## **GETTING STARTED** YOUR NEXT STEPS TO NDSCS WAHPETON

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NORTH DRHOTR STRTE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

### NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Become familiar with your estimated costs

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- Activate your online services
  - Claim your NDUS account
  - Activate your NDSCS account
  - Access your NDSCS email
- Apply for financial aid
- Apply for housing and dining
- Submit final transcripts
- Attend a registration day

This guide will help you **NAVIGATE THE STEPS** leading up to **REGISTRATION** for classes, so please review the information carefully. If you have any questions, let us know. We're here to help!

#### QUESTIONS? 701-671-2521 | NDSCS.Admissions@ndscs.edu



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NDSCS.edu/New2NDSCS

# 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.

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**

The Department of Residential Life promotes life-long learning and development through partnerships with students in the creation of safe, inclusive, educational and vibrant communities. Research shows that students who live on campus achieve higher GPAs, are more likely to graduate and report higher overall satisfaction with their college experience.

For these reasons, all first year students are required to live on campus, unless a student meets certain criteria. (See On-campus Living Policy).

#### **APPLY FOR HOUSING & DINING**

Students can complete the Residence Hall Housing & Dining application through their CampusConncection account. Visit **NDSCS.edu/Residential-Life/How-Apply** for instructions.

Tour our Residence Halls at **NDSCS.edu/ResidenceHalls** 

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

Increases the likelihood of achieving academic and personal success.

Convenient and within walking distance to everything oncampus.

Affordable room rates.



On-campus community of friends and support.

- Leadership and personal development opportunities.
- Many types of hall/room options across 6 residence halls and 3 apartment buildings.

In-hall staff that provide resources and support when you need it.

Fun and educational program opportunities.

#### BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR ESTIMATED COSTS

Your overall costs at NDSCS will depend on several factors, including your program of study and other required supplies and equipment. Estimate your costs at **NDSCS.edu/Paying-for-College.** 

#### Contact Business Affairs with further questions at:

Haverty Hall 139 • 701-671-2216 NDSCS.BusinessAffairsOffice@ndscs.edu

#### ATTEND A REGISTRATION DAY

New Student Registration 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.** The registration process will go much more quickly if you do this before you arrive at campus.

#### BOOKSTORE

The NDSCS Bookstore provides many options for course materials to meet the different needs of our students and their budget including new, used, rental, digital and inclusive access. They also provide the program required, optional and individual student tool orders at discounted educational prices. Learn more at **NDSCSbookstore.com.** 

#### **FERPA**

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. To learn more about FERPA and instructions on how to fill out the form, visit **NDSCS.edu/Privacy.** 

#### 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.

NDSCS accepts electronic transcripts from services such as eTranscript, Parchment, Naviance, National Student Clearinghouse, and Docufide. If those services are not available, send official transcripts 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

- Apply for a **Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID)** with the U.S. Department of Education for both parent and student at **studentaid.gov.** The FSA ID allows the student and parent to sign applications and promissory notes electronically.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1 of each year at studentaid.gov. Once completed you will receive an e-mail within five to seven days from the Department of Education.
  - If you are selected for verification, the NDSCS Financial Aid office will request a copy of your income tax information and a verification worksheet. Find the verification worksheets at **NDSCS.edu/FinancialAid** and click on the **'Forms'** link.
  - Once you receive your financial aid award e-mail notice, accept or decline your financial aid award through CampusConnection.
  - 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 **studentaid.gov.**
- **6** Determine if you need additional resources in addition to the financial aid offered to you. Estimate your costs at **NDSCS.edu/Paying-for-College** and look at Alternative Loans at **NDSCS.edu/Available-Loans.**

#### **FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS**

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#### **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.

If you completed the scholarship portion of the admission application you will automatically be considered for NDSCS scholarships, watch your mailbox for more information.

Learn more at **NDSCS.edu/Scholarships.** Here you can also complete the NDSCS scholarship application if you were unable to answer scholarship questions when you completed the admission application.

#### 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.



#### **CAMPUS RESOURCE LIST**

Accessibility Support Services Old Main 230A 701-671-2623

Admission & Registrar

Haverty Hall 101 701-671-2521

**Bookstore** Hektner Student Center 101 701-671-2125

**Business Affairs** Haverty Hall 139 701-671-2216

**Career Services** Old Main 130 701-671-2272

**Customer Service Desk** Hektner Student Center 146 | 701-671-2401

**Dining Services** Hektner Student Center 145A 701-671-2321 **Financial Aid** Haverty Hall Room 101 701-671-2207

Human Resources (Student Employment) Haverty Hall 136 701-671-2903

**IT Service Desk** Hektner Student Center 162 | 701-671-3333

Mail & Shipping Services Bookstore - Hektner Student Center 101 701-671-2125

**Military Benefit Assistance** Haverty Hall 101 701-671-2204

NDSCS Police Hektner Student Center 158 701-671-2233 **Residential Life** Riley Hall 130 701-671-2224

Student Life Hektner Student Center 146 701-671-2109

**Student Health & Wellness** Riley Hall 113 701-671-2286

Student Sponsorship Haverty HAII 101 701-671-2234

**Student Success Center** Old Main 130 701-671-3000

Test Center (Accuplacer Testing) Old Main 230 701-671-2256



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