

BUILD DAKOTA. BUILD YOUR FUTURE.

There's more than one path to a high-paying career. With the Build Dakota Scholarship, you can earn a full-ride scholarship at one of four South Dakota technical colleges. That's a diploma or AAS degree and a ticket to a rewarding career. Don't wait for your future. Start building it today.



QUALIFYING PROGRAMS IN:

Advanced Manufacturing
Agriculture
Automotive
Building Trades/Construction
Energy Technicians
Engineering Technicians
Healthcare
Information Technology
Public Service
Welding

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

HOW IT WORKS:

- Scholarship supports tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in eligible technical college programs.
- Recipients of the scholarship commit to working in South Dakota, in their field of study, for three years following graduation.
- Students of any age are eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are open
January 1–March 31, 2025

Learn more about the program and apply at

BuildDakotaScholarships.com



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2025-2026 BUILD DAKOTA ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS BY INDUSTRY AREA

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

Southeast Technical College

Mechatronics
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Drafting & Machining Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Precision Machining
1-Year Program, Diploma

AGRICULTURE

All Agriculture Scholarships Require
an Industry Partner

Lake Area Technical College

Agriculture: Agri-Production Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Agriculture: Dairy Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Agriculture: Precision Technology Option
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

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

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

Natural Gas Technology
1-Year Program, Diploma

ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS

Mitchell Technical College

Automation Engineering
Technician/Advanced Manufacturing
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

GPS/GIS Mapping
1-Year Program, Diploma

Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies
(Telecom)
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
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Med/Fire Rescue
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

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
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Radiologic Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
2-Year Program, AAS Degree*

Southeast Technical College

Dental Assisting
1-Year Program, Diploma

Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)
1-Year Program, Diploma

Medical Laboratory Technician
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Paramedic Science
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Registered Nurse (RN)
1-1.5-Year Program, AAS Degree*

Respiratory Therapy
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Surgical Technology
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Western Dakota Technical College

Dental 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 Nurse (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

Southeast Technical College

Computer Programming
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

System and Network Security
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

Human Services Technician:
Child Development Option
1-Year Program, Diploma OR
2-Year Program, AAS Degree

Mitchell Technical College

Entrepreneurship
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 RN program, must hold
active and current LPN license without
restrictions. Contact school for details.