As of January 2017, the Gold Card is an optional permit that will allow approved permit holders the ability to present the permit to a retailer when purchasing a firearm, in lieu of a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) and leave with the firearm. The card proves passage of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) on the spot.

**Benefits**
- Purchase exemption
- Reciprocity with 32 states (Includes the 31 states that recognize the regular permit plus Wisconsin)

**Requirements**
- Apply with your County Sheriff
- Completion of a FBI fingerprint background check, including fee of $43.25 to DCI for processing
- Authorization to conduct the fingerprint background check
- Application fee of $70 for permit
- Card holders are subject to periodic NICS background checks to ensure continued eligibility

**Renewal**
- Every five years, with renewal fee of $70 for permit
- Can renew 90 days prior to expiration
- Renewal includes FBI fingerprint background check with fee of $43.25 to DCI for processing

A new or renewed Permit to Carry a Concealed Pistol may be obtained from the sheriff of the county which the applicant is a resident. South Dakota residents and nonresidents who may lawfully possess a pistol are not required to have a permit in order to carry a concealed pistol in this state (SDCL 23-7-7).