



# South Dakota College Application Week

## Parent Checklist: October

School is in full swing so it's important that your student stay on track of impending college application deadlines. Encourage your student to dedicate a little bit of time each week to accomplishing these tasks so that they don't get overwhelmed when it comes time to apply.

- Document accomplishments.
  - Have a conversation with your student to make sure they're on track for college applications, including writing down their work and school experiences.
- Tell their story.
  - Encourage your student to have their sample college or scholarship essay edited by a trusted adult.
- Clean up their online act.
  - Talk to your students about keeping social media profiles private and clean.
- Narrow the field.
  - Attend a college visit or college fair with your student.
- Request letters of recommendation.
  - Brainstorm with your student several adults and educators who know them well and could write a good letter of recommendation.
- Take or re-take the ACT.
  - Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast on the day of the test.

**This month's conversation starter:** "What is something you've done in high school that you are particularly proud of?"