

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
- **South Dakota College/University School Specific Scholarships** - all deadlines vary and are specific to the school

January

- **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
- **SDES 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

- **Coaches Against Cancer** (SDHSCA Scholarship) - HERE or in counselors' office; February 10
- **South Dakota Coaches Foundation Scholarship** (SDHSCA Scholarship) - HERE or in counselors' office; February 10
- **Ty Eschenbaum Cancer Survivor Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; February 15
- **BBB Students of Integrity** - HERE; February 28
- **Serving Others Scholarship through Independent Insurance Agents** - HERE or in counselors' office; February 28
- **Evie Kahnke Memorial Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; February 28

March

- **** JUNIORS ** Horatio Alger Scholarships** - HERE; March 1
- **South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships** - HERE; March 1
- **Leo Crawford Junior Achievement Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 1
- **South Dakota Farm Bureau Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 1
- **WRCA (Working Ranch Cowboys Assoc.) Foundation Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 1
- **Dacotah Bank Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 3
- **First Dakota Scholarships** - editable form HERE or in counselors' office; March 4
- **Venture Communications Community Service Scholarship** - HERE; March 7
- **Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships** - HERE; March 15
- **Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 15
- **South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship** - HERE; March 16
- **Bellator Titans MC Scholarship** - HERE or in counselors' office; March 26
- **Build Dakota Scholarship** - HERE; March 31
- **Corner Pantry Scholarship** - in counseling office; March 31

April

- **SDAPHCC Scholarship** - HERE or in counseling office; April 1
- **Day County Coyote Hunt: For SD National Guard members/family** - HERE or in counselors' office; April 1

NEW Scholarships

"Serving Others" Scholarship

Students applying should choose their local "super citizen" and write a short essay. This should be an individual, business, public servant, nonprofit, etc. who volunteers their time, donates or otherwise is selfless in their support to their community.

Essay and cover letter must be dropped off IN PERSON before February 28.

Requirements:

- Permanent resident of SD
- Attending an accredited South Dakota University
- Full-time in the Fall of 2025
- Drop off application at IIASD member office: 1507 Dakota Ave S in Huron

More information on how to apply [HERE](#)

Information is also available in the counselors' office.

First Dakota Scholarship

- Must be a US citizen/permanent resident
- must be a high school senior or currently attending a post-secondary accredited college or technical school
- Must provide confirmation of enrollment
- At the time of application, student MUST have a First Dakota checking account

Deadline: March 4

Editable applications available [HERE](#) or hard copy in the counselors' office.

WRCA Foundation Scholarship (Working Ranch Cowboys Assoc.)

- 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 his/her income from taking care of cattle on a cattle ranch. Day workers are included.
- Must be a high school senior with minimum GPA of 3.00.
- Each recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student and maintain a GPA of 3.00 for the scholarship to be retained.

Applications are available [HERE](#) or in counselors' office.

Deadline: March 1

Coaches Against Cancer Scholarship

a South Dakota High School Coaches Assoc. Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be or have been a high school student-athlete of an accredited South Dakota high school who has had some medical issues or a family member has had some type of medical issues that may have affected them during their high school career. 2. The scholarship winner must attend an accredited institution of higher education.

Available [HERE](#) or in counseling office

Deadline: February 10

Coach Russ Morrell Memorial Scholarship

Coach Russ Morrell spent his professional life in service to others as a teacher and coach. He did so with unmatched optimism and incredible resourcefulness.

Applicants for this scholarship must:

- graduate from a South Dakota high school
- attain a minimum GPA of 3.2 through 7 semesters of high school
- submit a SINGLE document (multi-page but as one attachment ONLY) with:
 - cover letter
 - contact information of TWO character references
 - a list of extra-curricular and community service activities
 - a 300 to 500-word essay.

Details can be found [HERE](#) or in the counselors' office.

Deadline: March 15

South Dakota Coaches Foundation Scholarship

a South Dakota High School Coaches Assoc. Scholarship

- applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school
- must show ample evidence that he/she is capable of succeeding at the post-secondary level (transcript, GPA, rank in class, ACT/SAT scores)
- evidence of acceptance to post-secondary school

Available [HERE](#) or in the counseling office

Deadline: February 10

NEW Scholarships

Evie Kahnke Memorial Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY: The scholarship is open to South Dakota students who were active in extra curricular activities through all of their high school years and plan to pursue a career in the ag industry.

CRITERIA: The recipient must be a well rounded senior advancing their academic career with an interest in the ag industry. Recipient should be a role model with outstanding character, integrity, dedication and true faith.

Applications are available [HERE](#) on in the counselors' office.

Deadline: February 28

Build Dakota Scholarship

Get Your Tech Degree for Free

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.

Apply NOW in 3 easy steps.

Deadline: March 31

South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships

- Thelma-Foster Jr Scholarship
- Senior Member Scholarship
- Essay Scholarship

All have different requirements. Deadline: March 1
Applications [HERE](#)

*** JUNIORS ***

Horatio Alger Scholarship

- Be enrolled full time as a high school junior in the United States
- Exhibit a strong commitment to complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
- Demonstrate financial need (\$65,000 or lower household income)
- Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
- Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0; and
- Be a United States citizen

Deadline: March 1

Apply [HERE](#)

School Specific Scholarships

Each individual school will have their own scholarship offerings with specific deadlines. DO NOT neglect to check those as well.

**Click each university to find out more about their specific scholarships*

Augustana University

Black Hills State University

Dakota State University

Dakota Wesleyan University

Lake Area Technical College

Mitchell Technical College

Mount Marty University

Northern State University

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

South Dakota State University

Southeast Technical College

University of South Dakota

University of Sioux Falls

Western Dakota Technical College

2025 South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship

The South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation was formed to support the long-term viability of the South Dakota beef industry by promoting the nutritional benefits of beef consumption and value of modern production. It is highlighted by its benevolence for the food insecure and support for entrants into the industry. This scholarship aims to identify and reward students who are interested in the improvement of beef production and promotion.

Applications found [HERE](#)

Deadline: March 16

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

FREE Aptitude Tests:
123test
MyNextMove
Truity
OurDakotaDreams

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](#)
- [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:** 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*