

## HURON HIGH SCHOOL

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### Scholarship Application Deadlines:

- American Legion Scholarships - deadlines vary.
- Athlete of the month (Vantage Financial Partners)- 1st of each month
- Prevention Magazine Essay Scholarship- no deadline

#### January

- DAR Scholarships- January 31

#### February

- ELKS Legacy Awards- February 5, 2024
- Basin Electric Member Scholarship- also available in counseling office- February 9
- DEC \$500 Scholarship- also available in counseling office- February 9
- DEC \$1,000 Electrician Scholarship- also available in counseling office- February 9
- DEC \$1,000 Line Worker Scholarship- also available in counseling office- February 9
- DEC Youth Tour Opportunity- also available in counseling office- February 9
- NIAAA Essay Scholarship- February 14
- Agtegra Agricultural Scholarship- February 15, 2024
- Independent Insurance Agents of South Dakota- February 28, 2024
- Evie Kahnke Memorial Scholarship- also available in counseling office- February 28
- Annis Irene Fowler/Kaden Scholarship- online- February 29
- The Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship for Native American Students- online- February 29

#### March

- SD Junior Achievement Leo Crawford Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 1
- SD American Legion Educational Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 1
- Cancer Unwrapped Teen Writing Contest- March 1
- SD Farm Bureau Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 1
- WRCA Foundation Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 1
- SD State DAR Scholarship For Military Descendants- available in counseling office- March 5
- First Dakota Scholarship- online or in counseling office- March 5
- Resource Conservation Speech Contest- also available in counseling office- March 6
- Dacotah Bank- also in counselors' office- March 8
- Venture Communications Scholarship- March 8
- Curtis Marvin Hohn Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 10
- Farm Credit Services of America Land Grant- March 11
- SD Farm Bureau- also available in counselors' office- March 14, 2024

#### Apply for Federal Financial Aid NOW:

Each state has their own deadline- contact your college/university for this date.

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR FSA ID AND YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN FSA ID!!**

*\*If you need assistance or have questions*

Visit [SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org](https://SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org)

Call 1-800-374-4072

Email: [feedback@MappingYourFuture.org](mailto:feedback@MappingYourFuture.org)

*\*the Counseling Office cannot help you complete your FAFSA.*

*Sit down with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and all your documents and complete the form together.*



#### ATTENTION



If you took the ACT in December and got the ACT Test Credit Don't forget to redeem your FREE Test by January 31.

You will have a Credit Code sent to the email you listed in your ACT account.

Claim your FREE test in MyACT

## March Cont...

- **Coach Russ Morrel Memorial Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- March 15
- **Horatio Alger Scholarships (SEVERAL!)**- March 15
- **Justin Lake College Scholarship**- March 15
- **SD Fire Service Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- March 15
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships**- March 15 *\*there are SEVERAL scholarships on this website:*
  - \* Emily's Hope
  - \* Cogley-Buffington Fund
  - \* Fred & Marie Christopherson
  - \* Kimberly Rose Means
  - \* Joe Foss "An American Hero"
  - \* Norman W. Ranschau Memorial
  - \* Osman Family Native American Scholarship
- **SD Society for Technology in Education Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- March 22
- **Santel Communications: Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- March 22
- **HRMC Auxiliary Scholarship**- March 31
- **Bellator Titans MC Scholarship**- available in counselors' office- March 26
- **Oahe Racers Association Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- March 31
- **SDACDE Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- March 31
- **HRMC Foundation Scholarships**- March 31
- **Build Dakota Scholarship Fund**- March 31

## April

- **Day County Coyote Hunt: for SD National Guard members/family**- also available in counselors' office- April 1
- **Inez Taylor Walter Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 1
- **Donald H. Quimby Memorial Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 1
- **Huron Youth Wrestling Club Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 1
- **Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship**- April 1
- **First District Development Company Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 5
- **BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship**- April 5
- **Gene Abdallah**- also available in counseling office- April 15
- **Dr. Dale A. Gibson Oral Health Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 15
- **Esther Edie Environmental Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 15
- **Scott Lippincott Memorial Scholarship**- also available in counselors' office- April 15

### ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

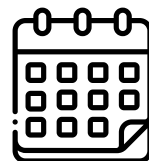
- April 13- deadline March 8/LATE deadline March 22
- June 8- deadline May 3/LATE deadline May 17
- July 13- deadline June 7/LATE deadline June 21

\*HHS CODE: 420-656

### Upcoming Campus Visit Dates

- **Northern State University**: check the website for individual visit days: Northern Bound Day- February 16
- **University of South Dakota**: check the website for individual visit days; "Coyote Visit Days"- March 1, 22; April 12, 26
- **South Dakota State University**: check the website for individual visit days; "Jackrabbit Preview Days"- February 2, 16; March 8, 22; April 5, 12, 19, 26
- **Dakota State University**: check the website for individual visit days; "Discover DSU Days"- January 26; February 16; March 1; April 6
- **Dakota Wesleyan University**: check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- **Black Hills State University**: "Yellow Jacket Days"- March 22; April 19; check the website for individual visit days
- **Augustana University**: check the website to schedule an individual or group visit
- **School of Mines & Technology University**: "Go to Mines" Open House- April 13; June 7, 20; visit 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" - February 2; March 1
- **Lake Area Technical College**: Senior Tech Days- January 31, 2024; Junior Tech Day- April 3
- **Mitchell Technical College**: "Exploration Day"- January 25; February 29
- **Western Dakota Technical College**: College Visit Days and Nights- April 20

To register, go the University website and select the event and date that works for you.



### Jeff & Marcia Sveen-Dakota Provisions Scholarship

\$1,000 & potentially renewable

This scholarship was established to provide scholarships to benefit Dakota Provisions, LLC employees and their families.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a SD resident who is a current high school senior (or recent HS graduate) who will pursue post-secondary education at a college, university or vocational school
  - Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - Applicants must be employees of Dakota Provisions, LLC in Huron, SD, or the children, grandchildren or siblings of Dakota Provisions, LLC employees.
- Applications can be picked up in the Counselors' office or printed from [HERE](#).

DEADLINE: April 1

### Vocational, Technical & Trade School Scholarships

*\*Info from Fastweb.com*

Unfortunately, many people believe scholarships are only for students attending college; this is a myth. There are thousands of scholarships students can help pay for trade school programs.

Go to the website for more information.

Some of the scholarships listed are:

- WREA Lineman Scholarship
- Houzz Skilled Trades Residential Construction Scholarship
- WHVACR Scholarship
- SkillPointe Quarterly Scholarship
- Nuts and Bolts Foundation Scholarship
- Caterpillar Student Trainee Program
- Home Depot Foundation's Path to Pro Scholarship

### SD Society for Technology in Education Scholarship

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating High School senior planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the field of educational technology or a technology related field
- Provide an official high school transcript
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Have a current member of SDSTE in their district or have a parent who is a current member of SDSTE.
- Provide 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, school administrator, and/or employer.
- Provide 1 letter of recommendation from a current member of SDSTE

An editable application is available to print [HERE](#), or they are available in the Counselors' Office.

Mail or Email completed application with all supporting documents: March 22, 2024

### FastWeb Scholarships

\*Continue to check your resources listed in the newsletters. If you don't apply, you will never win the scholarship!

- [24 Scholarships to Apply for in 2024](#)
- [Top Scholarships for High School Seniors](#)
- [Best Scholarships for High School Juniors](#)
- [Scholarships for Existing College Students](#)

### Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 3A Scholarship: \$250

Priority will be given to a student selecting a program of study in Criminal Justice at a 2- or 4- year higher education institution in or out of state. Collegiate course of study may provide a career as a Police Officer, Sheriff, Conservation Officer, Probation Officer, FBI Agent, or other positions related to Law Enforcement.

Scholarship are available in the Counselors' Office.

DEADLINE: March 15

### Huron Youth Wrestling Club Scholarship - \$500

The recipient of this scholarship will be a current year graduate of Huron High School and will have graduated in the upper 50% of the class. To be eligible, applicant will have participated in the Huron Youth Wrestling Program. Applications are available in the Counselors' Office or to print [HERE](#).

DEADLINE: April 1

Submit completed application and all materials to:  
[HuronYouthWrestling@gmail.com](mailto:HuronYouthWrestling@gmail.com)

### Santel Communications: Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship

10 scholarships @ \$750

To qualify:

- 1) Student must be a HS senior
- 2) Student's parent or legal guardian must be a residential telephone or broadband customer of Santel Communications fiber optic network
- 3) Must attend a post-secondary school in SD within 12 months of high school graduation.

Application requirements are listed on the application.

**\*\*ONLY EMAILED SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

Applications are in counselors' office or can be printed from the [website](#).

DEADLINE: March 22

### Build Dakota Scholarship Fund

Are you a doer, fixer or solver? Do you want a career that uses your hands as much as your mind? If you answered yes, it's time to get your technical degree. And you can do it 100% free, with the Build Dakota Scholarship.

*Please note: applications are managed directly through technical colleges. If you wish to apply at more than one school, you will need to create a separate application at each school. An industry partner is not required to apply. Please contact your technical college for application assistance.*

DEADLINE: March 31

### Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Applicants must:

- Be U.S. Citizens
- Be high school seniors with a 2.5 or above GPA OR a freshman, sophomore, or a junior undergraduate student with a 2.5 or above GPA.
- Be majoring or planning to major in Aerospace Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Cyber/Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States for the upcoming academic year
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be willing to consider internship opportunities with Lockheed Martin

Learn more [HERE](#)

Deadline: April 1

### HRMC Foundation Scholarships

- **HRMC Commitment Scholarship**– Must commit to work at HRMC or in the Huron region at a participating medical facility for a determined amount of time following graduation. Must be a graduating senior or currently enrolled in post-secondary education. Must intend on pursuing a degree in a high-need medical field as determined by HRMC Foundation. Must have a 2.0 GPA. See website for areas of need.
- **HRMC Interest Scholarship**– Must be a graduating senior or currently attending post-secondary school. Must be graduating or have graduated from high school in one of the following counties: Beadle, Clark, Hand, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Sanborn, or Spink. Must intend to pursue a degree in a healthcare-related degree. Must have 2.0 GPA or better. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to seek employment in the Huron, SD area.
- **HRMC Helping Hands Scholarship**– Must be an employee of HRMC or a direct family member of an HRMC employee. Preference will be given to applicants who indicate financial need and plan to seek or continue employment in the Huron, SD area.

All applications must be completed [online](#).

Deadline: March 31

### SD Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources: Resource Conservation Speech Contest

2024 Topic:

“Working Grassland, Why Should We Care?”

Each year the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division sponsors a resource conservation-oriented speech contest. Any SD student in grades 9–12 is eligible to enter.

- Local Speech Contest will be held on March 6 at 4pm at 1386 Lincoln Ave SW in Huron.
- Area Speech Contest will be held on March 16 @ 10am at the same location. Entry forms are available in the Counseling Office.

### The 2024 Contest Rules and Entry From

*The contest consists of three levels – local, area, and state. Two winners from each of the local contests advance to area contests. Two winners from each of the seven area contests advance to the state competition.*

### SD Association of Conservation District Employees Memorial Scholarship (SDACDE)

The recipient must be a current year graduate of a SD high school.

The recipient shall have graduated in the upper 50% of the class.

Students MUST be going into an AGRICULTURAL/CONSERVATION related field and attending a South Dakota College/Vocational School.

Applications are available in the counselors' office or you can print [HERE](#).

Deadline: March 31

### WRCA Foundation Scholarship

The mission of the WRCA Foundation Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to working ranch cowboys and their family members showing interest and promise in continuing their education post-high school.

To qualify, applicant must be a working ranch cowboy or the son, daughter, or spouse of a working ranch cowboy. A working ranch cowboy is defined as any person deriving a significant portion of their income from taking care of cattle on a cattle ranch. Applicant must be a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Applications are available in the counselors' office or to print from [HERE](#).

Deadline: March 1

### HRMC Auxiliary Scholarship

HRMC Auxiliary is offering a scholarship to students furthering their education in the field of health care. This scholarship will be awarded in recognition of academic/professional achievement, leadership and financial need. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or print on your own [HERE](#).

Deadline: March 31



# Scholarship Tips: Make sure YOU are the Scholarship Applicant that wins.

## 5 Ways to Make Your Scholarship Stand Out:

1. **Be Specific and Make it Personal**– Your message has impact! Link content of your essay to your own life.
2. **Narrate a Story**– Your scholarship essay will stand out if you structure it in a way that makes the reader want to know more.
3. **Blend in the Essay with the Essay Prompt**– It is important to paint a picture of what existed before and what is anticipated for the future.
4. **Understand Your Reader**– Familiarize yourself with the scholarship panel who will be awarding the scholarship.
5. **Follow All Instructions Given**– Reading through the scholarship essay prompt several items will help you to pinpoint key areas that you need to pay attention to.

*Tips from [gudwriter.com](http://gudwriter.com)*

## University Specific Scholarships

Each university has their own requirements and deadlines. Make sure you are aware of these.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Augustana University

Black Hills State University

Dakota Wesleyan University

Dakota State University

Northern State University

South Dakota State University

University of South Dakota

Mount Marty University

University of Sioux Falls

SouthEast Technical College

Lake Area Technical College

Mitchell Technical College

Western Dakota Technical College

## Tips on How to Write a Scholarship Essay:

1. **Write a Captivating Introduction**– grab their attention and compel them to read on.
2. **Surprise Your Audience**– write what everyone else is NOT writing about.
3. **Refrain from Starting Your Essay or Paragraphs with Distinct Phrases Like:** “I am writing this essay to express interest in the University scholarship...”
4. **Focus On the Essay Topic:** Ensure that you have a thesis statement and follow all the instructions given.
5. **Make Your Essay Personal**– Including unique perspectives will make your scholarship essay more memorable.
6. **Be Clear and Concise**–Your choice of words should relate to the topic and try to use the most straightforward language possible.
7. **Write An Exciting Conclusion**– The end explains why the topic is crucial and summarizes your work. Avoid “in Summary” or “in conclusion”.
8. **Edit And Proofread Your Essay**– Proofreading provides assurance that you have written the best possible way you can.

*Tips from [gudwriter.com](http://gudwriter.com)*

## Make It Past The First Round

### -Do You Qualify?

Sounds simple, but students every year waste time by applying for awards they are not eligible to win. If you don't qualify, don't enter.

### -Is Your Application Presented Well?

Type your essay and any other parts of the application if possible. Writing is messy.

### -Did You Include All Required Documents?

Some documents that are frequently required but often left out: transcripts, references, letter of recommendation, resume.

### -Did You Answer All Of The Questions:

Double-check that you haven't forgotten any required information.

## 4 Secrets to Winning Scholarships

*\*information found at [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)*

- Set monthly scholarship application goals.
  - apply for these scholarships LIKE IT'S YOUR JOB!
  - This requires self-motivation, consistency, and discipline.
- Apply for scholarships that require an essay.
  - Many students avoid college scholarship applications that require essays, so you will have less competition.
- Do NOT overlook the \$500 scholarships.
  - Students are drawn to the big scholarships. Meaning fewer students are applying for the \$500 scholarships; your odds of winning these are higher.
- Find scholarships that fit YOUR interests.
  - Scholarship judges notice when an applicant is passionate about a topic/cause.
  - If your interests/goals match the scholarship, your background, experience and passion tend to support the scholarship for which you are applying.

## Filling Out Your FAFSA: Common Errors and How to Avoid them

- Neglecting to complete the FAFSA. Many students assume they won't qualify for aid or feel overwhelmed by the process. With the simplified FAFSA form for the 2024-25 school year, the number of questions has been reduced from 108 to just 36, making it easier and quicker to complete.
  - The 2024-2025 Federal Student Aid Handbook is a great resource
- Submitting inaccurate information on the form. To avoid this mistake, double-check all the data entered, especially details like Social Security Numbers, Dates of birth and contact information. Ensure the income information is accurate and up-to-date. Importing income data from tax records can simplify the process and reduce the chances of errors. The FA-DDX (FUTURE Direct Data Exchange) helps transfer your FTI (Federal Tax Information).
- Planning is crucial when dealing with the FAFSA. Start the application process early and submit the form as soon as possible. This way, if any issues arise during the verification process, students will have ample time to resolve them without missing the deadline.

## Filling Out Your FAFSA: Frequently Asked Questions

- What tax year does FAFSA use for 2024-25?
  - Applicants should use their income and tax information from the 2022 tax year. This is also known as the "prior-prior" year, meaning it's two years prior to the academic year for which you are applying for aid.
- What are the changes in FAFSA for 2024-25?
  - The 2024-25 FAFSA sees some significant changes aimed at simplifying the application process. The number of questions on the form is reduced from 108 to just 36, making it easier and faster to complete. It will also be easier to import income data from tax records, streamlining the process even more.
- How does the FAFSA Simplification Act affect 2024-25 applicants?
  - The FAFSA Simplification Act implements substantial changes for the 2024-25 Award Year. These changes aim to make it more accessible and simpler for students and families to apply for federal student aid. The lowered number of questions and the improved income data import process are part of these changes. Additionally, individuals without Social Security numbers will also be able to secure an FSA ID for FAFSA.
- Where can I find the FAFSA login for 2024-25?
  - You can access and complete your application by visiting the Federal Student Aid website. Look for the FAFSA login or FAFSA application section on the site to start or resume your application.

## Filling Out Your FAFSA: Gather Your Information

- StudentAid.gov Account
- Social Security Number, legal name, date of birth, and email address
- 2022 Federal income tax returns (including ALL applicable schedules)
- Records of your untaxed income
- Current Bank Statements
- List of schools you're interested in attending