



# South Dakota College Application Week

## Parent Checklist: November

October 31-November 4 is South Dakota College Application Week. We are encouraging all seniors to apply to at least one college or training program this month – we want all of our students to have as many options open to them as possible when they graduate in the spring! Your continued support of their plans is appreciated.

Although many college applications are not due for several months, applying now may give them a better chance at receiving institutional scholarships or financial aid – which we will be talking about more next month!

- Finalize the list.**
  - Talk to your student about their top choices, including looking at the costs for each school. Make sure your student has a backup.
- Be prepared.**
  - Ask your student if they need information from you, such as employment history or tax records.
- Apply!**
  - Congratulate your student on taking the first step and applying to college!
- Follow up!**
  - Make sure your student has submitted ALL of the information necessary for the application including letters of recommendation, transcripts, and test scores. Encourage him/her to check e-mail regularly as this is how most colleges will communicate.

**This month's conversation starter:** "Why did you select these schools as your top choices?"