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
2021 Legislative Assembly

➢ 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
2021 Legislative Assembly

- **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
    - 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
2021 Legislative Assembly

- **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  - Repealed the requirement to come back to ND to serve for 3 years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
Scholarships & Grants
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

Scholarships & Grants
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

➢ 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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