



Expectations for Western Dakota Technical College, Build Dakota Scholarship Recipients



Because the Build Dakota scholarship is a “full ride” program, Western Dakota Technical College (WDTA) expects scholarship recipients meet the additional requirements, outlined below, during their time as a Build Dakota Scholarship (BDS) student. This includes their time following graduation as they fulfill their required employment obligation.

WDTA expects BDS recipients be role models for others, both on campus and in the community, showing a strong work ethic, respectfulness towards self and others, honesty, and willingness to continue life-long learning with enthusiasm for the field they are preparing to study and work in.

The BDS requires recipients maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA therefore, WDTA expects recipients to monitor his/her grades and immediately contact his/her Student Success Coach, Assistant Director of Scholarships, or Scholarships Coordinator, if struggling academically.

WDTA expects that BDS recipients work with their Student Success Coach if they are struggling with any issue that could potentially interrupt their progress as a student.

WDTA expects BDS recipients to participate in the Professionals Program. Students must monitor and track their progress in the program, prior to graduation.

WDTA staff and faculty are required to use student email when corresponding with students through email. Important information is sent through student email. WDTA expects ALL students check their student email and respond in a timely manner.

The Build Dakota Scholarship Fund gives WDTA the right to revoke a scholarship based upon any violation of school policy. WDTA expects scholarship recipients to review Western Dakota Technical College’s policies and procedures outlined in the Student Handbook. Students can access the Student Handbook by visiting <https://www.wdt.edu/current-students/student-handbook>.

Changes to a BDS recipients schedule must be discussed with the Assistant Director of Scholarships to ensure compliance with their scholarship.

If a BDS recipient will not be enrolled full-time for any reason, they must notify the Assistant Director of Scholarships to ensure compliance with their scholarship.

WDTA expects that BDS recipients participate in WDTA's Jump Start orientation. If for any reason a student can't attend, they must contact the Assistant Director of Scholarships or the Scholarships Coordinator to schedule a one-on-one orientation.

WDTA expects BDS recipients who have an industry sponsor, maintain regular contact with their sponsor, share their grades and progress at the end of each semester, and follow the guidelines outlined in their sponsorship agreement. Failure to do so can result in the loss of their scholarship.

WDTA expects that BDS recipients who are in the workforce continue to be role models for others in the community, showing a strong work ethic, respectfulness towards self and others, honesty, and willingness to continue life-long learning with enthusiasm for the field they are working in.

WDTA expects that BDS recipients who are in the workforce maintain compliance with the Build Dakota scholarship terms requiring employment verification and notification of new employment.

WDTA expects that a BDS recipient, who doesn't meet the terms of their scholarship and has their scholarship converted into a loan, make timely payments, and re-pay their loan amount as quickly as possible. This allows WDTA to award more scholarships to fulfill the Scholarships' purpose to get skilled workers into the workforce.