



# South Dakota College Application Week

## Parent Checklist: Summer

Congratulations on your student's graduation from high school! Enjoy the summer and spending time with your student, but start planning out some of the details and new responsibilities your student will have. The college will continue to send information about orientation, class registration, and other key details, so make sure to keep a lookout for key deadlines and specifics.

- Send final transcripts and scores.**
  - The school will send a final transcript and grades to your student's college – so make sure the school knows your student's final decision.
- Get organized.**
  - As a college student, your student will be responsible for his/her own time, money, academics, and social life. Help your student navigate these new responsibilities:
    - Health insurance through the school, your policy, or your student's own policy.
    - Banking and financial needs – help your student set up a checking account at a bank or credit union near campus, discuss how to create and monitor a budget, and discuss student loans and credit cards.
  - Help make a list of what your student needs to bring or buy.
- Attend orientation.**
  - Make sure your student is registered for and attends orientation. Some colleges also offer programs specifically for parents!
- Make the most of the summer.**
  - In addition to your student's job, internship, or summer program, encourage your student to read a good book, try something new, and spend time with family and friends!

**This month's conversation starter:** "What are three things that you want to do this summer? What are three things you plan to do in your first semester of college?"