

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
- Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Scholarships- deadlines vary **there are SEVERAL scholarships on this website**
- US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship and Vocational/Industrial Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- January 19
- Dakotaland FCU Scholarship- online and in counselors' office- January 19
- SURF: Davis-Bahcall Scholars Program- online- January 19
- SD Engineering Society Scholarship-also available in counseling office- January 20
- USD Art Scholarship- also available in counseling office- January 20
- DAR Scholarships- January 31
- 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
- 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
- SD State DAR Scholarship For Military Descendants- available in counseling office- March 5
- First Dakota Scholarship- online or in counseling office- March 5
- 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
- Coach Russ Morrel Memorial Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 15
- Justin Lake College Scholarship- March 15
- Bellator Titans MC Scholarship- available in counselors' office- March 26
- Oahe Racers Association Scholarship- also available in counselors' office- March 31
- 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
- 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

SENIORS: Scholarships are starting to come into our office almost daily. You NEED to be checking the scholarship bin AND going through the newsletter and database to find the online applications that apply to you!

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.

ACT- Test Dates/Registration Deadline:

- **February 10- LATE deadline Jan 19**
- **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**

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Emily's Hope Scholarship- \$500

Open to graduating seniors of SD high schools who plan to study art, particularly visual art. Eligible applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be prepared to submit an example of their artwork.

This scholarship is through Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. Access the application via their [website](#)

Deadline: March 15

Cogley-Buffington Certified Property and Casualty Underwriters Fund- \$1,000

Awarded to graduating seniors who plan to attend an accredited, 4-year college/university. Applicants must demonstrate financial need; have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; participate in extra-curricular and community activities, and demonstrate an interest in and understanding of the role of business in American society. Apply through Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation [website](#).

Deadline: March 15

Apply for Federal Financial Aid NOW

Each state has their own deadline- contact your SD college/university for this date. Financial Aid is on a first come first served basis. Do NOT delay. ****Be aware****- the site is still having some issues and may not be available at any given time.

Have patience and be persistent.

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

Horatio Alger Association

Horatio Alger Association administers over 70 scholarship programs, offering opportunities for students in various stages of their academic careers to achieve their educational goals and realize their potential.

Go online and search the programs that apply to you.

Some specific to South Dakota include:

- High School Juniors- National Scholarship
- Denny Sanford Augustana University Scholarship
- Denny Sanford Black Hills State University Scholarship
- Denny Sanford Dakota State University Scholarship
- Denny Sanford SD School of Mines Scholarship
- Denny Sanford SDSU Scholarship
- Denny Sanford USF Scholarship
- Denny Sanford USD Scholarship
- Patricia Cole Scholarship: for those pursuing a bachelor's degree in business or STEM
- State Scholarship- South Dakota: must be pursuing a bachelor's degree, demonstrate critical financial need, be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance, maintain a GPA of 2.0
- Career & Technical Education Scholarships

Apply [ONLINE](#)

Deadline is March 15

Fred and Marie Christopherson Scholarship- \$1,750

Applicants who plan to attend a four-year college/university in South Dakota, have a minimum GPA of 3.9 and have a minimum ACT score of 28 are eligible for this award. Apply through [SF Area Community Foundation](#).

Deadline: March 15

Justin Lake College Scholarship- \$1,000

Awarded to graduating high school seniors from Tea Area HS and Huron HS or James Valley Christian HS.

An additional award is available to graduating seniors who attend any SD high school. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college/university or vocational/technical school and must demonstrate financial need.

Apply through the [SF Area Community Foundation Website](#).

Deadline: March 15

Kimberly Rose Means-Native American Council of Tribes Scholarship- \$950

Awarded to graduating high school seniors who are enrolled members of a SD Native American tribe.

Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college/university or technical school; have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; have participated in school and community activities; and have the desire and ability to accomplish his/her goals.

Apply through the [SF Area Community Foundation Website](#).

Deadline: March 15

South Dakota Fire Service Scholarship

1. A Son or daughter of any member (living, deceased or retired) of a fire department in South Dakota or an active member of a junior fire department in South Dakota.
2. The applicant must be sponsored by a fire department that has 100% membership in the SD Firefighters Association for the current year.
3. The applicant may also be sponsored by a member of the SD Firefighters Auxiliary, a local fire department auxiliary or a member of the Dear Old Timers.
4. The scholarship may be used at any college or Post-Secondary institution (Vo-Tech). Preference will be given to those who are obtaining a fire or emergency service degree.
5. Applications must be received or postmarked by March 15th.

Applications are available in the Counselors' Office or [online](#).

Donald H. Quimby Memorial Scholarship

Donald Quimby spent his professional life in service to others as a teacher, coach, and administrator. He believed that everyone should have the same opportunity at a higher education.

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate from a SD high school
- Submit a 300-500 word essay (details on application)
- Attach copy of HS transcript
- Provide copy of post-secondary acceptance letter

DEADLINE: April 1

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

Joe Foss "An American Hero" Scholarship- \$1,000

Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college/university or a technical school; have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; minimum ACT of 21; and demonstrate characteristics of an American patriot. Applicants must also demonstrate financial need.

Apply through the [SF Area Community Foundation website](#).

Deadline: March 15

Norman W. Ranschau Memorial Scholarship- \$3,750

Applicants for this scholarship must be students who plan to pursue a degree in an agricultural-related field and who attend school or reside in specified counties or the state of South Dakota. Applicants must be first-time students with financial need who have participated in agricultural extra-curricular activities. Apply through the [SF Area Community Foundation website](#).

Deadline: March 15

Osmann Family Native American Scholarship- \$1,250

Awarded to graduating SD high school seniors who are enrolled members of a Native American tribe. Applicants must plan to attend a SD university or vocational school and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applicants must also have the desire and ability to succeed in further academic study and have participated in extra-curricular or community activities. Apply through the [SF Area Community Foundation website](#).

Deadline: March 15

Scott Lippincott Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Scott Lippincott, who lost a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend to many. It is the hope of those who established this scholarship that this will inspire our youth to pay it forward with kindness and helpfulness throughout their future.

This scholarship is for senior students planning to pursue a 2-year or 4-year degree at college/technical school. This application requires an essay:

- Discuss how you have been involved in your community.
- Explain your character and your accomplishments in high school. Discuss how your character has contributed to those accomplishments.
- Most importantly, we ask each student to write about what you feel it means to be a "Kind and Good Member of Society".

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

DEADLINE: April 15

AMOUNT: Five \$1,000 Scholarships

Senior Year: College Prep Month-by-Month

**information from southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org*

January

- Complete your FAFSA online at StudentAid.gov
- Watch for the email notice indicating your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) is ready.
- Review your FSS for errors and make any corrections as indicated.
- Finish admissions applications.
- Research and apply for other financial aid, including grants and scholarships.
- Watch for early admissions notices.
- Research deadlines at the college you plan to attend, such as for housing applications, school-specific financial aid applications and deadlines.
- Organize scholarships, certificates, articles, etc. to illustrate your achievements and create a portfolio to display them.

Sanford Health x Build Dakota Info Day

When: Monday, February 19; 9:00am

Where: Sanford USD Medical Center Schroeder Auditorium
1305 W 18th St, Sioux Falls

- Learn more about the Build Dakota program and how to apply
- Full tuition provided for programs like Nursing (RN, LPN), Surgical Technology, Medical Lab Tech, Radiology Tech, Respiratory Therapy and more.
- Q&A session with leaders from Build Dakota departments
- Tours available
- Parents, teachers and school staff welcome

RSVP today! Flyer with QR code is in the counselors' office or on the bulletin board

Questions?

Contact Bryan at

Bryan.Wheeler@SanfordHealth.org

8 Things to Know About the New FAFSA

1. The 2024-2025 FAFSA opened December 31, 2023

- The significant changes to the FAFSA have delayed its release for this year only. In future years, the FAFSA will return to its October 1 opening date.

2. The FSA ID is more important than ever.

- To start the FAFSA, an FSA ID is required. Students and parents MUST have an FSA ID to fill out the form, including parents without a Social Security number.

3. The questions are different.

- Questions are being removed, added, and rearranged.

4. The parent included on the FAFSA may change.

- For dependent students with separated parents, the parent providing the most financial support must be included on the new FAFSA.

5. There are significant terminology changes.

- Someone required to report their information on the FAFSA, typically the student and their parent(s), is called a "contributor". The IRS DRT is being retired and replaced by *direct data exchange*. The Student Aid Report is now called the *FAFSA Submission Summary*.

6. Consenting to direct data exchange (DDX) is required.

- Through the DDX process the IRS shares the federal tax information (FTI) with the Department of Education and the colleges listed on the FAFSA to calculate a *Student Aid Index*. Every contributor on the FAFSA is required to consent to DDX, even if they didn't file taxes, for the student to be eligible for federal financial aid.

7. Student Aid Index will replace EFC.

- After submitting the FAFSA, students will receive a Student Aid Index (SAI) instead of an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). College financial aid offices, state agencies, and the federal government will use the SAI to determine eligibility for financial aid. A student with an SAI of 0 or below (it can be as low as -1,500) will be eligible for a full federal Pell Grant. Due to formula changes, the switch to SAI is expected to increase the number of students eligible for the Pell Grant.

8. Financial Aid eligibility could decrease.

- With the change to SAI, some students may see a decrease in financial aid eligibility. The SAI formula does not account for siblings in college and requires the net worth of all businesses and farms to be reported as assets. Students with either scenario should speak with their financial aid office to prepare for any reductions to their financial aid.

**information found at uaspire.org.*



Your FAFSA Checklist: What You Need to Complete the Form

- Your **Social Security Card and Driver's License**, and /or alien registration card if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- Your **2022 Federal Income Tax Returns, W-2's, and other records of money earned** ([Financial Aid Direct Data Exchange](#) can help you transfer your federal tax return information right into your FAFSA form.)
- Your **parents' 2022 Federal Income Tax Returns, W-2's and 1040 forms** if you are a dependent (**AND YOU ARE UNLESS DECLARED OTHERWISE.**)
- **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:** child support received, veterans' non-education benefits, money received or paid on your behalf.
- **Current bank and brokerage account statements**, including records of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investments.
- **Business or investment farm records**
- **Records relating to any unusual family financial circumstances.**
- Title IV institution **Codes** for each school you are applying to. You can get this code from the school (some have them listed on their websites) or you can use [FinAid's Title IV School Code Database](#)
- **FSA ID** for you and your parents. This is how you sign the FAFSA. [Create a FSA ID online](#)

***Gather your materials and complete your forms sooner rather than later. Many states award financial aid on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE basis. Putting off your financial aid is NOT something you want to do.**

****Once you complete your FAFSA, save copies of your completed form, along with copies of all the information you gathered in order to fill it out.**

University/Technical College Visit Days

Huron HS Scholarship Database

Scholarships are added and updated constantly. Check this often!

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Forward Thinking

DI, DII, DIII, NAIA Requirements To College or Not To College
Calculating the Cost of Post-Secondary

Valuable Resources & Websites

ACT information Financial Aid Websites University Specific Scholarships
College and Beyond Websites WUE/WICHE Information

Seniors: A Month-by-Month Guide

information from SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org.

Advice for Parents

Think About Your Future

Careers What Should I Be Doing? What Comes Next?

FAFSA Checklist

FAFSA: Mistakes to Avoid

Federal Financial Aid: let's talk DETAILS

Federal Student Loans: Basic Information

Scholarship Tips