

BUILD YOUR FUTURE ON A DEBT-FREE FOUNDATION



BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG. FINISH SCHOOL DEBT-FREE.

These are the keys to a successful, fulfilling future. And with Build Dakota, you can check all the boxes by getting a full-ride scholarship to one of four South Dakota technical colleges.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Industry partners support the Build Dakota Scholarship, helping cover tuition, fees and other expenses for students in eligible programs. Scholarship recipients commit to working in South Dakota with their industry partner for three years after graduation. For students, it means a free degree and immediate job placement, while businesses gain skilled scholars. See the network of partners on our website.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Incoming students of all ages can apply for the scholarship in four easy steps:

1. Apply for admissions at the technical college you're interested in
2. Go to BuildDakotaScholarships.com/Apply and click that school's logo to find their Build Dakota application page
3. Turn in your Build Dakota application between **January 1st and March 31st, 2027**
4. Complete your FAFSA

Tip: Set up a job shadow with companies you're interested in working for after you graduate college.

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

Check technical college visit days

SCAN TO CONNECT

Start making connections with schools and programs



QUESTIONS? LET'S CHAT!

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Learn more about the program at BuildDakotaScholarships.com

2027-2028 ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS BY INDUSTRY

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

Machining/Manufacturing
1-Year Program, Diploma

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

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

Lake Area Technical College

Production Agriculture
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Agriculture Technology
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
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
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
1-Year Program, Diploma

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

Utility Pipeline Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS

Lake Area Technical College

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

Mitchell Technical College

GPS/GIS Mapping
1-Year Program, Diploma

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies
(Telecom)
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
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
1-Year Program, Diploma

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-Year OR 1.5-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Assistant
1-Year Program, Diploma

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

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

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.