



GETTING STARTED

WELCOME TO NDSCS-ONLINE

NDSCS faculty and staff are committed to your success both inside and outside the classroom.

This guide will help you **NAVIGATE THE STEPS** leading up to **REGISTRATION** for classes. Please review the information carefully. If you have any questions, let us know. We're here to help!

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Become familiar with your estimated costs
- Before you register, activate your online services
 - Claim your NDUS account
 - Activate your NDSCS account
 - Access your NDSCS email
- Schedule a placement test, if needed
- Submit final transcripts, if needed
- Contact your advisor
- Register for classes online
- Purchase textbooks
- Watch your email for information about the NDSCS Student Help Center in Blackboard

QUESTIONS?

701-671-2521 | NDSCS.Admissions@ndscs.edu

701-671-2275 or 800-342-4325, ext. 3-2275
NDSCS.Distance.Ed@ndscs.edu



800 6th Street North
Wahpeton, ND 58076

[NDSCS.edu/New2NDSCS](https://www.ndscs.edu/New2NDSCS)

UNDERSTANDING THE INVESTMENT

Your overall costs at NDSCS will depend on several factors, including your program of study and other required supplies and equipment. Estimate your costs at [NDSCS.edu/Paying-for-College](https://www.ndscs.edu/Paying-for-College).

Contact Business Affairs with further questions at:

1-800-342-4325 ext. 3-2216 | NDSCS.BusinessAffairsOffice@ndscs.edu

ACTIVATE YOUR ONLINE SERVICES

Before you register, you will need to set up your online services by completing the steps at [NDSCS.edu/IT-Setup](https://www.ndscs.edu/IT-Setup). You will be asked to:

- Claim your University System/CampusConnection Account. These credentials are used to access CampusConnection where you can register online, access your schedule, add/drop classes, accept financial aid, pay your bill, check your final grades, maintain your contact information and more. Additional CampusConnection help can be found at [NDSCS.edu/CC-Help](https://www.ndscs.edu/CC-Help).

- Activate your NDSCS account.
- Access your NDSCS email.

ADVISORS

Students should visit with an academic advisor or counselor to plan their course schedule each semester. They can help select classes in the correct sequence as well as help you set your academic and career goals. You will receive an email from the Registrar's Office notifying you who your online advisor is.

To see a list of online program advisors and their contact information, visit [NDSCS.edu/Online-Advisors](https://www.ndscs.edu/Online-Advisors).

REGISTRATION

Registration for the fall semester begins in late spring and continues through summer. Spring and summer registration begins in late fall. You will need to log into CampusConnection and complete the Financial Obligation Agreement each semester before registering for classes.

Go to [NDSCS.edu/RegisterForClasses](https://www.ndscs.edu/RegisterForClasses) for more information about registration.

To help ensure student success, NDSCS uses qualifying exam scores to place students in English and math courses. Qualifying exams may include ACT or SAT college entrance exams or the ACCUPLACER test. You may be required to take the ACCUPLACER test if:

- ACT or SAT was never taken or official scores have not been received by NDSCS;
- ACT or SAT official scores are more than five years old;
- You have never taken any college-level English or math courses.

If you are required to take the ACCUPLACER test, it's important to schedule the exam prior to registering for classes as the result can impact your recommended courses. More information about course placement and ACCUPLACER testing is available at [NDSCS.edu/TestCenter](https://www.ndscs.edu/TestCenter).

Call 701-671-2256 or 800-342-4325, ext. 3-2256 or email NDSCS.StudentSuccess@ndscs.edu to schedule your testing appointment.

BOOKSTORE

The NDSCS Bookstore follows the latest textbook trends to reduce course material costs for students by offering new, used, rental, digital and inclusive access materials. Shop online at [NDSCSbookstore.com](https://www.ndscs.edu/Bookstore).

BOOKSTORE QUESTIONS 701-671-2125 or 800-342-4325 ext. 3-2125

FERPA

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. To learn more about FERPA and options to waive, visit [NDSCS.edu/Privacy](https://www.ndscs.edu/Privacy).

FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

NDSCS makes paying for college affordable with both federal financial aid and scholarships available. We're here to help you understand your options and to make it a smooth process for all students.

APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

- 1 A contributor(s) (parent, step-parent, or spouse) and the student need to create a **Federal Student Aid Account** with the U.S. Department of Education at studentaid.gov. This allows the student and contributor(s) to sign applications and promissory notes electronically.
- 2 Once completed, you will receive an email with instructions on how to access an online copy of your FAFSA submission summary from the Department of Education.
- 3 If you are selected for verification, the NDSCS Financial Aid office will request a copy of your income tax information and a verification worksheet. Find the verification worksheets at [NDSCS.edu/FinancialAid](https://www.ndscs.edu/FinancialAid) and click on the **'Forms'** link.
- 4 Once you receive your financial aid offer e-mail notice from NDSCS, accept or decline the offer through CampusConnection.
- 5 If your offer included and accepted a federal student loan, you must complete the entrance loan counseling and Master Promissory Note. Students can do this at any time at studentaid.gov.
- 6 Estimate your costs at [NDSCS.edu/Paying-for-College](https://www.ndscs.edu/Paying-for-College) and determine if your financial aid offer will cover these costs. If you have questions or want to discuss options for additional funding, contact NDSCS Financial Aid.

FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS

WAHPETON 701-671-2207 | NDSCS.Fin.Aid@ndscs.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available from a variety of sources and unlike loans, never have to be paid back.

If you completed the scholarship portion of the NDSCS admission application, you will automatically be considered for NDSCS scholarships. If you were unable to complete the scholarship portion when you applied for admission, you can complete the NDSCS scholarship application at [NDSCS.edu/Scholarships](https://www.ndscs.edu/Scholarships).

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ENROLLMENT

In order to receive federal, state or NDSCS sponsored aid, a student must be active in at least six credits and working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program.

REMINDER: SUBMIT YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPT

If you are currently enrolled in high school or college you must submit a final transcript when your courses are completed. Final transcript(s) should include graduation and/or course details. Failure to provide a final transcript(s) will prevent financial aid from being disbursed as well as prevent future registration.

NDSCS accepts electronic transcripts from services such as eTranscript, Parchment, and National Student Clearinghouse. If those services are not available, send official transcripts to:

NDSCS Enrollment Services

800 6th Street North, Wahpeton, ND 58076