

2021 NDASFAA CONFERENCE

NDUS Financial Aid Presentation

April 16, 2021



2021 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Scholarships & Grants

2021 Legislative Assembly

➤ **Academic & CTE Scholarship**

- ▶ Eligibility Criteria (students in high school)
 - Spring '20 grades below a "C" will not impact eligibility; not for ANY OTHER TERM **(HB1083)**
 - SAT scores, in addition to ACT, and Workkeys can establish eligibility **(SB2141)**
 - Scholarship criteria changed to align closer to "Choice Ready" requirements in high school **(SB2289)**
 - Schools that grade based on "proficiency" vs a letter grade now qualify **(HB1135)**
- ▶ Eligibility Criteria (students in college)
 - Eligibility for clock hour schools in the state added **(SB2136)**

➤ **ND Scholars**

- ▶ SAT scores, in addition to ACT, can establish eligibility **(SB2141)**
- ▶ Impacts current high school juniors

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➤ *New Scholarship – Dual Credit*

▶ HB1375

- ▶ Students completing a dual credit class(s) in high school from an NDUS institution - apply for a scholarship for college
 - ▶ Maximum award \$750 lifetime
 - ▶ Up to 50% of cost of dual-credit class paid in high school
 - ▶ Not to exceed tuition/fees of college
 - ▶ Must have completed 1 term in college to qualify for payment
 - ▶ May attend any ND institution, public, private, tribal
 - ▶ Application will be available early fall through NDUS
- ▶ Financial aid study added

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➤ **ND Career Builders Program (SB2272)**

▶ Conference Committee

- ▶ Expect cut to \$2.1M for loan repayment and \$2.1M for scholarship
- ▶ Still a “matching” dollar-for-dollar program
- ▶ Eliminate the requirement for NDUS to match a program to a degree for loan repayment
- ▶ Allow a recipient to qualify under both programs (scholarship & loan repayment) up to no more than \$17K
- ▶ Provide opportunity for programs approved by ND Dept. CTE Board to qualify (i.e.. Emerging Digital Academy)
- ▶ Clarifies that the scholarship is intended for programs at “associates' level or below” or other programs that can be completed in 2 years or less
- ▶ GPA of 2.50 still required for scholarship eligibility but NOT for payback IF still making degree-progress
- ▶ GPA change will now apply for initial scholarship eligibility as well
- ▶ Adds language for forbearance and cancellation of repayments of the scholarship
- ▶ Provides for minimal marketing dollars

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- **Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) (SB2140)**
 - ▶ Professional programs in Dentistry, Optometry & Vet Med at out of state institutions
 - ▶ Repealed the requirement to come back to ND to serve for 3 years
 - ▶ Another study to be done
- **SB2003** – Overall NDUS funding bill that appropriates the state grants and scholarship programs
 - ▶ Won't be finalized until the final days of session
 - ▶ Expect the Academic and CTE program to be fully funded
 - ▶ Do not expect increases to any of the other programs
- **Post-Session** – Work on procedures will begin

2021 SUMMER PROCESSING

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Summer 2021 Awards

- Funds available – Manual processing
 - ▶ Students in all programs must first be reviewed for eligibility by NDUS
 - ▶ State Grant: Kristin
 - ▶ Academic & CTE Scholarship: Kristin
 - ▶ ND Scholars: Alexandria
 - ▶ ND Career Builders Program: Brenda
 - ▶ NDUS still has \$50K for IT programs at the “associates' level and below” waiting to be awarded
 - ▶ In “verification of matching funds” section, indicate “MSG Funds” to certify the application

2021-22 PROCESSING

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2021-22 Academic Year Awards

- State Grant
 - ▶ 1st lists available
 - ▶ Expect monthly & year-round awards for 2021-22
- ND Academic & CTE Scholarship
 - ▶ ND Dept. of Public Instruction approves new freshmen – June/July
 - ▶ Renewals coming only after grades and cum cr. reviewed for spring
- ND Scholars
 - ▶ Initial awards made and on-going
 - ▶ Renewals coming after spring GPA reviewed
- ND Indian Scholarship
 - ▶ Applications open for 21-22 awards
 - ▶ July 15th priority date – awards to follow
- 2021-22 Reciprocity – ND/MN students attending public institutions
 - Application available – deadlines apply
- NEW Scholarship – Dual Credit
 - ▶ Watch for information on applications
- ND Career Builders Program – please approve applications ASAP!

FAFSA COMPLETION PROJECT

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➤ Purpose

- ▶ Provide K-12 counselors with student-level FAFSA data
- ▶ Tool for counselors as they work with students

➤ Goal

- ▶ Increase FAFSA completions in ND
- ▶ ND has historically ranked near the bottom of FAFSA completers nationwide (47-49%)

➤ Current statistics

- ▶ 43% of class of 2021 seniors have completed the FAFSA (4/13)
- ▶ 48 (approx. 30%) high schools participating in 2020-21

QUESTIONS?

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