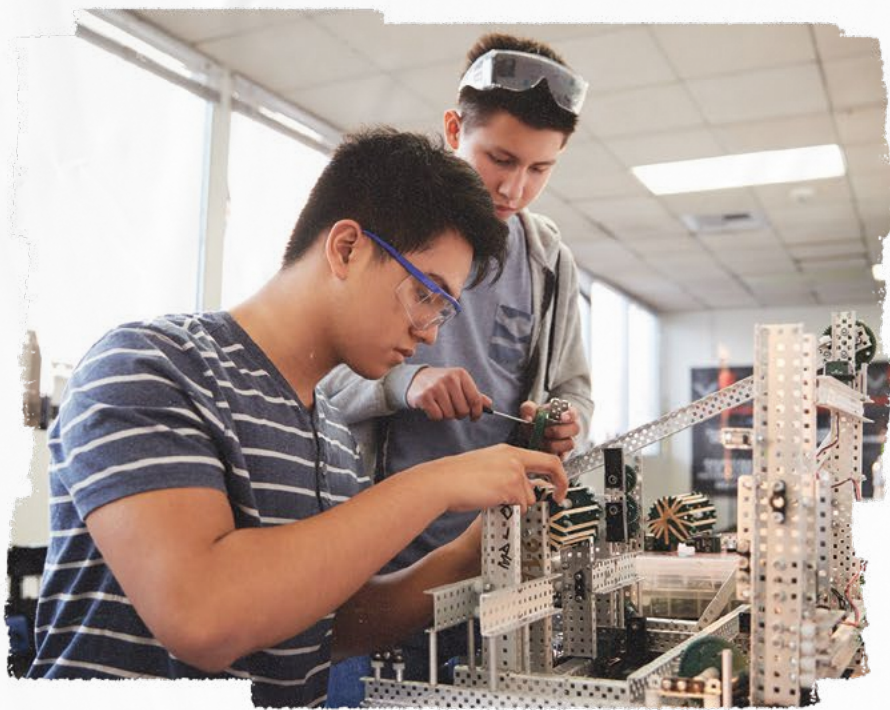


BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP

FOR STUDENTS

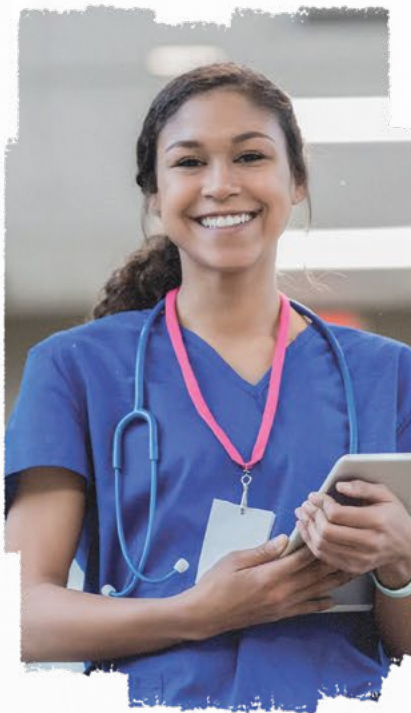


WHAT IS THE BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP?

A GREAT WAY TO BUILD YOUR FUTURE

There's more than one path to a high-paying career. With the Build Dakota Scholarship, you can earn a full-ride scholarship at one of four South Dakota technical colleges. You'll work toward a diploma or AAS degree, and, most importantly, punch your ticket to a rewarding career.

\$0 IN STUDENT LOANS
98% JOB PLACEMENT
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



**DON'T WAIT FOR YOUR FUTURE.
START BUILDING IT TODAY.**



**COST
EFFECTIVE**



**JOB BEFORE
COLLEGE
GRADUATION**



**HANDS-ON
LEARNING**



WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT TECHNICAL COLLEGE?

GLAD YOU ASKED

#1

YOU LEARN REAL SKILLS

Technical colleges train you with skills that are immediately applicable in the workforce. You'll benefit from hands-on learning that leads directly to a high-paying career.

#2

YOU CAN GET STARTED EARLY

Dual credit courses through South Dakota technical colleges are a great way to start earning credit before you graduate high school. Working smart = working ahead.

#3

IT'S A FAST, COST-FRIENDLY WAY TO LEARN IMPORTANT SKILLS

Technical colleges are a cost-effective route to career readiness. In one or two years you can earn a diploma or associate degree.

#4

WE HAVE EMPLOYERS READY TO HIRE

South Dakota technical colleges have strong ties to businesses across the state. Through these partnerships, you'll have access to internships, apprenticeships and job placement opportunities. That's why at least 98% of Build Dakota Scholarship recipients have jobs directly following college.

APPLYING FOR BUILD DAKOTA

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Build Dakota Scholarship is a full ride, not a free ride. Following program completion, each student works in their field of study for at least three years in South Dakota. In return, the scholarship covers tuition, fees, books and other program expenses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scholars of all ages are welcome to apply. This includes both in-state and out-of-state students.

WHAT'S AN INDUSTRY PARTNER?

Students can earn a Build Dakota Scholarship through the application process – or by finding an industry partner. What are those? An industry partner is a business that sponsors students and commits to paying a portion of their program expenses. Build Dakota picks up the other portion. The student earns their degree while they train, while the employer gains a skilled employee.

We are always adding new partners. Even if you don't see a business you're interested in on the list, ask them about Build Dakota or contact the technical college with questions or to help connect.

Head to **BuildDakotaScholarships.com** for a full list of industry partners and opportunities.

GETTING STARTED

THE PATH TO APPLICATION

STEP 1

Gain real-world experiences in your chosen field through part-time work, job shadowing and working with your guidance counselor.



STEP 2

Apply to your technical college and reserve a seat in the program. This can be done up to 18 months prior to applying for Build Dakota. Apply early! Some colleges allow their industry partners to start reviewing applications in January.



STEP 3

Visit the Build Dakota website. Click on the logo of the college you plan on attending. This will take you to the scholarship application at that college. All students are encouraged to apply even if you don't already have an industry partner.

PATHS TO PARTNER MATCHES



IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A PARTNER SECURED, there will be questions for you to provide this information in the application.

Your technical college will contact an employer on your behalf if they have questions or you need assistance with that process.



APPLY WITHOUT A PARTNER and your technical college will share your application with partners hiring in your field.

You may be contacted by employers for next steps. We recommend you apply early in the application window as employers reach out quickly.

APPLICATION PERIOD: JANUARY 1 — MARCH 31

Learn more about the program and requirements at **BuildDakotaScholarships.com**.

WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

A Build Dakota Scholar agrees to:

- Enroll full-time in a Build Dakota Scholarship-eligible program at a South Dakota technical college (Lake Area Technical College, Mitchell Technical College, Southeast Technical College, or Western Dakota Technical College). Diploma programs typically require 1 to 1.5 years to complete and AAS degree programs require 2 years.
- Work full-time in South Dakota in the field of study for a minimum of three years following program completion.
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Adhere to the technical college's attendance policy.
- If the scholar has an industry partner, the partner may have additional requirements outlined in a separate contract before the commitment is finalized.



BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

What does everyone get out of this? It's all about economic development: high schools, technical colleges and businesses working together as a team to identify workforce needs and ensuring students have opportunities to explore much-needed careers. Here's a summary of what the Build Dakota Scholarship does for all associated groups.



STUDENTS

- Increases opportunities for career exploration
- Gain important skills and a guaranteed job after college
- Start their next chapter free of debt and ready to excel
- Students with partners receive priority in scholarship awards and gain the extra benefit of having a job waiting for them following program completion at their technical college



INDUSTRY PARTNERS

- Use Build Dakota funds to train their own workforce
- Support their community by investing in its future
- Stay competitive with other businesses who understand the need of investing in training to get more people into high need fields
- Get involved directly with technical colleges to build the workforce their business needs
- Help change perceptions of these high-demand fields
- Increase the use of job shadowing, internships, and part-time work as a tool for recruiting
- Build relationships with potential employees and create a culture of recruitment and retention



COMMUNITIES

- Attract and retain workforce, especially in rural communities
- Send students off to school but have a job waiting for them at home
- Keeps local communities thriving and schools alive
- Grow relationships between employers and students, working together to improve opportunities for career exploration

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