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This is the best time to explore the possibilities ahead of you—whether it's college, travel or career. Now is the time to ask questions, shadow a job, visit colleges, take interest surveys and set up/build your savings account.

Things you can do NOW:

- Start your college search
- Explore career interest paths
- Create a resume
- Prepare for the ACT/SAT
- Meet with your counselor
- Discuss college finances
- Attend Financial Aid information meetings
- Save money for your future

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FREE ONLINE TUTORING

The Dakota Dreams Online Tutoring Program is offering free online tutoring to K-12 students in South Dakota. To learn more and to register visit [OurDakotaDreams.com](https://www.ourdakotadreams.com)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- [NSHSS Foundation varied Scholarships](#)
- Athlete of the month (Vantage Financial Partners)– 1st of each month
- [ELKS MVP Scholarship](#)–November 14
- [Elks Career & Tech Education Scholarship](#)– November 14
- [4 other Elks Scholarships](#)–November 14
- [DAR Essay Contest](#)– November 15
- [USD academic Scholarships priority deadline](#)–November 15
- [USD academic Scholarships](#)–December 1
- [Hagan Scholarship](#)– December 1
- [Burger King Scholarship](#)–December 15
- [Western Legacy Foundation Scholarship](#)–December 18
- [SD Association of PHCC Scholarship](#)–December 31
- [GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship](#)–January 5
- [JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest](#)–January 13
- [SD Engineering Society Scholarship](#)–January 14

***REMEMBER–NO SCHOOL Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day**

SENIORS

November– TO DO List

- Complete admissions applications:
 - ****FREE**** application period–CLOSES November 30: [ALL SD colleges/tech schools](#) Have YOU applied?
- Register to take/retake ACT/SAT
 - Registration for **NEXT ACT** test– December 10; (LATE) DEADLINE: November 11 (late fees apply)
- the [FAFSA](#) is open for you to complete; grants and work–study are First Come–First Serve. Don't Delay!
- Complete scholarship applications!
- Follow up to ensure your employers, teachers, and counselors send letters of recommendation.
- Stay focused on maintaining and increasing your GPA

websites are linked above

[HTTPS://WWW.HURON.K12.SD.US/SCHOOLS/HURON-HIGH-SCHOOL/HIGH-SCHOOL-COUNSELOR/](https://www.huron.k12.sd.us/schools/huron-high-school/high-school-counselor/)

Lamber-Goodnow Injury Law Team awards several scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate degrees in a range of programs and schools. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 and the deadline is December 1. Visit the following website for scholarship details and to apply lambergoodnow.com/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS

Continue to check the information center in the counselor's office for updated scholarships. *For past scholarship information-reference past newsletters

Western Legacy Foundation Scholarship

Applicants for this scholarship must be a high school senior from South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming or Nebraska. The application must include an essay of 500 words or more about "Advancing My Western Heritage Through Continuing Education and Career". Packet must also include specified personal information (found on the application), a letter of acceptance for the post-secondary school you plan to attend, a letter of recommendation from a school administrator/staff, high school transcript, and current color portrait of the applicant.

There are 16 scholarships awarded annually which are separated into 5 categories. The categories and requirements are listed on the application. The deadline for applications is December 18, 2022.

Applications MUST be emailed or postmarked NO LATER than December 18, 2022. To apply visit WesternLegacyFoundation.com or stop in the counselors' office to pick up an application and scholarship details.

Other Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarships with deadlines already approaching. Don't delay! These are updated constantly. YOU need to be checking this [link](#) OFTEN!! It is updated frequently for your benefit.

Scholarships

Dakota Corps Scholarship

Deadline: December 15

This scholarship provides a scholarship to students who agree to pursue their postsecondary education in South Dakota AND to remain in the state to work in a designated Critical Need Occupation for the number of years they received scholarship funding, plus one year. DO YOU QUALIFY?

- Graduate from SD HS
- 2.8 GPA or higher
- 27 ACT Composite or Superscore
- Pursuing a Critical Need Occupation
- Attend a participating SD College

**More information is available in the counselors' office.*

Academic Scholarship

Deadlines:

Pay attention to the scholarship deadlines of the schools you've applied to and been accepted. Some schools have specific scholarships with priority deadlines.

Check with your admissions counselor at each school to ensure that you complete your application on time.

**BE YOUR OWN
ADVOCATE!**

SCHOLARSHIP-SEARCH WEBSITES:

****CAUTION:** you should NEVER have to pay a fee to apply for a scholarship**

Tuition Funding Sources

CollegeXpress

Scholarships.com

Discover Colleges

Student Scholarships

Broke Scholar

Sallie Mae

College Board

Fast Web

Next Student

Cappex

College Scholarships

free-4u

CollegeScholarships.com

Scholarship America

UNIGO

websites are linked above

South Dakota Engineering Society Scholarship

Applicants should be high school seniors and MUST be planning on attending an engineering program at either SD School of Mines & Technology or SDSU. Applicants must show the ability to handle responsibility, have leadership skills and have earned high grades and a high ACT score. The applications must be mailed and postmarked by January 14, 2023. Application is available in the counselors' office and online at www.sdes.org

Build a Better Future Scholarship

Have you ever wondered how much of a difference a high school student can make? Build a Better Future Scholarship recognizes those students who are actively working on making a difference in their communities. The project can be anything that is aimed at resolving a specific issue within your community. There are several brainstorming and feedback opportunities provided to offer resources, coaching and guidance. For more information visit <https://www.honorsgraduation.com/graduation-scholarship.htm>

**The TOP 175
Scholarships for
College Students**



University/Technical College Visit Days

**Click the links and register online*

**All Universities offer personal tours/visits; contact their admissions office for details*

- **Jamestown College:** schedule directly on the website
- **Presentation College:** schedule a tour on the website or attend:
- **Southwest Minnesota State University:**
 - Mustang Saturdays-register online and choose from several dates: November 12; December 3; January 14, 2023
 - A Day at SMSU November 19
- **University of South Dakota:**
 - Coyote Visit Days-register online and choose from several dates: November 18; December 2
- **Mount Marty University:** schedule directly on the website
- **Minnesota State University, Mankato:** November 12
- **Augustana University:** schedule directly on the website
- **Southeast Technical College:** Career Exploration & Scrubs Camp December 14, 9:30am-2:30pm- register [online](#); Campus Visit Days on February 3 & March 3. Register online.
- **North Dakota State University:** schedule directly on the website
- **South Dakota State University:**
 - Yellow & Blue Days- November 19
 - Jackrabbit Preview Day- December 2
- **Dakota State University:** Discover DSU Days-December 2
- **University of Sioux Falls:** Campus Preview Days- November 11
- **South Dakota School of Mines & Technology:** Open House- November 12
- **Black Hills State University:** schedule directly on website
- **Dakota Wesleyan University:** schedule directly on website
- **Lake Area Technical College:** Senior Tech Day- November 2
- **Mitchell Technical Institute:** schedule directly on the website
- **Minnesota State University Moorhead:** Saturday visits- November 19

Are you looking Out Of State? Then you need to know about WUE!

What in the world is a WUE?

WUE- Western Undergraduate Exchange: America's largest regional interstate tuition savings program. It's an agreement among WICHE's 16 members, through which 160+ participating public colleges and universities provide steep non-resident tuitions savings for Western students. [Click Here](#) for a full list of participating WUE schools!

click links for more information

Apprenticeship Opportunities:

- **Dakota JATC**
- **Titan Machinery**
- **Butler Machinery**
 - www.butlermachinery.com/thinkbig
 - www.butlerag.com/high-school-work-study
 - www.butlerag.com/butlermax
- AGC of SD
 - contact-margaret@sdagc.org
- **Muth Electric**
 - <https://www.builddakotascholarships.com/about>
- **AIM High Flight Academy**

Are you interested in COURT REPORTING?

This career has jobs available NOW!

This career includes:

- Playing a crucial role in the legal process
- OR
- Getting paid to watch TV while helping the deaf and hard of hearing

What does this Career entail?

- using cutting-edge technology to bring the spoken word to text in real time.
- annual salaries of court reporters and captioners can have an earning potential into the six figures
- earn a degree online or in person

Scholarship opportunities are available NOW!

Learn more at NCRA.org/DiscoverSteno

Money! Money! Money! Money! Money!

You've applied for Financial Aid. What's next?

- You are going to receive an "Award Letter". This tells you what aid (if any) and how much you will be receiving. You need to accept/decline each item.
- If your financial aid package includes federal student loans, your school will tell you how to accept the loan.
- You will be required to:
 - complete ENTRANCE COUNSELING—a tool to ensure you understand your obligation to repay the loan
 - sign a contract called an MPN (MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE), agreeing to the terms of the loan

Where Can You Find Information About the Student Loans You've Received?

Visit My Aid (using your FSA ID to log in) to view information about all of the federal student loans and other financial aid you have received and to find contact information for the loan servicer for your loans.

Financial Aid Ins and Outs

- checklist of items needed to complete the FAFSA
- Mistakes to Avoid
- Be sure to add every school you're interested in attending to your FAFSA; get their code off the website or call the school

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 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.

How Much Will College Cost?

Great question!

Every school's tuition/fees/expenses will be slightly different.

Do your research! Go to the University/College website and search "TUITION".

Most tuition information is going to be presented as "per semester", and remember that it will be based on how many credits you take.

Get your calculator out and start doing the math!

A **full-time** student will need to take AND PASS 12 credit hours. To receive all of your Federal Financial Aid (this amount will be on your Award Letter), you must enroll (and pass) as a full-time student. [You may receive **partial** amounts of aid as a part-time student which is 6 credit hours per semester.]

Now. Let's do some Math!

EXAMPLE:

- Tuition—\$250 (per credit)
- Fees:
 - Activity fee— \$40 (per credit)
 - Special Discipline Fee (undergraduate: per credit)—\$30
- Automobile Registration—\$100 (for the year)
- Books/supplies— \$400—\$600 (per semester)
—Using 12 credit hours:
 $(12 \times 250) + (12 \times 40) + (12 \times 30) + 100 + 400 =$ Fall semester Bill

**This doesn't include residence hall, food plan or any other fees and costs associated with each specific school. And we only based it off of 12 credit hours—the bare minimum to be a full-time student.*

Do your research! Math doesn't lie. It will give you a good understanding of what your financial obligation will be. Don't be shocked! Ignorance isn't always bliss!