



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 three years following successful completion of the academic program at Southeast Tech.



TIER ONE - \$6,000

Billed once in the first semester.

- HVAC/R Technology, Diploma
- Medical Assistant, Diploma
- Plumbing Technology, Diploma
- Welding, Diploma

TIER TWO - \$8,000

Billed once in the first semester.

- Dental Assisting, Diploma
- Diesel Technology: Heavy Equipment, Diploma
- Diesel Technology: Trucking, Diploma
- Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse, AAS

TIER THREE - \$9,000

Billed once in the first semester.

- Licensed Practical Nurse, Diploma

TIER FOUR - \$10,000

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

- Architectural Engineering Technology, AAS
- Civil Engineering Technology, AAS
- Computer Programming, AAS
- Construction Management Technology, AAS
- Early Childhood Specialist, AAS

- Electrician, AAS
- Horticulture Technology, AAS
- Land Surveying Science Technology, AAS
- Law Enforcement Science, AAS
- Mechanical Engineering Technology, AAS
- Mechatronics Technology, AAS
- Medical Lab Technician, AAS
- Paramedic Science, AAS
- Respiratory Therapy, AAS
- Sports Turf Management, AAS
- Surgical Technology, 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 and Refinish Technology, AAS
- Diesel Technology, AAS
- Mechanical Systems, AAS

TIER SIX - \$15,000

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

- Cardiovascular Sonography, AAS
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography, AAS
- Invasive Cardiovascular Technology, AAS

To learn more about how to sponsor a Build Dakota Scholar, contact Build Dakota Coordinator Kelli Rogotzke at 605-367-5768 or bulddakota@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** – Verify students' eligibility and completed application materials and upload 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, notify STC of their intent to extend an offer to a specific student and, once okayed by STC, extend the offer to their selected Build Dakota students.

TIMELINE TO SELECT BUILD DAKOTA STUDENTS

- **January 1–March 31, 2026:** The Build Dakota Scholarship application is open. Southeast Tech uploads application materials, and employers review them and schedule interviews with students.
- **Through April 10, 2026:** Employers may extend sponsorship offers to students until April 10 or until Build Dakota funds are depleted. All offers must be completed no later than April 10, 2026.
- **April 13, 2026:** Students have until April 13, 2026, to accept a Build Dakota scholarship offer.
- **June 5, 2026:** All new Build Dakota Scholars are invited to Southeast Tech's Build Dakota Signing 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.