

Who can apply for Build Dakota Scholarships at WDTC?

To be eligible for a Build Dakota Scholarship, applicants **must**:

- ☐ Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national*

*Must meet citizenship eligibility requirements according to Federal Financial Aid regulations.

- ☐ Commit to stay and work a high-demand field of study in South Dakota.

- ☐ Be at any age. with any GPA*.

*There is no minimum GPA, but GPA is considered in the selection process. An applicant's work experience, internship, volunteer experience, career preparation courses, and Build Dakota eligible program-related hobbies are also considered. These experiences allow the applicant to demonstrate capabilities in addition to GPA.

Applicants can apply both a Build Dakota Scholarship application* and a Western Dakota Technical College application** for admission at the same time.

*During the scholarship application window (January 1 – March 31), the Build Dakota application can be found at https://my.wdt.edu/ICS/Scholarship/Build_Dakota_Scholarship_Application.jnz.

An **incomplete** Build Dakota Scholarship application will **NOT** save on the system! You will start over every time you close the window. If needed, work on essays in a word processing software (ex. Microsoft Word), then copy & paste responses into the application.

Because the Build Dakota Scholarship is **highly competitive**, submitting additional information outlined on the application is optional (e.g., a resume and a letter of recommendation), but adds to the value of your application.

The application allows you to share your academic and work experiences. Just as in a job application, use the scholarship application to demonstrate your experiences and skills in the program area for which you apply.

Apply to WDTC is always **FREE! The college application for admission is at <https://wdt.edu/apply/>. Contact our Admissions Office at Admissions@wdt.edu or 605-718-2565.

The WDTC Scholarship Office highly recommends the applicants review [WDTC - Build Dakota Scholarship FAQs](#) before applying for this scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact WDTScholarship@wdt.edu or 605-718-3064.



To receive a **Build Dakota Scholarship**, recipients **must**:

- ☐ Be accepted to the Build Dakota eligible program at WDTC.
- ☐ Successfully enroll full-time in the program's classes.
- ☐ Complete a **FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)***.

*Please note that recipients are not required to accept any financial aid.

If you have any questions about Financial Aid, please feel free to contact our Financial Aid Office at Finaid@wdt.edu or 605-718-2988.

- ☐ Attend a **Build Dakota Orientation & Signing Day**.
- ☐ Sign and submit the **WDTC Build Dakota Scholarship Acceptance Agreement**.
- ☐ Sign and submit the **WDTC Build Dakota Scholarship Recipient's Expectation Addendum**.

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