

# Getting **STARTED**

YOUR NEXT STEPS TO NDSCS WAHPETON

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## STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Become familiar with your estimated costs
- Activate your online services
  - Claim your NDSCS account
  - Activate your NDSCS electronic ID
  - Access your NDSCS email
- Apply for financial aid
- Apply for housing and dining
- Submit final transcripts
- Attend registration and orientation





# Welcome to NDSCS

At NDSCS, students gain real-world skills while working with new technologies and equipment and learning from experts who have gained their experience in the real world.

We also offer the complete college experience including outstanding academics, residence halls and a vibrant campus life with student clubs and organizations, fine arts and athletics. So take advantage and become involved!

You've made the right choice by choosing NDSCS and we hope that the next few years will provide you with great academic success. NDSCS faculty, staff and administration look forward to welcoming you into the Wildcat Family!

## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

First year students at NDSCS Wahpeton are required to live on campus (some exclusions apply, see exemption policy), so get ready to have the time of your life.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR HOUSING AND DINING?

For more information on applying for housing and dining go to [NDSCS.edu/Residential-Life/Apply](https://www.ndscs.edu/Residential-Life/Apply).

### TOP 8 REASONS TO LIVE ON CAMPUS AT NDSCS

1. Increases the likelihood of achieving academic and personal success.
2. Convenient and within walking distance to everything on campus.
3. Affordable room rates.
4. On-campus community of friends and support.
5. Grab hold of your independence.
6. Choose from 6 residence halls.
7. Honors hall available for qualifying students.
8. Resident Assistants available 24/7.

### BECOME A RESIDENT ASSISTANT

Resident Assistants are student staff that live in the residence halls who create and promote safe and inclusive living and learning communities on campus.

### BENEFITS OF BECOMING A RESIDENT ASSISTANT

- Great resume builder
- Valuable leadership experience
- Earn spending money each month
- Organize fun events
- Meet people and make life-long friendships
- Support fellow students
- FREE single room
- Have fun!

For more information on how to become a Resident Assistant or to apply, visit [NDSCS.edu/BecomeAnRA](https://www.ndscs.edu/BecomeAnRA).





## BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR ESTIMATED COSTS

Your overall costs at NDSCS will depend on several factors, including where you live, what meal plan you choose, your program of study and other required supplies and equipment.

To calculate your individual estimated costs, go to [NDSCS.edu/EstimateYourCost](https://ndscs.edu/EstimateYourCost).

Contact Business Affairs with further questions at:  
Haverty Hall 139  
1-800-342-4325 ext. 3-2216  
[NDSCS.BusinessAffairsOffice@ndscs.edu](mailto:NDSCS.BusinessAffairsOffice@ndscs.edu)

## ATTEND A REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION DAY

Registration and Orientation is a day-long event. Activities on these days include placement testing, academic advising, course registration and other information about becoming a Wildcat. Family members are also encouraged to attend and participate.

Students admitted for fall or summer will receive an invitation with date options and other details beginning in the spring. Students admitted for spring will receive information in late fall.

## ACTIVATE YOUR ONLINE SERVICES

Before you attend registration and orientation, it is important that you set up your online services by visiting [NDSCS.edu/IT-Setup](https://ndscs.edu/IT-Setup). The registration process will go much more quickly if you do this before you arrive at campus.

### REMINDER

If you are currently enrolled in high school or college you must submit a final transcript when your courses are completed. Final transcript(s) should include graduation and/or course details. Failure to provide a final transcript(s) will prevent financial aid from being disbursed as well as prevent future registration.

#### TRANSCRIPTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

NDSCS Enrollment Services  
800 6th Street North  
Wahpeton, ND 58076

## FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

NDSCS makes paying for college affordable with both federal financial aid and scholarships available. We're here to help you understand your options and to make it a smooth process for all students.

### APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

- 1 Apply for a **Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)** with the U. S. Department of Education for both parent and student at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). The FSA ID allows the student and parent to sign applications and promissory notes electronically.
- 2 Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible after October 1 of each year at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Once completed you will receive an e-mail within five to seven days from the Department of Education.
- 3 If you are selected for verification, the NDSCS Financial Aid office will request a copy of your tax return transcript(s), which is issued directly from the IRS, and a verification worksheet. Find the verification worksheets at [NDSCS.edu/FinancialAid](https://ndscs.edu/FinancialAid) and click on the 'Forms' link.
- 4 Once you receive your financial aid award e-mail notice, accept or decline your financial aid award through CampusConnection.
- 5 If you are accepting a student loan for the first time, you must complete the entrance loan counseling session and a Master Promissory Note. Students can do this at any time at [studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov).
- 6 Determine if you need additional resources in addition to the financial aid offered to you by calculating your costs at [NDSCS.edu/Costs](https://ndscs.edu/Costs) and looking at Alternative Loans [NDSCS.edu/Available-Loans](https://ndscs.edu/Available-Loans).

### FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS

Haverty Hall 101  
1-800-342-4325, ext. 3-2207  
[ndscs.fin.aid@ndscs.edu](mailto:ndscs.fin.aid@ndscs.edu)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Unlike loans, scholarships never have to be paid back. They are a great way to help pay for college. Scholarships are available from a variety of sources; therefore, you need to be resourceful and initiate the process early each year.

Learn more at [NDSCS.edu/Scholarships](https://ndscs.edu/Scholarships).

### ENROLLMENT

In order to receive federal, state or NDSCS sponsored aid, a student must be working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program, with at least half-time active enrollment.



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