

GETTING STARTED

YOUR NEXT STEPS TO **NDSCS WAHPETON**



NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Become familiar with your estimated costs
- 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 registration and orientation



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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

The Department of Residential Life supports the academic achievement, involvement and development of students by providing safe, inclusive and vibrant living environments. Research shows that students who live on campus achieve higher GPA's, 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 Exemption Policy).

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. Leadership and personal development opportunities.
6. Many types of hall/room options across 6 residence halls and 3 apartment buildings.
7. In-hall staff that provide resources and support when you need it.
8. Fun and educational program opportunities.

Tour our Residence Halls at
[NDSCS.edu/ResidenceHalls](https://ndscs.edu/ResidenceHalls).

BECOME A RESIDENT ASSISTANT

Resident Assistants (RA's) are student staff that live in the residence halls who create and promote safe and inclusive living and learning communities on campus. RA's get to know students on their floor, build relationships, serve as campus resources, and enforce college policy.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A RESIDENT ASSISTANT

- Valuable leadership experience
- Meet people and make life-long friendships
- Earn spending money each month
- Organize social and educational events
- Support fellow students
- Single room provided
- Have fun!

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

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.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR INVESTMENT

Estimate your costs at [NDSCS.edu/Paying-for-College](https://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 AND ORIENTATION DAY

New Student 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.

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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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](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 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](https://ndscs.edu/Paying-for-College) and look at Alternative Loans at [NDSCS.edu/Available-Loans](https://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](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.



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 (Student Sponsorship)

Old Main 130 | 701-671-2272

Customer Service Desk

Hektner Student Center | 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 Center

Hektner Student Center 107 | 701-671-2227

NDSCS Police

Hektner Student Center 158 | 701-671-2233

Residential Life

Riley Hall 130 | 701-671-2224

Student Activities

Hektner Student Center 146 | 701-671-2109

Student Health & Personal Counseling

Riley Hall 113 | 701-671-2286

Student Success Center

Old Main 130 | 701-671-3000

Test Center

Old Main 230 | 701-671-2256

Veterans Affairs (VA) School Certifying Official

Old Main 130 | 701-671-2541



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