

**North Dakota  
State Grant and Scholarship Programs  
2018 - 2019**

Program	Type of Aid	How and When to Apply	Other Program Details	Enrollment Requirements	Amount and Lifetime Limits
<p>The cost of attending college varies depending on the college selected, the number of credits enrolled, as well as other expenses such as room/board, books and supplies, transportation and other miscellaneous educational and living expenses. Financial aid programs, such as grants, scholarships and reciprocity programs exist to help students meet their cost of education. The North Dakota University System administers grants, scholarships and other incentive programs for students and graduates.</p> <p>What are some of the options?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>GRANTS:</b> Financial aid, often based on financial need, that does not need to be repaid. State and federal grants are available.</li> <li>➤ <b>SCHOLARSHIPS:</b> Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid. Remember to research for private as well as institutional scholarship opportunities.</li> <li>➤ <b>LOANS:</b> Money taken out on loan to pay for education and related expenses. Student loans must be repaid with interest.</li> <li>➤ <b>WORK:</b> Federal and institutional work programs can help students earn money to pay for college.</li> <li>➤ <b>LOAN FORGIVENESS:</b> Programs that provide graduates with student loan reduction if they meet qualifying criteria following program completion.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>ND State Student Incentive Grant (North Dakota State Grant)</b></p>	<p><b>Grant:</b> does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually at <a href="http://fafsa.ed.gov">fafsa.ed.gov</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FAFSA can be completed on October 1 of the year preceding college enrollment.</li> </ul>	<p>The North Dakota State Grant program provides non-repayable grants to North Dakota residents pursuing undergraduate degrees at public, private, and tribal colleges within North Dakota.</p> <p>Awards are based on unmet need and on FAFSA completion date. Awards are made until funds are exhausted.</p> <p>Applicants must meet specific residency requirements.</p>	<p>Fulltime: 12+ credits</p> <p>Three-quarter time: 9-11 credits</p> <p>Half-time: 6-8 credits</p> <p>Less-than-half-time: 3-5 credits</p> <p>(less than 3 credits not eligible)</p>	<p>\$975 per semester or \$650 per quarter</p> <p>Awards for less than fulltime enrollment are pro-rated.</p> <p>Lifetime limit is up to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment, or the attainment of the first bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.</p>

<p><b>North Dakota Academic Scholarship</b></p>	<p><b>Scholarship:</b> does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Apply with the ND Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the spring of your senior year in high school.</p> <p>Applications can be found at the DPI website: <a href="https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/SAO/grantscholar/">https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/SAO/grantscholar/</a></p> <p>Scholarship candidates must be North Dakota resident high school seniors, have GPAs of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" on any class required for the diploma, complete the required high school program of study, and earn composite scores of 24 or higher on the ACT.</p>	<p>RENEWAL requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA.</li> <li>2. Enroll "fulltime" as defined by the college financial aid office.</li> <li>3. Maintain progress toward degree completion.</li> </ol> <p>"Progress toward degree completion" means earning a minimum number of credits after each disbursement to qualify for a subsequent disbursement as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty-four (24) credits after disbursement two;</li> <li>• Thirty-nine (39) credits after disbursement three;</li> <li>• Fifty-four (54) credits after disbursement four;</li> <li>• Sixty-nine (69) credits after disbursement five;</li> <li>• Eighty-four (84) credits after disbursement six; and</li> <li>• Ninety-nine (99) credits after disbursement seven</li> </ul>	<p>Fulltime: Has the same meaning as defined by the institution's financial aid office.</p> <p>The requirement that a student enroll in 15 credits to qualify has changed. Please see the new "progress toward degree completion" requirements.</p>	<p>Total value is \$6,000; \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter. Students have up to six years following high school graduation to use the scholarship.</p> <p>May be awarded for graduate or professional studies.</p>
<p><b>North Dakota Career &amp; Technical Education Scholarship</b></p>	<p><b>Scholarship:</b> does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Apply with the ND Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the spring of your senior year in high school.</p> <p>Applications can be found at the DPI website: <a href="https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/SAO/grantscholar/">https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/SAO/grantscholar/</a></p> <p>Scholarship candidates must be North Dakota resident high school seniors, have GPAs of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" on any class required for the diploma, complete the required high school program of study, and earn composite scores of 24 or higher on the ACT or three 5s on the WorkKeys assessments.</p>	<p>RENEWAL requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA.</li> <li>2. Enroll "fulltime" as defined by the college financial aid office.</li> <li>3. Maintain progress toward degree completion.</li> </ol> <p>"Progress toward degree completion" means earning a minimum number of credits after each disbursement to qualify for a subsequent disbursement as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty-four (24) credits after disbursement two;</li> <li>• Thirty-nine (39) credits after disbursement three;</li> <li>• Fifty-four (54) credits after disbursement four;</li> <li>• Sixty-nine (69) credits after disbursement five;</li> <li>• Eighty-four (84) credits after disbursement six; and</li> <li>• Ninety-nine (99) credits after disbursement seven</li> </ul>	<p>Fulltime: Has the same meaning as defined by the institution's financial aid office. However, students must still accumulate enough earned credits to meet the "progress toward degree completion" requirements.</p>	<p>Total value is \$6,000; \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter. Students have up to six years following high school graduation to use the scholarship.</p> <p>May be awarded for graduate or professional studies.</p>
<p><b>North Dakota Indian Scholarship</b></p>	<p><b>Scholarship:</b> does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Complete an application annually with the North Dakota University System.</p> <p>Current year applications can be found on the NDUS website at <a href="https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/nd-indian-scholarship/">https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/nd-indian-scholarship/</a></p>	<p>Applicants must be North Dakota residents and enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe and must be accepted for admission by a North Dakota institution of higher learning or state vocational education program to be considered.</p> <p>Scholarships are based on unmet need or merit. A minimum overall GPA of 2.00 is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 - 3.499 must show unmet need to qualify.</li> <li>• Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher can qualify based on merit.</li> </ul> <p>An application is required annually.</p>	<p>Fulltime enrollment is required, which is generally defined as 12 credits per term undergraduate and 9 credits per term graduate.</p> <p>Post-baccalaureate applicants may qualify for pro-rated award amounts.</p>	<p>Students can earn up to \$2,000 in scholarship funding per year for a maximum of 6 years.</p>

<p><b>North Dakota Scholars Program</b></p>	<p><b>Scholarship:</b> does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Take the ACT test as a junior in high school no later than July 1 preceding your senior year in high school.</p>	<p>This program provides premier merit-based, full-tuition scholarships to qualifying North Dakota high school graduates who choose to earn undergraduate degrees in North Dakota.</p> <p>High school students who score at or above the ninety-fifth percentile among those who took the ACT prior to July 1st in the calendar year preceding the individual's enrollment in college will be considered for the award.</p> <p>Students will be awarded in descending rank order until available funds are expended or until the pool of applicants has been exhausted.</p>	<p>Fulltime: defined as 12 credits per term minimum.</p>	<p>The amount of the scholarship is up to the tuition rate charged at the scholar's institution, not to exceed the highest regular resident undergraduate tuition rate in the NDUS.</p> <p>Eligibility is limited to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of undergraduate study, or until the attainment of a baccalaureate degree, whichever occurs first.</p>
<p><b>Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Occupations Student Loan Program</b></p>	<p><b>Loan Forgiveness</b> (following graduation)</p>	<p>Complete an application annually.</p> <p>The current year's application can be found on the NDUS website at</p> <p><a href="https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/stem-loan-forgiveness/">https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/stem-loan-forgiveness/</a></p>	<p>The STEM Occupations Student Loan Program is intended to reduce loan indebtedness for college graduates who work in STEM-related fields in North Dakota.</p> <p>Recipients include graduates who successfully completed a board-approved STEM related program at an approved college and who earned a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Recipients must have been employed in a board-approved STEM occupation for 12 months in North Dakota following graduation.</p> <p>Annual total income must not exceed \$60,000 to qualify.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Awards made in accordance with statute.</p>
<p><b>Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program</b></p>	<p><b>Loan Forgiveness</b> (following graduation)</p>	<p>Districts may apply for up to 2 critical need or shortage area teaching positions per year.</p> <p>More information can be found at</p> <p><a href="https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/teacher-shortage-loan-forgiveness/">https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/teacher-shortage-loan-forgiveness/</a></p>	<p>The Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness (TSLF) Program is designed to help recruit and retain qualified teachers. This program will reduce loan indebtedness for individuals teaching in North Dakota at grade levels, content areas, and geographical locations identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as having a teacher shortage or critical need.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Awards made in accordance with statute.</p>

<b>Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)</b>	<b>Scholarship:</b> does not have to be repaid; no service requirement	Apply by October 15 of the year preceding entry into the professional program of study for priority consideration.  Application and information can be found on the NDUS website at  <a href="https://ndus.edu/educational-costs/student-exchange-or-reciprocity-programs/">https://ndus.edu/educational-costs/student-exchange-or-reciprocity-programs/</a>	The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) provides North Dakota resident students access to veterinary medicine, optometry and dentistry programs not offered in the state.  Scholarships are dependent upon the contracts the state has with participating institutions. Awards are made based on student rankings.  North Dakota has contracts through WICHE (veterinary medicine, dentistry and optometry; Kansas State (veterinary medicine); Iowa State (veterinary medicine); and the University of Minnesota (veterinary medicine and dentistry).	Recipients must maintain continual enrollment based on program requirements.	Based on institution and program.
<b>Additional Information</b>					
<b>North Dakota-Minnesota Reciprocity</b>	Tuition reduction	Complete the application online prior to the end of the term requesting benefits for:  <a href="http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/hesod/NDR reciprocity/apply1.cfm">http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/hesod/NDR reciprocity/apply1.cfm</a>	The purpose of the North Dakota/Minnesota Reciprocity Program is to continue to improve postsecondary education opportunities for North Dakota and Minnesota residents and to achieve improved effectiveness and economy in meeting the postsecondary education needs to those residents through cooperative efforts by the two neighboring states. Currently, North Dakota students who attend Minnesota campuses pay the Minnesota resident rate.		
<b>Other Programs</b>	Midwest Student Exchange Program	Offered by the Midwest Higher Education Commission, the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) enables students to enroll in out-of-state colleges and universities at no more than 150 percent of the institutions' resident tuition rate. Each participating institution determines which degree programs it will make available to students, the number of students it will admit and its admission requirements. <a href="http://www.mhec.org/">http://www.mhec.org/</a>			
	Western Undergraduate Exchange	Through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program, students in 10 participating states may enroll in designated two-year and four-year institutions and programs in other participating states at reduced tuition rates. WUE students pay up to 150 percent of regular in-state tuition at designated institutions. For more information about institutions participating in WUE, visit <a href="http://www.wiche.edu/wue">http://www.wiche.edu/wue</a> .			
	Western Regional Graduate Programs	The primary purpose of the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) is to permit students from WICHE states to enroll in the more than 400 graduate programs offered by member states. Students who participate in WRGP pay resident tuition rates at public institutions. For more information about available WRGP programs, visit <a href="http://www.wiche.edu/wrgp">http://www.wiche.edu/wrgp</a> .			
<b>Federal Programs</b>	Federal Grants, Loans and Work Study	Complete the FAFSA annually to apply for grants, loans and work-study. The FAFSA can be completed for the following academic year as soon as October 1 <sup>st</sup> .	<a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/</a>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2018-19-do-you-need-money.pdf">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/2018-19-do-you-need-money.pdf</a>  <a href="https://fafsa.gov/">https://fafsa.gov/</a>		
<b>Where can you find more information on NDUS and state aid programs?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>NDChoose.com</b></li> <li>✓ <b>NDUS.edu</b></li> <li>✓ <b>NDUS.edu/students/paying-for-college</b></li> </ul>		<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>If you have questions, please contact the North Dakota University System Financial Aid Office at:</b> North Dakota University System 600 E Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 21 Bismarck, ND 58505-0602 ndfinaid@ndus.edu 701-328-2964	