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JUNIORS- who are eligible and meet the criteria:

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Scholarship

Applicants must intend to enroll full-time at an accredited US college/university as an undergraduate student in the fall of 2024. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents of the U.S. The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, full-ride presidential scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. Coolidge scholars must possess a distinguished academic record. Competitive candidates will have pursued and succeeded in the most rigorous course of study available to them. The Primary Criterion for the Coolidge scholarship is **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**. Application deadline is February 23.

For more details and to apply visit coolidgescholars.org

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

- NSHSS Foundation varied Scholarships
- American Legion Scholarship- deadlines vary
- Athlete of the month (Vantage Financial Partners)- 1st of each month
- USD academic Scholarships-December 1
- Hagan Scholarship- December 1
- Dakota Corps Scholarship- December 15
- 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
- Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship- January 15
- SDWMA- January 15
- SDAEP- January 15
- Dakotaland FCU Scholarship- January 20
- ESA Scholarship- February 1

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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- February 11
- 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

Visiting Colleges

Dakota State University- December 12, 8:30-9:00am in Main Office Conference Room

Scholarships

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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

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!

The TOP 175 Scholarships for College Students

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.

South Dakota USA Scholarship:

Participants must have participated in the USA Softball of South Dakota sanctioned programs for at least 3 years as a player, coach, umpire, USA Softball of SD official, or in an official capacity of a USA Softball of SD sanctioned team or league. You must be a graduating senior and planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institute. With the application, candidates must include a 400-word personal statement describing your personal, education and career goals, including data relating to financial need. You will also need 2 letters of recommendation. Applications are available in the Counselors' Office

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

South Dakota Solid Waste Management Association (SDSWMA)

An applicant should desire a career in a trade supportive to the protection and enhancement of our natural resources and environment, the solid waste industry and/or related fields. Applicants must intend to enroll for the fall semester.

Preference will be given to SD residents enrolling at a SD institute. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. To apply, you must submit an application letter postmarked no later than January 15. For further information and requirements of information that must be provided in the application letter visit: <https://sdswwa.org> Information is also available in the counselors' office.

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>

Scholarships

****Other Scholarship Opportunities****

We have a Google Docs database updated frequently with scholarships FOR YOU! Check this [link](#) OFTEN as we add new scholarship opportunities constantly.

No scholarship will chase you down. YOU need to do the work.

American Legion Scholarships

The American Legion provides college scholarship opportunities for Boys & Girls State participants, children of post 9/11 veterans, American Legion baseball players, Eagle Scouts, and Junior Shooting Sports. Check requirements and application details online www.legion.org/scholarships Scholarship amounts and deadlines vary.

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

Apply online at

<https://www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/pages/how-do-i-apply.aspx>

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

SCHOLARSHIP-SEARCH WEBSITES:

WEBSITES ARE LINKED

****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](#)

South Dakota Association of Environmental Professionals (SDAEP)

Applicants should desire a career in a trade supportive to the protection and enhancement of our natural resources, environment, and/or related fields. Applicants must intend to enroll for the fall semester and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. To apply, you must submit an application later postmarked no later than January 15. What information must be supplied in the application can be found online or it is also available in the counselors' office. The website is www.sdaep.org

Dakotaland Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Applicants for this scholarship need to be a current Dakotaland FCU member in good standing and either planning to attend a post-secondary institute or already enrolled/attending. Applicants can be seniors or current college students. Applications are available in the Counselors' Office or online DakotaLandFCU.com. Application deadline is January 20, 2023.

ESA Foundation- The Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation (ESA)

sponsors many scholarships. Applicants must be planning to attend a post-secondary institute. There is a minimum GPA-most are 3.0 but some differ. Each scholarship has specific requirements for applying. There is a \$5.00 processing fee for each scholarship application you submit. There is no limit to the number of scholarships you apply for. The application process is entirely online at www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org. Access the site, then select "South Dakota" as "State of Residency". Applications are due February 1, 2023.

Washington Crossing Foundation

The Washington Crossing Foundation offers a variety of national and regional college scholarships ranging from \$500-\$5,000. Competition is open to all high school seniors who are US citizens and are planning careers in local, state, or federal government or military service to the United States. Visit their website at www.gwcf.org or stop in the Counselors' Office for more details. Applications must be received by the Foundation by January 15.

November is National Scholarship Month! And NOW is the time to start filling out applications and setting application goals.

You can't win what you don't try!

Use these last 2 weeks of November to explore all the scholarships out there and get serious about applying for EACH opportunity.

FastWeb has created an easy-apply scholarship that will help you make sure your scholarship search is on the right track. You can, and should, enter the sweepstakes EVERY day in November (or every day that's left).

Sign up and enter the sweepstakes TODAY
www.fastweb.com

4 Secrets to Winning Scholarships

**information found at 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.

Ways to Pay for College

Full-ride scholarships are hard to find and harder to win. It's estimated that about 1% of students applying to college receive a full ride. You will need to get creative when it comes to paying for college. That means, you may need to utilize one, some or multiple of the following:

- **Scholarships and Grants**—FREE money! These never have to be paid back. Put your efforts into applying for these early and often.
- **Financial Aid**—this is distributed by the Federal Government as well as universities. This requires you to complete the FAFSA.
**Information on this process has been provided in several of the last newsletters.*
- **Private Student Loans**—this may be used to help cover the "gap" between what a college costs and what a student can afford to pay after merit and financial aid packages have been distributed. Use Fastweb's Student Loan Finder
- **College Savings**—It's never too late to start saving for college. ex-529 College Savings Plans
- **Part-time Jobs & Internships**—many students use earnings from part-time jobs and internships to help subsidize student expenses. Many employers offer employer tuition assistance, or tuition reimbursement.
- **Education Tax Benefits**—students are eligible for Education Tax Benefits each year that they are enrolled in college.
 - Lifetime Learning Tax Credit: up to \$2,000/year can be claimed for being enrolled in any continuing education courses or programs.
 - American Opportunity Tax Credit: up to \$2,500 can be claimed for up to four years by students seeking a degree, certification or other recognized credential.

**information from Fastweb.com*

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: 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
- **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:**
- **South Dakota School of Mines & Technology:**
- **Black Hills State University:** schedule directly on website
- **Dakota Wesleyan University:** schedule directly on website
- **Lake Area Technical College:**
- **Mitchell Technical Institute:** schedule directly on the website
- **Minnesota State University Moorhead:** Saturday visits— November 19

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Apprenticeship Opportunities

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

Selective Service:

Registration with the Selective Service takes less than two minutes via www.sss.gov. You can also register at your local post office by completing a registration form. You MUST register to be eligible for federal student loans, training benefits, and most federal and state employment. It's quick and easy and IT'S THE LAW.

Scholarship opportunities are available NOW!

Learn more at NCRA.org/DiscoverSteno

Think About Your Future!



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CAREERS

As you think about what career you want to pursue, ask yourself these questions:

- What do I love doing?
- What subjects are easy for me?
- What are my hobbies?

You can find help with career planning:

- Take different kinds of classes and read different books to find a subject that fascinates you.
- Use your [SDMyLife](#) account to take a career assessment test.
- "Shadow" or observe someone who works in that field to get an idea of what the work might be like.
- Visit [MappingYourFuture](#) and use the CareerShip tool.
- Visit www.bls.gov/ooh, the federal government's Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, which tells you which career fields are expected to have future job growth.

**Information from South Dakota Education Access Foundation and Mapping Your Future.*

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:

$$(12 \times 250) + (12 \times 40) + (12 \times 30) + 100 + 400 = \text{Fall semester Bill}$$

**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!

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