



GROW YOUR WORKFORCE

Sponsor a Build Dakota Scholar at Southeast Technical College

Build a qualified workforce for your company and your industry through Build Dakota. By doing so, you are creating opportunities for students to launch technical careers in high-need fields throughout South Dakota and creating a pipeline of qualified, educated employees for years to come.

HOW DOES BUILD DAKOTA WORK?

- Employers who choose to sponsor a Build Dakota Scholar agree to a total investment that is matched by Southeast Technical College and Build Dakota. A full-ride scholarship is created that covers 100% of a student's expenses for credit-bearing courses including tuition, fees, books, uniforms and supplies.
- In accepting the scholarship, a student commits to work for your company for at least three years following successful completion of the student's academic program at Southeast Tech.

TIER ONE - \$4,000

Billed once in the first semester

- Welding, Diploma

TIER TWO - \$5,000

Billed once in the first semester

- HVAC/R Technology, Diploma
- Plumbing Technology, Diploma

TIER THREE - \$8,000

Billed once in the first semester

- Dental Assisting, Diploma
- Licensed Practical Nurse, Diploma
- Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse, AAS
- Surgical Technology, AAS

TIER FOUR - \$10,000

Invoiced twice: \$5,000 in each of the first two semesters

- Civil Engineering Technology, AAS
- Computer Programming, AAS
- Construction Management Technology, AAS
- Electrician, AAS

- Horticulture Technology, AAS
- Land Surveying Science Technology, AAS
- Law Enforcement Science, AAS
- Mechanical Systems, AAS
- Mechatronics Technology, AAS
- Paramedic Science, AAS
- Sports Turf Management, AAS
- System and Network Security, AAS

TIER FIVE - \$12,000

Invoiced twice: \$6,000 in each of the first two semesters

- Automotive Technology, AAS
- Collision Repair & Refinish Technology, AAS
- Diesel Technology: Trucking, AAS
- Diesel Technology: Agriculture/Construction, AAS
- Mechanical Engineering Technology, AAS

TIER SIX - \$15,000

Invoiced three times: \$5,000 in each of the first three semesters

- Invasive Cardiovascular Technology, AAS

To learn more about how to sponsor a Build Dakota Scholar, contact Career Services Coordinator Kelli Rogotzke at 605-367-5512 or builddakota@southeasttech.edu.





HOW DOES THE MATCH PROCESS WORK?

1. **Students** – Submit a Build Dakota Scholarship application and résumé to Southeast Tech.
2. **Southeast Tech Career Services** – Verifies students' eligibility and completed application materials and uploads them to a secure file-sharing site for employers to access. The materials are organized by eligible Build Dakota programs, and employers have read-only access to those specific to their sponsorship(s).
3. **Employers' HR Contacts** – Southeast Tech shares the link to access students' application materials with companies' assigned Human Resource contacts.
4. **HR Contacts' Responsibilities** – HR contacts review application materials, schedule interviews and extend offers to their selected Build Dakota students.

TIMELINE TO SELECT BUILD DAKOTA STUDENTS:

- **January 1–March 31, 2023:** The Build Dakota Scholarship application is open. Southeast Tech uploads application materials, and employers review them and schedule interviews with students.
- **Through April 14, 2023:** Employers may extend sponsorship offers to students until April 14. All offers must be completed no later than April 14, 2023.
- **April 28, 2023:** Students have until April 28, 2023, to accept a Build Dakota scholarship offer.
- **June 2, 2023:** All new Build Dakota Scholars are invited to Southeast Tech's Build Dakota Signing and Registration Day. At this event, students – along with their company sponsors, Southeast Tech faculty and staff and special guests – sign their Build Dakota letter of intent. Also at this event, students officially register for classes.