Scholarship Application

North Dakota resident students may apply for either the Academic Scholarship, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholarship, or the North Dakota Scholarship. Applications will be accepted from January 2 - June 2, 2023.

Applications may be submitted online at: https://apps.nd.gov/DPI/scholarship/login.aspx

Students who are eligible for the Career and Technical Education Scholarship with the scores earned on the WorkKeys assessments must send a copy of their score reports to the ND Department of Public Instruction.

Notification of award will be sent to students via email by June 30. No further action is needed in order to accept the scholarship.

The total value of the scholarship is $6,000 with a payment of $750 per semester or $500 per quarter. The payment will be available during the six years following high school graduation. Students must be attending an accredited qualifying institution in North Dakota to receive payment.

Scholarships are automatically renewed provided the student is enrolled full time, maintains a cumulative 2.75 GPA reviewed each term, and makes adequate progress towards degree completion, as defined by NDCC 15.1-21-02.6. Students may use the funds for graduate studies if all other requirements are met.

Contact the NDUS at (701) 328-4156 with any questions regarding eligibility or to transfer the scholarship to a different college or university.
Common Requirements for All Scholarships
1. ND resident graduating from a ND high school, or a public high school in a bordering state according to NDCC 15.1-29, or a nonpublic school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in ND (NDCC 15.1-21-02.6), or completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with NDCC chapter 15.1-23
2. Earn a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Requirements for ND Academic Scholarship Above and Beyond Graduation Requirements
1. Earn a composite score of 24 or higher on an ACT
2. Complete 1 unit of Algebra II and 1 unit of math for which Algebra II is a prerequisite (Can be included in the three total math courses that are required.)
3. Complete 2 units of the same foreign language, the same Native American language, American Sign Language, or 2 units of CTE from a coordinated plan of study or the 2 credit educational pathway
4. Complete 1 unit of an AP course AND exam, or ½ unit of a dual credit course, or 1 unit of an early entrance college course from a college which has a physical presence in North Dakota
5. Complete 1 unit selected from foreign language, Native American language, American Sign Language, fine arts, or CTE
6. Complete any 5 additional units to get to 22 units
7. Earn no grade lower than a “C” on any unit required for the scholarship, including all courses required for high school graduation

Requirements for ND CTE Scholarship Above and Beyond Graduation Requirements
1. Earn a composite score of 24 or higher on an ACT or score of at least “5” on each of the 3 designated WorkKeys assessments
2. Complete 1 unit of Algebra II, Integrated Math II, or Integrated Math III
3. Complete 4 units of CTE in which two units must be in a coordinated plan of study, or 2 units of CTE and the 2 credit educational pathway approved by NDDPI
4. Complete 1 unit selected from foreign language, Native American language, American Sign Language, fine arts, or CTE
5. Complete any 3 additional units to get to 22 units
6. Earn no grade lower than a “C” on any unit required for the scholarship, including all courses required for high school graduation

Qualifying North Dakota Institutions
- Any public, nonpublic, or tribal 2-year or 4-year college or university in North Dakota
- Any accredited private career schools with a physical presence in the state

Notify the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction at (701) 328-2244 of any changes once the scholarship application has been submitted (i.e., phone number, address, email, address, college choice, etc.).

After approval, notify the ND University System at (701) 328-4156 of any changes.

Testing
- Students should contact a counselor or principal at their high school for information as to where and when these assessments will be administered.
- All testing must take place before the student graduates from high school.
- An ACT Superscore of 24 or higher may be used to satisfy the ACT testing requirement of 24 or above if the Superscore is issued by ACT.

North Dakota Scholarship Requirements
- Complete an individual consultative review process/nine week career course, civics test, and four-year rolling plan, in accordance with NDCC 15.1-21-02.10.
- Complete 4 of the 8 basic skills requirements, in accordance with 15.1-21-02.10(5).
- Meet the requirements of 2 of the 3 categories, in accordance with 15.1-21-02.10(6): Post-Secondary Ready, Workforce Ready, or Military Ready.
- See the North Dakota Scholarship Chart for more information.

North Dakota Scholarship Introduction and Timeline
- The North Dakota Scholarship requirements are aligned to North Dakota's Choice Ready initiative, but are more rigorous than the requirements for Choice Ready.
- Same dollar amount as Academic/CTE Scholarships.
- Students in the graduating classes of 2023 and 2024 may pursue the Academic, CTE, or North Dakota Scholarships (limit of one).
- The Academic/CTE Scholarships will sunset after 2024, and starting with the graduating Class of 2025, ONLY the North Dakota Scholarship will be available.