Academic, CTE, & ND Scholarship Updates

Financial Aid Workshops
Fall 2022
Objectives

• Brief overview of current Academic/CTE Scholarship Requirements

• Discuss the new North Dakota Scholarship

• ASVAB Update!

• Answer any questions
ASVAB Update

- Thank you for your feedback on the impact that the 85 ASVAB score will have on students!

- We will be seeking to introduce a bill to update the ASVAB score requirement during the 2023 Legislative Session

- More on this later in the presentation
What are the Academic, CTE, and North Dakota Scholarships?

- Created in 2009
- $1500/year, $6000 total
- Must attend a North Dakota college/university
What are the Academic, CTE, and North Dakota Scholarships?

- NDCC 15.1-21-02.4 through 15.1-21-02.10 describe the requirements

- ALL students who meet the requirements get a scholarship!
General Qualifications for Academic or CTE Scholarship

• Qualifications for the scholarship are based on:
  • High school grade point average (3.0)
    • No grades lower than a C
  • Composite ACT Score (24) or WorkKeys Score (5)
  • Courses taken in high school
  • Residency
Basic Course Requirements- Academic and CTE Scholarships

• Students must meet all course requirements for high school graduation

• Students must also successfully complete some courses above and beyond those required for graduation
  
  • CTE Scholarship- heavier focus on Career and Technical Education Classes
  • Academic Scholarship- heavier focus on college level course work
  • Total of 22 credits
Summary of Courses Required for Scholarship Beyond Graduation Requirements

Academic Scholarship

• 1 credit Algebra II
• 1 credit of math for which Algebra II is a prerequisite
• One of the following:
  • ½ credit dual credit class
  • 1 full credit AP class AND the AP exam
• One of the following:
  • 2 credits of same foreign language
  • 2 credits CTE in the same CTE coordinated Plan of Study

CTE Scholarship

• 1 credit Algebra II
• 4 credits of CTE
  • 2 of those credits in the same CTE Coordinated Plan of Study
Use of eTranscript

• Use the **Progress Monitoring** tool in eTranscript throughout the year to measure scholarship progress for students in grades 9-12

• Check student progress at least once at the beginning of each semester
  • Especially with seniors!

• **PLEASE** open eTranscript to parents!
  • Can track scholarship progress
Scholarship Applications

- Applications will open January 2, deadline to apply is June 2, 2023
  - Student will choose from Academic, CTE, or North Dakota Scholarship
  - Only select North Dakota Scholarship if using the NEW set of requirements!

- Send WorkKeys score reports to Jim
ACT Requirement

• The ACT requirement for the Academic/CTE Scholarship **HAS NOT** been waived!!

• Some confusion amongst students and parents because:
  • Colleges no longer requiring it
  • ACT not paid for by the state in many schools anymore

• Make sure students and parents know this!!!
ACT Superscores

- ACT Superscores will only be accepted if we receive a score report
  - School can download score report and send to Jim
  - In most cases, we can look up the student's score report
  - Student can log into ACT account and send score to code 2927
  - Superscores **WILL NOT** be reflected in eTranscript

- If you have a student that got a 24 that is not showing up in eTranscript, send Jim a copy of the score report
House Bill 1083

- Removes the C or better requirement for the scholarship for courses taken second semester of 2019-2020 school year
  - Due to quick adjustment to distance learning at beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic
  - **ONLY** applies to second semester 2019-2020!!

- **WILL NOT** be reflected in eTranscript
Senate Bill 2141

• Allows an SAT score of 1180 or higher to be used in lieu of the ACT testing requirement for either the Academic or CTE Scholarship

• If you have a student with a score of 1180 on the SAT, you will need to send me the score report

• WILL NOT be reflected in eTranscript
North Dakota Scholarship

- Created by SB 2289 of last legislative session

- Aligns scholarship requirements to the Choice Ready requirements
  - Similar to the choice ready requirements, but with rigor similar to the current scholarship requirements
  - The purpose is to align our scholarship with our state’s strategic vision of students graduating Choice Ready
Timeline for North Dakota Scholarship:

- Classes of 2023 and 2024: students may use EITHER the current or new requirements
- Class of 2025: students will only be able to use the new requirements

After the 2023-2024 school year, the current Academic and CTE Scholarships will no longer exist!
# NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP as aligned to the Choice Ready Framework

The North Dakota Scholarship framework is a tool to assist educators in understanding the requirements of the ND Scholarship, as listed in North Dakota Century Code 15.1-21-D2.10. Requirements begin with the **ESSENTIAL SKILLS** section. Students shall then strive to be **POST-SECONDARY READY, WORKFORCE READY, and/or MILITARY READY**, according to the requirements listed below.

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS (15.1-21-02.10(5))

Earn a [North Dakota high school diploma](#)

- Complete a 9-week Career Education/Individual Counseling, 4-year Rolling Plan, pass ND Civics Test, earn a 3.0 or higher overall GPA, and **four or more** additional indicators:
  - 25 hours of Community Service
  - 95% Attendance (not counting school related absences)
  - Career Exploration Experience
  - Two or more years in organized Co-Curricular Activities
  - Two or more years in organized Extra-Curricular Activities
  - Successfully complete a Capstone Project
  - Successfully complete an online learning course
  - Demonstrate competency in 21st Century Skills

Students shall achieve Essential Skills above, and complete **two or more** of the **CHOICE READY** components below to be eligible for the ND Scholarship.

## POST-SECONDARY READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

- ACT/SAT minimum composite score:
  - ACT composite of 24, or
  - SAT composite of 1180

**and**

- **Two or more** additional indicators:
  - Advanced Placement Course (A, B or C) (1, 2 or 3)
  - Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (A, B or C) (1, 2 or 3)
  - Algebra II (A, B or C) (1, 2 or 3)
  - Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
  - International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)
  - 3.0 GPA in core course requirements for NDUS admission

## WORKFORCE READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

- **4 credits of CTE with 2 credits in same plan of study**
- **ACT of 24, or 5 or higher on all three WorkKeys tests**

**and**

- **Two or more** additional indicators:
  - Complete Career Ready Practices Course
  - Dual Credit Course (A, B or C) (1, 2 or 3)
  - Technical Assessment/Industry Credential
  - Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs.)
  - Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs.)
  - NDSAA (Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater, or ACT for Accountability: English 19/Mathematics 22 or greater

## MILITARY READY

Complete all three indicators below:

- **ASVAB score of 85 or greater**, or ASVAB score of 31 or greater and have completed Basic Training.
- **Physically Fit** - Have successfully completed required PE courses (A, B or C) (1, 2 or 3), and
- **Complete two or more** additional indicators from the **Post-Secondary or Workforce** options
ASVAB Revision Bill

• We will be working to introduce a bill to lower the ASVAB score for the North Dakota Scholarship

• We will send the field the bill number as soon as we know it

• Would need to be passed by the legislature in 2023 and then signed by the governor
  • Class of 2023: The current requirement of 85 on the ASVAB will be in place for that class

• This is **NO WHERE NEAR** being a done deal yet!
Data We Will Need

• Sometime this fall, I will likely be reaching out to you to request the following data:
  • Number of students that received the scholarship (Academic, CTE, or ND) in 2022
  • Number of students in 2022 that would have qualified under the new requirements if:
    • The ASVAB requirement was 85
    • The ASVAB requirement was a different number
2023 Legislative Dates

- First day of session: Tuesday, January 3
- Last day new bills can be introduced: Monday, January 23
- Crossover date: Friday, February 24
- Last day of session: Friday, April 28
If a bill to adjust the ASVAB is introduced during the Legislative Session, I will………

• A) Get involved in the process in one of the ways described by Jim on the next few slides

• B) Do nothing, and if the bill doesn’t pass, call Jim in the summer to complain about the ASVAB score requirement being too high
Ways to get involved in the process

• Testify in favor of the bill
  • Face to face, virtual, or written testimony

• Visit with your legislators
  • Explain how the ASVAB score of 85 will impact the number of your students that earn the scholarship

• Provide data to Jim when requested
Who are your legislators?

- 47 Legislative Districts in the state
  - Each has two Representatives and one Senator

- A few things to keep in mind:
  - You may live in a new legislative district now than you did before!!!
  - You may live in a different legislative district than your school is in (talk to your legislators as a private citizen, and the other district as a school employee, etc.)
  - Your school district might be located in more than one legislative district (gives you a reason to talk to more legislators)
How to Contact Your Legislators

- Legislative website: [ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov)
  - 67th Regular Session (will be 68th after the elections this fall)
  - Members by District (then click on the district you live in)
    - Lists names and contact information

- “Find my legislators” link at bottom of home page, in case you don’t know what district you live in
67th Assembly Regular Members: District 32

Senator Dick Dever
Senate
Republican

Representative Pat O. Heinert
House
Republican

Representative Lisa Meier
House
Republican

District 32 Overview
- Population Statistics

[Map of District 32]

Constitution, Laws, & Rules
- Constitution
- Century Code
- Session Laws
- Administrative Rules

Legislator Information
- Biographies
- Contact Information
- Find My Legislators
- Current Legislators by District
- Current Legislative Districts
- Historical Legislative Districts

ND Budget Information
- 2021 Legislative Session Budget Information
- Historical Budget Information
- Agency Budget Information
- Budget Trends and Finance Facts
- State Revenue Information
- Other State Budget Information

Information Center
- Agency Rules Information
- General Information
- Research Center
- Legislative Drafting Manual
- Legislative Links
- Student Legislative Tour Information
Tips for providing feedback to legislators

• Be specific. Reference the bill number, or if you talk to legislators before the session starts, use the specific citation of the NDCC (15.1-21-02.10, subsection 6, subdivision c)

• Give them good data. Tell them specifically how the score of 85 would impact your number of students that qualify for the scholarship
eTranscript and the New Requirements

- North Dakota ITD is currently working on a progress monitoring tool in eTranscript to align with the new requirements

- Should be ready later this fall
North Dakota Scholarship Reporting

- Info for ND Scholarship will be pulled from eTranscript and Choice Ready Report

- **VERY** important to have Choice Ready report completed and submitted **ON TIME!!**

- Because the Choice Ready report is not due until June 30, we may look to adjust the scholarship review timeline before 2025
North Dakota Scholarship Reporting for Non-Public Schools

• A verification form is being created for non-public schools

  • To account for the fact that non-public schools don’t do the Choice Ready report

• Will be posted to our website and shared with non-public schools when ready
Scholarship Information on Website

• DPI Scholarship Website: [www.nd.gov/dpi](http://www.nd.gov/dpi)
  • Families/Community
  • Students
  • Academic, CTE, and North Dakota Scholarships
North Dakota Scholarship Info on Website

- Go to Scholarship Website Page

- Click “North Dakota Scholarship”
  - ND Scholarship Framework
  - ND Scholarship Guidance
QUESTIONS?
Please Contact me with Questions!

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