

YOU'RE ADMITTED TO COLLEGE!

FIND YOUR BEST FIT



THE SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS' FAST TRACK ADMISSION PROGRAM IS SIMPLIFYING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS!

TAKE THE FAST TRACK

...and attend college in South Dakota!

Fast Track Admission is a new pilot program designed to streamline the college application process for South Dakota students. Instead of completing a traditional application, eligible juniors and seniors can receive direct admission to participating universities based on their academic achievements. This pilot is currently available to students attending public high schools in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, and Spearfish.

DIRECT ADMISSION TO LEADING SOUTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITIES

Qualified students may Fast Track their admission to some or all of the following institutions:

- Black Hills State University – Spearfish
- Black Hills State University – Rapid City (non-residential)
- Dakota State University – Madison
- Northern State University – Aberdeen
- South Dakota Mines – Rapid City
- South Dakota State University – Brookings
- University of South Dakota – Vermillion
- University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls (non-residential)

FAST TRACK FLIPS THE SCRIPT

To be accepted, simply activate your Fast Track Admission. You can activate in one of two ways:

- 1. Fast Track Activation Form** – A brief form where students indicate which universities they are interested in.
- 2. High School Dual Enrollment Application** – Fast Track questions are built directly into the dual credit application.

Activating early gives you more time to explore your options, compare campuses, and access resources that help you choose the best fit.



Scan here to indicate your universities of interest, or visit [sdbor.edu/fast-track!](https://sdbor.edu/fast-track) If you are

interested in participating, the first step is to activate your Fast Track Admission by selecting your schools of interest on the Fast Track Activation Form.




A healthy college search often includes a solid self-inventory.

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Find your home away from home! We highly recommend visiting one (or more) of South Dakota's public university campuses to get a real feel for the school. You can explore each school's academic programs by browsing their websites, attending in-person college events and tours, and speaking with admissions representatives. When deciding on a university, it is important to ask yourself questions to help you determine what you want in a future school.




DO I WANT TO ATTEND A BIG OR A SMALL SCHOOL?


DO I WANT TO BE CLOSE TO HOME OR FARTHER AWAY?


WHAT ACTIVITIES OR EXPERIENCES ARE IMPORTANT TO ME?

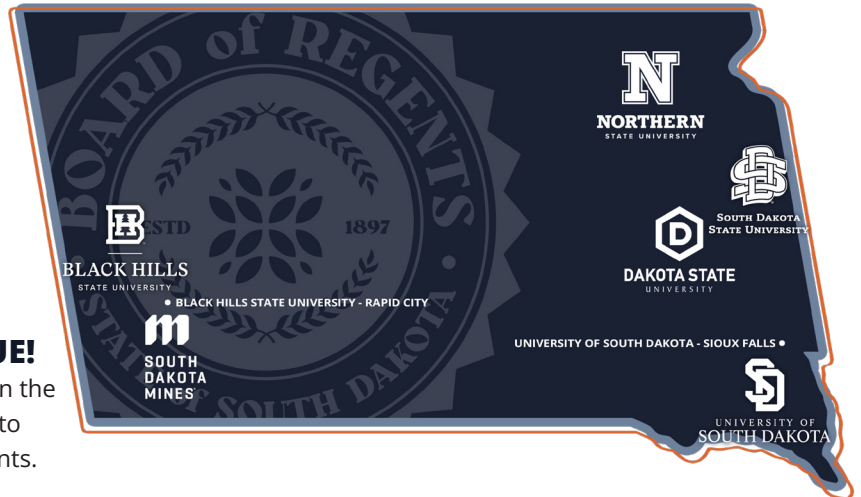

WHAT ARE MY FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES?


WHAT MAJOR AM I INTERESTING IN PURSUING?

IT PAYS TO STAY IN STATE

HERE'S WHY

- Get a head start on your career! In-state colleges and universities often have strong connections within the local job market and provide great networking opportunities.
- Embrace the 605! Attending an in-state school allows you to celebrate the unique culture of your home state.
- Save those hard-earned dollars! In-state tuition is often significantly lower than out-of-state rates.

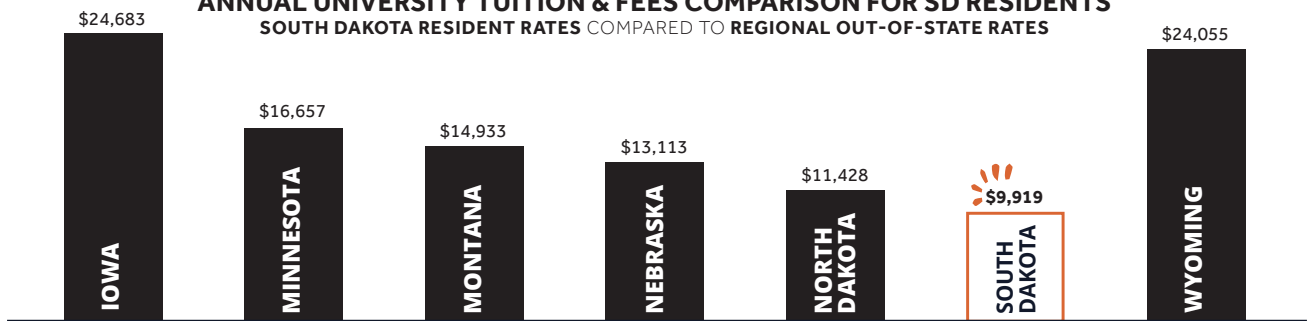


SOUTH DAKOTA OFFERS A GREAT VALUE!

We're recognized as one of the most affordable states in the country to obtain a college degree, and are committed to providing accessible and affordable education to students.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY TUITION & FEES COMPARISON FOR SD RESIDENTS

SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENT RATES COMPARED TO REGIONAL OUT-OF-STATE RATES



These figures are based on average 2025-26 public university tuition rates and mandatory fees. For most accurate pricing, visit the specific institutional website.

When you consider all the things you purchase throughout your life, few can shape your future and open new doors like a degree. Don't let the sticker price deter you from attending college. Remember to explore financial aid options and factor them into your final decision.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE:
ourdakotadreams.com/paying-for-college





Discover the possibilities!

UNIVERSITY PROFILES

Get to know each of South Dakota's universities over the next few pages. Want to learn more? Contact the Admissions Office! They can help you navigate your college search, career interests, and even provide tips on scholarships, and of course, provide great on-campus resources.

VISIT: BHSU.EDU

Email: admissions@bhsu.edu

Phone: 605.642.6131

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Spearfish, SD

3,425 Students (main campus)

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

American Indian Studies
Business Administration
Communication & Media
Early Childhood/Special Education
Environmental Physical Science

Black Hills State University offers several undergraduate and graduate degrees and prides itself on fostering a culture of student support and success. The campus maintains top academic programs in business, education, exercise science, natural sciences, social sciences, the arts, mass communication and health sciences. BHSU leads the region in sustainability efforts and offers many outdoor recreational opportunities.

VISIT: BHSU.EDU/RAPID-CITY

Email: admissions@bhsu.edu

Phone: 605.718.4112

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY - RAPID CITY

Rapid City, SD

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

Applied Health Sciences
Business Administration
Criminal Justice
Elementary Education
Tourism and Hospitality

Located just off Interstate 90, Black Hills State University provides a convenient and accessible site for classes and a wide variety of degree programs in Rapid City. The urban campus houses classrooms, science labs, computer labs, a 100-seat lecture hall, and conference rooms. The Rapid City campus is also the home to the West River Health Science Center, a nursing education partnership between Black Hills State University and South Dakota State University.



VISIT: DSU.EDU

Email: admissions@dsu.edu
Phone: 888.378.9988

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Madison, SD
3,842 Students

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

- Cyber Operations
- Computer Science
- Cyber Defense
- Network & Security Administration
- Teacher Education

As a STEM University, Dakota State University's mission is to prepare cyber-savvy graduates who are lifelong learners, problem solvers, innovators and leaders to live lives of positive purpose and consequence. DSU does this through cutting-edge courses and emerging research programs that impact the student experience and advance the nation's workforce. While Dakota State University serves as a primary university in the STEM field, it also meets a critical need in education.



VISIT: NORTHERN.EDU

Email: admissions@northern.edu
Phone: 605.626.2544

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Aberdeen, SD
3,739 Students

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

- Nursing
- Teacher Education
- Finance and Business Administration
- Biology
- Sports and Human Performance

Northern State University offers graduate and undergraduate programs that promote excellence in teaching, support research and creative activities, while providing service to the state of South Dakota, the region and the nation. Northern is recognized for its mission-driven expertise in E-learning and HyFlex Delivery and provides quality programs through various flexible methods and scheduling options designed to accommodate students' unique needs.



VISIT: SDSMT.EDU

Email: admissions@sdsmt.edu
 Phone: 605.394.2414

SOUTH DAKOTA MINES

Rapid City, SD
 2,541 Students

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering

South Dakota Mines prepares students to be leaders in STEM. Through hands-on experiences, like design projects, co-ops and internships, students have the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings. These invaluable experiences pave the way for career placement in a chosen field and offers a significant return on educational investment. Join students from all across the U.S. and from over 40 different countries.



VISIT: SDSTATE.EDU

Email: sdsu.admissions@sdstate.edu
 Phone: 800.952.3541

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Brookings, SD
 12,139 Students

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

- Nursing
- Animal Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biology
- Business Economics

South Dakota State University offers a rich academic experience in a welcoming environment through student-focused education, creative research and activities, innovation, and community engagement that enhances the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation, and the world. Students come from almost every state and more than 70 countries, and can choose from 86 majors, 38 specializations and 102 minors.



VISIT: USD.EDU

Email: admissions@usd.edu
Phone: 877.269.6837

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Vermillion, SD
10,405 Students

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

- Nursing
- Teacher Education
- Health Sciences
- Business Administration
- Fine Arts
- Kinesiology & Sport Management

The University of South Dakota is all about promoting the excellent academic work of faculty, staff, and students. USD is proud to offer a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs designed to give students a world-class education and set them up for success in a variety of career paths. USD delivers innovative research and is also the only university in South Dakota offering professional degree programs in law, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant studies, and medicine. Whether you're considering a future in business, political science, health care, education, or another career – or if you're still deciding your next steps – this Vermillion campus has a path forward for you!

VISIT: USD.EDU

Email: admissions@usd.edu
Phone: 605.274.9500

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA - SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, SD

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

- Nursing
- Teacher Education
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- General Studies

Located in Sioux Falls, the University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls offers a range of flexible and affordable programs, including associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees, as well as certificates. With the quality and resources afforded by South Dakota's flagship university, USD's Sioux Falls campus prepares students for the next chapter of their educational or career journey — all with the convenience of learning in the state's largest city.



STAY ON TRACK!



Ensure a smooooooth transition from high school to university - and remember, we're here to help!

CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

Your preferred universities will send you formal notification of your acceptance once they receive your Fast Track Activation. From there, connect with admissions to schedule a visit, discuss financial aid and scholarships, and ask questions to determine your best fit.

Once you choose to enroll in one of our universities, you will be assigned an advisor who will help you plan out one-, two-, and four-year goals to help keep you on track and ensure you are taking the correct coursework for your future plans.

class notes:

- Activating your admission is different from enrolling. Use your senior year to finalize your college decision and make sure your chosen university knows to expect you in Fall 2027.
- **Fast Track Admission** is general admission. If you have a specific academic program in mind, talk to an admission representative about any possible additional requirements.
- Keep up the excellent work. You've gotten this far in your academic journey, so keep going strong!

