to have their name withheld from those directory lists. We are required by law to notify you of this option. If you choose to have your name removed, watch for an email survey coming soon.

AGC Construction Camp

Lake Area Tech College and AGC South Dakota is offering a Construction Career Camp.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 9

Sign up [ONLINE](#)

****SENIOR MEETING****

Seniors! Check your emails. You will be asked to set up a meeting with a counselor to confirm credits and discuss post-graduation plans. This IS A REQUIREMENT for every senior.

Scholarship Search Websites

University Specific Scholarships

South Dakota Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Educational Foundation Scholarship

The purpose of the South Dakota Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (SDAPHCC) Educational Foundation scholarship is to help individuals prepare for careers in the plumbing, heating, and cooling industry. This scholarship is particularly intended for students enrolled in trade related training programs in the state of South Dakota.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$2000 will be available for award each year.

Applicants should be planning to seek a career in the plumbing, heating, and cooling industry.

- Graduating high school seniors and non-traditional individuals are encouraged to apply.
- Part-time studies will be considered if applicant can show good cause for other than full-time studies.
- Preference will be given to those intending to or who are enrolled in a South Dakota based training program and who will incur out of pocket expenses for said program.
- Recipients are eligible to apply a second time for a subsequent training period. No more than two awards per person.

A letter of application to the SDAPHCC Educational Foundation including the following information is required for consideration.

- Applicant's contact information
- A typewritten paragraph sharing your career goals
- A sponsorship letter from a member in good standing of the SDAPHCC
- A letter of recommendation from a person that is influential in your life
- Brief description of work history (as appropriate)
- Grade transcripts if a current student

Letter of application and supporting documents must be received at the SDAPHCC office by the 1st of April and may be submitted in person, by mail or electronically.

2024 SD Angus Association Undergraduate Scholarship

The SD Angus Association offers two general scholarships to students pursuing an undergraduate degree. To be eligible, the applicant must be a high school senior in South Dakota with extracurricular activity involvement including: academics, extra curricular- clubs, honors, community service, employments, sports, etc, involvement in Junior Angus, 4H, FFA or other agricultural organizations, and show financial need. Include with the application packet a color picture and high school transcript. Applications must be postmarked by **OCTOBER 31**. Applications are located in the counselor's office or online [HERE](#)

2024 SD Heifer Grant Application

You must be an SD Junior Angus member and a South Dakota resident to be eligible for a grant. If you are not a current member of the SD Junior Angus Association you may join by enclosing your annual membership fee of \$10 made payable to the SD Jr. Angus Association and include it with this [application](#).

Applications can be printed [HERE](#) or picked up in the counseling office.

Deadline: October 31.

US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship

Each year the SD JCI Senate organization awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary college, university or vocational school.

The SD JCI Senate awards three place winners:

1st place winner \$500.00

2nd Place winner \$300.00

3rd place winner \$200.00

Winning applications will be forwarded to the US JCI Senate Foundation scholarship program for further judging. Foundation scholarship awards are up to \$1500.00.

Scholarship applications, as well as the Student Application check list are available in the Counseling Office – or can be downloaded from the US JCI Senate website at the link below:

[Scholarship Program \(usjcisenate.org\)](http://usjcisenate.org)

Applications can also be printed from [HERE](#)

Deadline: must be postmarked January 17, 2025

AGC of South Dakota

Have you ever considered a career in construction? South Dakota's contractors need YOU! Whether you want to get right to work after graduation, learn and earn through an apprenticeship or get a degree in one of the many construction majors in schools across the state, the AGC of SD is your resource for construction careers! The AGC of SD is deeply committed to a highly educated and trained workforce! Check out our website at buildsouthdakota.com to learn more! Applicants must achieve an above average academic achievement and be committed to working in South Dakota following graduation.



If you missed the Financial Aid Information Night, below are links to the handouts and the slideshow presented:

- [Financial Aid Slide Show](#)
- [Scholarship Tips](#)
- [Creating a Strategic Scholarship Plan](#)
- [College Planning and Money Management for Parents](#)
- [2024-25 College Cost Comparison](#)



FAFSA Document Checklist:

- Your **Social Security Card** and **Driver's License** and/or alien registration card if you are not a US citizen
- Your **2023 Federal Income Tax Returns, W-2's, and other records of money earned.** (The [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) can help you transfer your federal tax return information right into your FAFSA form.)
- **Records and documentation of other nontaxable income** received such as welfare benefits, Social Security income, veteran's benefits, military or clergy allowances (if applicable).
- Any **additional applicable financial information**, such as taxable work-study, assistantships, fellowships, grants, and scholarship aid reported to the IRS, combat pay or special combat pay, and cooperative education program earnings.
- **Records of any additional nontaxable income:** Examples include child support received, veterans' non-education benefits, money received or paid on your behalf, et.
- **Current bank and brokerage account statements**, including records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investments (if applicable).
- **Business or investment farm records** (if applicable).
- Records relating to any unusual family financial circumstances.
- **Title IV Institution Codes** for each school you are applying to. Find [HERE](#)
- **FSA ID**
If you are applying as a dependent - again, you are a dependent unless declared otherwise - one parent is required to sign as well. To electronically fill out your FAFSA online, your parent should apply for a FAFSA ID at the same site.

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- 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- 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- 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:** AGC Construction Camp - October 9; Drone Camp - October 25; Weld-Off - December 4; Ready, Set, GO! Build Dakota Day - January 16, 2025; 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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