

# REACH NEW HEIGHTS WITH BUILD DAKOTA



Ready to reach new heights? Lay the foundation to start building big. With Build Dakota, you can earn a full-ride scholarship at one of four South Dakota technical colleges. Meaning you'll get your degree and get set up for a career, all with zero debt.

## HOW'S IT WORK?

The scholarship supports tuition, fees and other expenses in eligible programs. Scholarship recipients commit to working in South Dakota, in their field of study, for three years following graduation.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Students of any age can apply for the scholarship in just three steps:

1. Apply for admissions at the technical college you're interested in.
2. Find the Build Dakota Scholarship application for that technical college.
3. Turn in your application  
**January 1–March 31, 2026**
4. Complete FAFSA

*Tip: Set up a job shadow with companies you're interested in.*

## FIND YOUR FIT QUALIFYING PROGRAM AREAS

Advanced Manufacturing  
\*Agriculture  
Automotive  
Building Trades/Construction  
Energy Technicians  
Engineering Technicians  
Healthcare  
Information Technology  
Public Service  
Welding

*\*Requires industry partner*

## PLAN A VISIT

See technical college visit days:



## GET STARTED

See the step-by-step toolkit:



## QUESTIONS?



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Learn more about the program at [BuildDakotaScholarships.com](http://BuildDakotaScholarships.com)

# 2026-2027 BUILD DAKOTA ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS, BY INDUSTRY AREA

## ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

### Lake Area Technical College

Electronic Systems Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Robotics  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Automation Controls/SCADA  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Mechatronics  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Machining and Engineering Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining  
1-Year Program, Diploma

## AGRICULTURE

Some programs may require an industry partner to receive the Build Dakota Scholarship.

### Lake Area Technical College

Agri-Production Option  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Dairy Option  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Natural Resources Management  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Technology Option  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Agronomy  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Ag Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Horticulture  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Sports Turf Management  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Environmental Engineering:  
Controlled Environment Agriculture  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## AUTOMOTIVE

### Lake Area Technical College

Automotive Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Auto Body & Paint Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology: Truck Option  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology: Ag/Industrial  
Tractor Option  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Diesel Power Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Power Sports & Marine Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Automotive Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Collision Repair & Refinish  
Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology:  
Heavy Equipment Diploma  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Diesel Technology: Trucking Diploma  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Diesel Technology: AAS Degree  
(Heavy Equipment & Trucking)  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Automotive Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Diesel Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## BUILDING TRADES/CONSTRUCTION

### Lake Area Technical College

Building Trades Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Heavy Equipment Operator  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Architectural Design &  
Building Construction  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Electrical Construction & Maintenance  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Heating & Cooling Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Construction Management Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Electrician  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HVAC/R Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Mechanical Systems  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Plumbing Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma

### Western Dakota Technical College

Construction Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Electrical Trades  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

HVAC/Refrigeration Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Plumbing Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma

## ENERGY TECHNICIANS

### Lake Area Technical College

Energy Operations  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Energy Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Electrical Utilities &  
Substation Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS

### Mitchell Technical College

Automation Engineering  
Technician/Advanced Manufacturing  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

GPS/GIS Mapping  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies  
(Telecom)  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Architectural Engineering Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Civil Engineering Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Land Surveying Science Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mechanical Engineering Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Architecture & Engineering Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Environmental Engineering Technician  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## HEALTHCARE

### Lake Area Technical College

Dental Assisting  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Dental Hygiene  
1-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Med/Fire Rescue  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Assisting  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Lab Technician  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Registered Nursing (RN)  
1-Year Program, AAS Degree\*

Surgical Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Assistant  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Office Professional  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Radiologic Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree\*

### Southeast Technical College

Cardiovascular Sonography  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Dental Assisting  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Diagnostic Medical Sonography  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Invasive Cardiovascular Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)  
1.5-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Assistant  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Medical Laboratory Technician  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic Science  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)  
1 or 1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree\*

Respiratory Therapy  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Surgical Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Dental Hygiene  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Dental Assisting  
1-Year Program, Diploma

Health Information Management:  
Coding Specialty  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)  
1.5-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Radiologic Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nursing (RN)  
1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree\*

Surgical Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Lake Area Technical College

Computer Information Systems  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Computer Programming  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

System and Network Security  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Computer Science: Information  
Technology Specialist  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### Lake Area Technical College

Law Enforcement  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Child Care Technician  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Entrepreneurship  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Early Childhood Specialist  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Law Enforcement Science  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Western Dakota Technical College

Law Enforcement Technology  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

## WELDING

### Lake Area Technical College

Welding Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Mitchell Technical College

Welding & Manufacturing Technology  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

### Southeast Technical College

Welding  
1-Year Program, Diploma

### Western Dakota Technical College

Welding & Fabrication  
1-Year Program, Diploma OR  
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

\*To enroll in an RN program, must hold active and current LPN license without restrictions. Contact school for details.