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

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!

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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 CampusConnecction account. Visit NDSCS.edu/Residential-Life/How-Apply for instructions.

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!

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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.
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 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-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.