



2023-2024 | SOUTH DAKOTA COLLEGE ACCESS

ADVISING GUIDE

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

PLANNING, PAYING, & SUCCEEDING

Contact Mapping Your Future for more information about the college planning and financial aid reminders texting program.

ASSISTANCE AND FEEDBACK

Mapping Your Future is a participatory effort. If you have ideas on how to make Mapping Your Future even more effective, contact us:

SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org | 1 (800) 374-4072 | feedback@MappingYourFuture.org

Help your students succeed with the free resources offered by Mapping Your Future and supported by the South Dakota Education Access Foundation of the South Dakota Community Foundation.

A 501(c)3 organization established in 1996, Mapping Your Future has helped millions of students and families with college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy information and services.

SOUTH DAKOTA MAPPING YOUR FUTURE RESOURCES

Success in college begins long before your students arrive on campus. As a counselor, you play a critical role in helping your students and families plan, pay, and succeed in college.

With a focus on students in South Dakota, we provide information and tools to help you help your students and families, especially as they explore higher education as a means to a better future.

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LIVE REMOTE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT PRESENTATIONS, VIDEOS, AND WEBINARS

Mapping Your Future offers financial aid events, counselor training, and other presentations that integrate the use of technology while providing person-to-person support online or via phone. Mapping Your Future offers live remote financial aid night sessions and presentations on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as well as routinely scheduled webinars on various financial aid and access issues.

With the use of interactive technology, we are able to offer sessions that provide a live presenter and are able to answer students' and parents' questions during the financial aid night events. Students or parents needing one-on-one assistance can get the help they need from one of our counselors via phone, email, or online.

ONE-ON-ONE ADVISING

Students and parents can reach out to Mapping Your Future to receive assistance on a variety of college and financial aid topics. Simply by calling 1-800-374-4072, students and parents can get assistance on choosing a college, applying to college, finding scholarships, and completing the FAFSA. Students can also reach out to us via email at feedback@MappingYourFuture.org or visit us online at SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org.

EVENTS AND TOPICS:

- Applying to college
- Calculating the price of and paying for college
- Choosing a college
- Completing the FAFSA/Requesting an FSA ID
- Understanding the application, award, and acceptance process for financial aid
- Understanding the importance of college
- Applying for scholarships
- Managing money

SOUTH DAKOTA COLLEGE ACCESS NEWS

Don't miss an issue of the *South Dakota College Access News*, a free e-mail newsletter for counselors and educators!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with college, career, and financial aid information, tips, and ideas as you work with your students. In addition, the newsletter includes a monthly flyer providing updates on FAFSA completion in the state and news about Mapping Your Future's services and events.

The newsletter includes important state and federal news, including FAFSA simplification updates. Other topics covered include:

- College selection tips to pass along to students
- College preparation tips for students and parents
- Ideas for events or activities at your school
- Career selection tips to provide to students
- News of Mapping Your Future events and services
- FAFSA tips
- Questions and answers
- Web resources

PREPARING YOUR STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

You can help students understand career and college preparation, financial aid, and money management with the convenience of Mapping Your Future's Guide to Life after High School program. Mapping Your Future offers four different printable guides, one for each year of high school.

The Guides are linked from the Counselors page on SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org.

FREE BROCHURES AND MORE

Mapping Your Future offers free printed brochures, flyers, bookmarks, and other printable items to help you prepare your students for postsecondary education. You can order these materials online at SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR STUDENTS ONLINE AT SOUTHDAKOTA.MAPPINGYOURFUTURE.ORG:

- Podcasts which address common FAFSA and financial aid questions
- Flyers, guidance, and links to free scholarship search resources
- Financial literacy information, presentations, and notes
- Glossary of higher education and financial aid terms and acronyms
- Event calendar of financial aid night events and webinars