**Upcoming Scholarships and Deadlines**

*All information related to high school and post-high school is updated only at the Mrs. Hansen’s website,*

*found under MS/HS Staff tab on the Chester Area School homepage.*

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| Dec 31, 2017 | **Madison Ag Committee Agriculture Scholarship** | Attachment or counseling office. |
| Jan 1, 2018 | **Build Dakota Scholarship opens** | Build Dakota Scholarship window: January 1-March 31. https://www.builddakotascholarships.com/ |
| Jan 5, 2018 | **Davis-Bahcall Scholars** | STEM - 4 week summer study and travel program.  Sponsored by Sanford Underground Research Facility, SD Space Grant Consortium, First Premier Bank, BHSU.  doe.sd.gov/scholarships/DAVIS-BAHCALL.aspx |
| Jan 12, 2018 | **ACT registration deadline for Feb. 10** | [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) |
| Jan 12, 2018 | **Sioux Valley Energy Scholarship** | Son/daughter of SVE customer, GPA 3.0+, recommendation letter. www.siouxvalleyenergy.com or counseling office. |
| Jan 15, 2018 | **SDSU Freshman Scholarship Application due** |  |
| Jan 16, 2018 | **Eastern Chapter - SD Engineering Society Scholarship** | Plan to attend SDSU or SDSMT.  www.sdes.org or counseling office. |
| Jan 19, 2018 | **VIP Visit Day, STI** |  |
| Jan 20, 2018 | **Discover DSU Day** | dsu.edu/visit or 888.378.9988 |
| Jan 24, 2018 | **Exploration Day, MTI** | Choose 2 programs to explore.  MTI.Admissions@mitchelltech.edu or 605.995.3025 |
| Jan 27, 2018 | **Visit Day, Western Dakota Tech** | admissions@wdt.edu |

***What Should I Be Doing to Prepare for Life After High School?***

*“College” refers to universities, technical institutes, and military branches.*

**Grade 12 Timeline: January to May**

* Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) if you haven’t.
* For the Build Dakota Scholarship, contact your technical institute and they will help you find a business partnership.
* Send transcripts to schools where you applied. Mrs. Hansen sends final transcripts in late May.
* Visit colleges.
* Decide which college to attend, and notify the school of your decision.
* Keep track of and observe deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork.
* Notify schools you will not attend of your decision.
* Continue to look for scholarship opportunities.
* Keep track of important financial aid and scholarship deadlines.
* Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR)-it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed.
* Notify your college about any outside scholarships you received.

**Grades 9-11 Timeline:**

* Take interest and skills assessments (SD My Life) to help you explore careers options.
* Talk with your Mrs. Hansen about career options and the education required for those careers.
* Talk with your parents about saving and paying for college.
* Talk with friends, teachers, counselors and your parents about college.
* Check out test prep for the ACT, Accuplacer, and ASVAB.
* Participate in extracurricular activities.
* Review your personal learning plan. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Stay focused on your schoolwork.
* Consider dual credits.
* Explore internships and apprenticeships.