



A

**ssociate  
Degree**

**A 2-YEAR DEGREE THAT IS USUALLY  
GRANTED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

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**B**

# **achelor's Degree**

**A 4-YEAR DEGREE THAT IS GRANTED  
BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.**

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# C lasses

**MAKE SURE THE CLASSES YOU'RE TAKING  
IN HIGH SCHOOL MATCH WITH THE  
COLLEGE YOU WANT TO ATTEND AND  
THE CAREER YOU'RE INTERESTED IN.**

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# D

# ual Credit

**EARN COLLEGE CREDITS  
AND HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS  
WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL!**

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ssay

**A SHORT PIECE OF WRITING THAT A COLLEGE OR SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDER REQUIRES STUDENTS TO SUBMIT AS PART OF THEIR APPLICATION. IT MAY ALSO BE CALLED A PERSONAL STATEMENT.**

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# inancial Aid

**MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR COLLEGE  
INCLUDING GRANTS, LOANS,  
SCHOLARSHIPS AND WORK-STUDY.**

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**GPA**

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE  
COLLEGES LOOK FOR STUDENTS  
WITH GOOD GRADES IN  
CHALLENGING CLASSES.**

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# Honors

**COLLEGES LOOK FOR STUDENTS WHO TAKE CHALLENGING CLASSES SO SIGN UP FOR AP, HONORS OR DUAL CREDIT CLASSES THAT YOUR SCHOOL OFFERS.**

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**Internship**

**DECIDE IF A CAREER IS RIGHT FOR YOU—DO AN INTERNSHIP WITH A PROFESSIONAL IN A FIELD THAT INTERESTS YOU.**

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# ob Shadow

**DECIDE IF A CAREER IS RIGHT FOR  
YOU—DO AN INFORMAL JOB SHADOW  
WITH A PROFESSIONAL IN A FIELD  
THAT INTERESTS YOU.**

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# K

# nowledge

**KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO GET INTO  
AND SUCCEED IN COLLEGE: FOCUS  
ON ACADEMICS, GET INVOLVED, FIND  
SUPPORT AND STAY ORGANIZED.**

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# L oans

**MONEY FOR COLLEGE THAT HAS TO  
BE PAID BACK; MAKE SURE YOU DON'T  
BORROW MORE THAN YOU NEED.**

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**WHAT A STUDENT CHOOSES TO STUDY  
IN COLLEGE—LIKE ENGINEERING,  
ENGLISH OR EDUCATION.**

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# et Price

**THE ACTUAL PRICE YOU WILL PAY FOR  
COLLEGE. LOOK FOR THE NET PRICE  
CALCULATOR ON COLLEGE WEBSITES.**

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rientation

**A DEDICATED TIME BEFORE COLLEGE  
STARTS TO GET TO KNOW THE  
CAMPUS, MEET STUDENTS AND STAFF,  
AND PREPARE FOR CLASSES.**

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# lacement Tests

**SOME COLLEGES REQUIRE TESTS  
TO DETERMINE WHICH CLASS YOU  
SHOULD TAKE.**

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# Q uad

**A RECTANGULAR SPACE OR  
COURTYARD, OFTEN THE CENTER OF  
ACTIVITY ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS**

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# ecommendation Letters

**MANY COLLEGES AND SCHOLARSHIPS  
WANT TO HEAR FROM TEACHERS OR  
ADULTS THAT KNOW YOU WELL.**

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# Scholarships

**FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE! MANY  
SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRE AN ESSAY OR  
OTHER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

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# T

# est Optional

**YOU CAN CHOOSE IF YOU WANT TO  
SUBMIT SAT OR ACT SCORES WHEN  
YOU APPLY TO COLLEGE.**

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# U

# ndergraduate

**A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO IS  
WORKING TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATE OR  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

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# Value

**SOUTH DAKOTA'S PUBLIC COLLEGES  
AND UNIVERSITIES ARE A VALUE,  
PROVIDING A QUALITY EDUCATION AT  
A REASONABLE COST.**

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# Waivers

**MANY STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FEE  
WAIVERS OR DEFERRALS FOR ADMISSION  
TESTS AND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.**

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# eXtracurriculars

**FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE! MANY SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIRE AN ESSAY OR OTHER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

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**ou**

**IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHAT YOU  
WANT TO STUDY, WHERE YOU WANT TO GO  
TO COLLEGE, AND YOUR FUTURE CAREER.**

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**Zeta**

**A GREEK LETTER, USED IN THE  
NAMES OF SOME SORORITIES AND  
FRATERNITIES, WHICH ARE FOUND ON  
SOME COLLEGE CAMPUSES.**

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