



South Dakota College Application Week

Parent Checklist: February

This month is for focusing on applying for scholarships. If your student is eligible for Tribal Higher Education Grant funding, be sure to contact the appropriate office with your tribe to make sure your student has everything they need for the application. If they haven't already, help your student sign up for a FastWeb account to search for scholarships.

One student who earned enough scholarships to cover four years of college put it best: "Applying for scholarships can be the best part-time job you'll ever have."

Apply for scholarships.

- Offer to help edit or proofread your student's scholarship essays. Remind him/her of key deadlines.
- Help your student search and apply for scholarships online and check with your employer or organizations you might be a part of for scholarship opportunities.

Visit campus.

- Join your student on school field trips or attend special Preview Days on college campuses for admitted or potential students.

Get a check up.

- Many colleges require or recommend certain immunizations before enrolling. Make sure your student is healthy and ready to go!

File taxes.

- The deadline for filing taxes is still April 15, but financial aid awards are based on your (and your student's) tax information. Since financial aid is often awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, it's critical that you update the Student Aid Report using actual data from your tax returns as soon as you can.

This month's conversation starter: "How many scholarships are you applying to?"