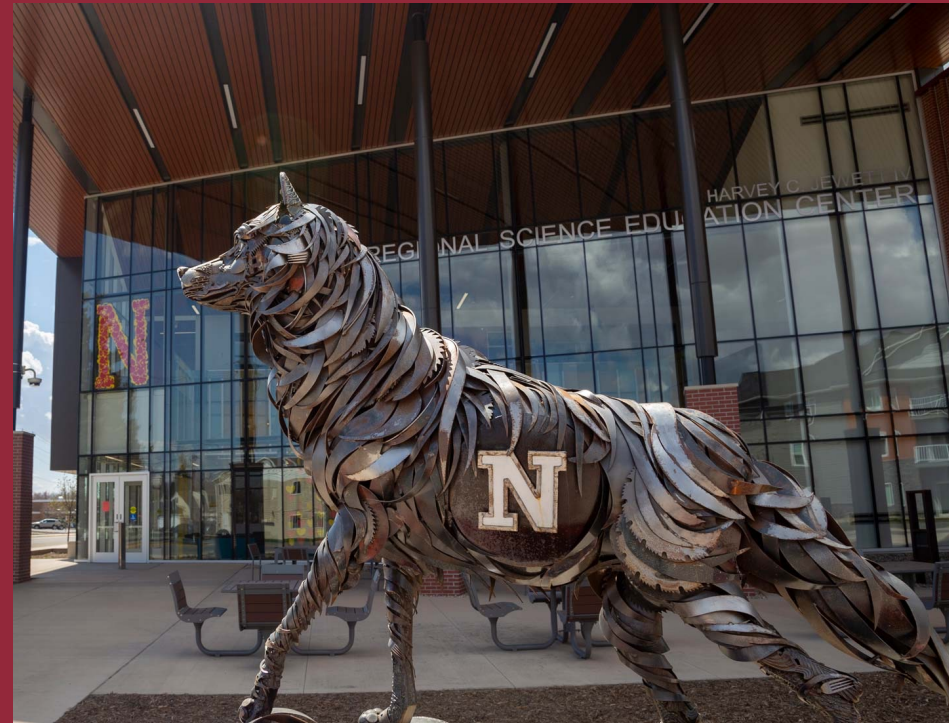


**Rising
Scholars
Student
Information**



Welcome to **NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY!!**

Aberdeen, South Dakota



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WHAT IS RISING SCHOLARS?

- Rising Scholars concurrent enrollment courses are taught by high school teachers AT your high school.
- High School teachers teach collegiate courses through rigorous standards set by the South Dakota Board of Regents.
- Similar to Dual Credit – students will earn both high school AND collegiate credits, but Rising Scholars are taught at your high school with an instructor NOT online.



Why should I enroll in Rising Scholars?



NORTHERN
STATE UNIVERSITY

- Gain a **competitive edge** by getting a jump start to college
- Complete high school graduation requirements & earn college credit
- Save money with **discounted tuition rate**
- **Credits are automatically applied** to SD BOR institutions & accepted at *most* out-of-state colleges & universities
- Learn critical skills necessary for success
- **Courses are in-person** and NOT online

Who's Eligible for Rising Scholars? Juniors....



Juniors need:

- ACT Composite score or superscore of 24 OR
- Rank in upper one third of their graduating class OR
- Earn a Cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale



Who's Eligible for Rising Scholars? Seniors....

Seniors need:

- ACT Composite score or superscore of 21 OR
- Rank in upper half of their graduating class OR
- Cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale



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Eligibility continued...

- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 in Rising Scholars or HSDC courses to be in good academic standing.
- If lower, the student will be unable to register for the following term.



See the Rising Scholars Student Handbook at <https://northern.edu/academics/high-school-programs/rising-scholars> for more details.



Math and English Placement

In addition to qualifying to be admitted to the Rising Scholars program, students must meet BOR placement standards for MATH and ENGL courses.

Please see MATH and ENGL placement tables found in Rising Scholars Student Handbook.

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (NACEP)

NACEP accreditation confirms that NSU Rising Scholars has met high standards in curriculum, faculty, student services, assessment and evaluation.



Northern State University (NSU) is the ONLY South Dakota university with this accreditation.

How do I Register?

New and Returning Students will need to fill out an application and submit it to your high school Counselor.

Note: You will need your parents/guardian's signature on this form and there IS a deadline.

So don't wait.

After receiving confirmation of your registration, set up your NSU Email.

Like every other college student, you will need to abide by important dates throughout the semester, including Add and Drop dates. Refer to the Rising Scholars Student Handbook for more details at:

<https://northern.edu/academics/high-school-programs/rising-scholars>.



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What if I want to take a class from my high school teacher, but NOT earn college credit?

Fill out the **Opt Out Form** and turn it in to your high school counselor. Once this form is received, you will not be eligible to register for credit for that course during the semester.

Paying Tuition

Rising Scholars costs are \$40.00 per credit

Payment Options:

www.northern.edu → myNSU → Self-Service Banner

Debit or credit card (service fee applies)

Or

E-check (Enter a routing and account number [eCheck] with no service fee)

In person:

Pay with **cash or check** at the Finance Office located on the 2nd floor of the Krikak Administration Building

Or

Mail a check:

NSU Finance Office
1200 S Jay St
Aberdeen, SD 57401

- Include the student's name and ID number with any cash or check payment.
- Questions regarding payment can be answered at 605-626-2566



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IMPACT ON FUTURE FINANCIAL AID

Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to receive federal financial aid.

Maintain cumulative GPA of 2.0 & 67% completion rate of all credits attempted.

Any college credit that a student attempts, including Rising Scholar courses, becomes part of your permanent academic record.

The total number of credits completed determines grade level. Grade level is important for both federal loan amounts as well as some scholarships.

Please contact your future university-of-choice for more information or see the Rising Scholars Student Handbook for details.

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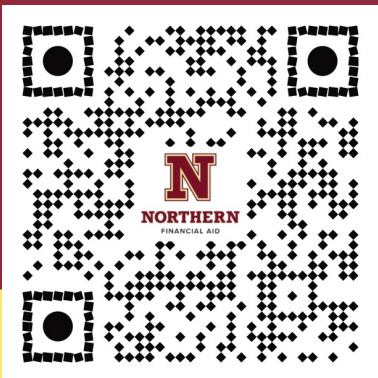
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Scholarships for first-year Northern students

DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP for after high school!

You may qualify for a Northern dual credit scholarship of **\$500** for up to 8 credits and **\$1,000** for 9 or more credits! No need to apply - it's automatic.

You'll still be eligible for other scholarships, including Northern's WolfPACT!



Ask NSU Financial Aid for more details!

The WolfPACT Scholarship is available for first-time freshmen.

WolfPACT unleashed!

Test Scores	ACT SAT	28-36 1300-1600	24-27 1160-1290	20-23 1030-1150		Test optional No test score or lower than 20 or 1030	
High school GPA	3.75-4.00	\$16,000	\$9,000	\$8,000	High school GPA	3.90-4.00	\$8,000
	3.50-3.74	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$6,000		3.75-3.89	\$6,000
	3.00-3.49	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$5,000		3.50-3.74	\$5,000
						3.00-3.49	\$4,000

Northern's WolfPACT unleashed is the largest guaranteed scholarship in the region!

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