

# Expectations for Western Dakota Tech's Build Dakota Scholars

Because the Build Dakota scholarship is a “full ride” program, Western Dakota Tech expects scholarship recipients to meet the additional requirements outlined below. This includes their time as a student and following graduation as they fulfill their required employment obligation.

Western Dakota Tech expects scholars 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.

Western Dakota Tech expects that Build Dakota scholars participate in Western Dakota Tech's Jump Start orientation. If for any reason a scholar is unable to attend, they must contact the Assistant Director of Scholarships or the Scholarships Coordinator to schedule a one-on-one orientation.

The Build Dakota scholarship requires recipients to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA; therefore, Western Dakota Tech expects recipients to monitor their grades and immediately contact their assigned Student Success Coach, Assistant Director of Scholarships, or Scholarships Coordinator, if struggling academically.

Western Dakota Tech expects that Build Dakota scholars work with their Student Success Coach if they are struggling with any issue that could potentially interrupt their progress as a student.

Western Dakota Tech expects scholarship recipients to participate in the Professionals Program. Scholars must monitor and track their progress in the program throughout their time as a student at Western Dakota Tech.

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

The Build Dakota Scholarship Fund gives WDT the right to revoke a scholarship based upon any violation of school policy. Western Dakota Tech expects scholarship recipients to review Western Dakota Tech'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 Build Dakota scholars' schedules must be discussed with the Assistant Director of Scholarships to ensure compliance with their Build Dakota Scholarship.

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

Western Dakota Tech expects scholars who have an industry sponsor to 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 Build Dakota Scholarship.

Western Dakota Tech expects that Build Dakota scholars 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.

Western Dakota Tech expects that Build Dakota scholars who are in the workforce maintain compliance with the Build Dakota scholarship terms requiring employment verification and notification of new employment.

Western Dakota Tech expects that a Build Dakota scholar who doesn't meet the terms of their scholarship agreement and has their scholarship converted into a loan to make timely payments and repay their loan amount as quickly as possible. This allows Western Dakota Tech to award more scholarships to get skilled workers into the workforce.