

**North Dakota
State Grant and Scholarship Programs
2020-2021**

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 make college affordable. The North Dakota University System administers grants, scholarships and other incentive programs for students and graduates.

- **GRANTS:** Financial aid, often based on financial need, that does not need to be repaid. State and federal grants are available.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid. Research for private as well as institutional scholarship opportunities.
- **LOANS:** Student loans are financial aid that can assist students in meeting educational expenses. Student loans must be repaid with interest.
- **WORK:** Federal and institutional work programs can help students earn money to pay for college.

Program	Type of Aid	How and When to Apply	Other Program Details	Enrollment Requirement	Amount and Lifetime Limits
North Dakota State Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually at fafsa.ed.gov . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FAFSA can be completed on October 1 of the year preceding college enrollment. • Early application via the FAFSA is recommended due to limited funding. 	The North Dakota State Grant program provides non-repayable grants to North Dakota residents pursuing undergraduate degrees at eligible public, private, and tribal colleges within North Dakota. Awards are based on unmet need and on FAFSA completion date. Awards are made until funds are exhausted. Applicants must meet specific residency requirements as defined in statute.	Full time: 12+ credits Three-quarter time: 9-11 credits Half-time: 6-8 credits Less-than-half-time: 3-5 credits Less than 3 credits: Not Eligible	Up to \$1,100 per semester or \$733 per quarter Awards for less than full time enrollment are pro-rated. 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.

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<p style="text-align: center;">North Dakota Academic Scholarship</p>	<p>Scholarship: does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Apply with the ND Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the spring of the senior year in high school.</p> <p>Applications can be found at the DPI website: https://apps.nd.gov/DPI/scholarship/login.aspx</p> <p>Scholarship candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a ND resident high school student; • Have GPA 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>RENEWAL requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, and 2. Enroll "full time" as defined by the college financial aid office, and 3. Maintain progress toward degree completion. <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"> • Twenty-four (24) credits after disbursement two; • Thirty-nine (39) credits after disbursement three; • Fifty-four (54) credits after disbursement four; • Sixty-nine (69) credits after disbursement five; • Eighty-four (84) credits after disbursement six; and • Ninety-nine (99) credits after disbursement seven 	<p>Full time: Has the same meaning as defined by the institution's financial aid office.</p> <p>NEW: Students in their final term of study can qualify for payment even if they are less than full time. This special exception applies to a student only once. The student must notify the NDUS financial aid office.</p>	<p>Total value is \$6,000 at \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter.</p> <p>Students have up to 6 years following high school graduation to use the scholarship.</p> <p>May be awarded for undergraduate, graduate or professional studies.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">North Dakota Career & Technical Education Scholarship</p>	<p>Scholarship: does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Apply with the ND Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the spring of the senior year in high school.</p> <p>Applications can be found at the DPI website: https://apps.nd.gov/DPI/scholarship/login.aspx</p> <p>Scholarship candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a ND resident high school student; • Have GPA 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 score of 24 or higher on the ACT or three 5s on the WorkKeys assessments. 	<p>RENEWAL requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA, and 2. Enroll "full time" as defined by the college financial aid office, and 3. Maintain progress toward degree completion. <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"> • Twenty-four (24) credits after disbursement two; • Thirty-nine (39) credits after disbursement three; • Fifty-four (54) credits after disbursement four; • Sixty-nine (69) credits after disbursement five; • Eighty-four (84) credits after disbursement six; and • Ninety-nine (99) credits after disbursement seven 	<p>Full time: Has the same meaning as defined by the institution's financial aid office.</p> <p>NEW: Students in their final term of study can qualify for payment even if they are less than full time. This special exception applies to a student only once. The student must notify the NDUS financial aid office.</p>	<p>Total value is \$6,000 at \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter.</p> <p>Students have up to six years following high school graduation to use the scholarship.</p> <p>May be awarded for undergraduate, graduate or professional studies.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">North Dakota Indian Scholarship</p>	<p>Scholarship: does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>Complete an application annually with the North Dakota University System. The application details can be found on the NDUS website at https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/nd-indian-scholarship/</p> <p>July 15th of each year is the priority application date for consideration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be North Dakota residents • Enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe • Accepted for admission in a ND institution of higher learning or state vocational education program <p>Scholarships are based on unmet need or merit with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 - 3.499 must show unmet need to qualify. • Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher can qualify based on merit. 	<p>Full time enrollment is required, which is generally defined as 12 credits per term undergraduate, and 9 credits per term graduate.</p>	<p>Students can be awarded up to \$2,000 in scholarship funding per year for a maximum of 6 years.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">North Dakota Scholars Program</p>	<p>Scholarship: does not have to be repaid</p>	<p>No separate application is required. Awards are based off of ACT, Inc. test scores. The NDUS receives the ACT scores for juniors who take the test prior to July 1 of the year preceding the senior year in high school. Awarding begins for high school seniors in fall of the senior year. ACT test scores are ranked from highest to lowest and awards are made until funds are exhausted.</p>	<p>This program provides premier merit-based, full tuition scholarships to qualifying North Dakota high school seniors 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. Due to limited funding, not all students ranked in the top 95th percentile will be awarded the ND Scholars award.</p> <p>Students must maintain a 3.5 minimum cumulative GPA in college for renewal each year.</p>	<p>Full time: defined as 12 credits per term minimum.</p>	<p>The amount of the scholarship is the regular full time undergraduate tuition rate at the student'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 style="text-align: center;">Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)</p>	<p>Scholarship: does not have to be repaid provided the recipient returns to work in ND, referred to as the PSEP Service Payback; <i>This service requirement begins with recipients starting their program after July 1, 2020.</i></p>	<p>Apply by October 15 of the year preceding entry into the professional program of study for priority consideration.</p> <p>Application and information can be found on the NDUS website at: https://ndus.edu/educational-costs/student-exchange-or-reciprocity-programs/</p>	<p>The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) provides North Dakota resident students access to veterinary medicine, optometry and dentistry programs not offered in the state.</p> <p>Scholarships are dependent upon the contracts the state has with participating institutions. Awards are made based on student rankings.</p> <p>North Dakota has contracts through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WICHE (veterinary medicine, dentistry and optometry); • Kansas State (veterinary medicine); • Iowa State (veterinary medicine); and • University of Minnesota (veterinary medicine and dentistry). 	<p>Recipients must maintain continual enrollment based on program requirements.</p> <p>NEW: Beginning with programs starting after July 2020, recipients are required to provide service back to North Dakota as a condition of the scholarship. Failure to provide service back to the state will result in the scholarship having to be repaid.</p>	<p>Based on institution and program.</p>



For more information on the program, including the list of high need and emerging occupations and qualifying educational programs, please visit:
<https://ndus.edu/career-builders/>

The 2019 North Dakota Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 1171, creating a skilled workforce scholarship and student loan repayment program aimed at attracting people into high need and emerging occupations in the state. The result is the ND Career Builders Scholarship & Loan Repayment program.

- Qualifying programs reflect the high need and emerging occupations in the state
- Both the scholarship and loan repayment have ND residency and ND work requirements
- Up to \$17,000 benefit to recipients
- The private/public partnership requires a \$1 of private-sector funding for each \$1 of state funding

Additional Information

<p>North Dakota-Minnesota Reciprocity</p>	<p>Tuition reduction</p>	<p>IMPORTANT: Deadlines apply! Complete the application online prior to the end of the term requesting benefits for: http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/hesod/NDReciprocit/y/apply1.cfm</p>	<p>The purpose of the ND / MN Reciprocity Program is to continue to improve postsecondary education opportunities for residents in ND and MN. Through the cooperative efforts of the neighboring states, students have access to a variety of programs that meet their educational needs. Currently, North Dakota resident undergraduate students who attend Minnesota public campuses pay the Minnesota resident rate.</p>
<p>Other Student Exchange Programs</p>	<p>Midwest Student Exchange Program</p>	<p>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. http://www.mhec.org/</p>	<p>Complete the FAFSA annually to apply for grants, including the ND State Grant, loans and work-study. The FAFSA can be completed for the following academic year as soon as October 1st at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa. Learn more about the federal financial aid process and options at: https://studentaid.gov/</p>
	<p>Western Undergraduate Exchange</p>	<p>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 http://www.wiche.edu/wue.</p>	
	<p>Western Regional Graduate Programs</p>	<p>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 http://www.wiche.edu/wrgp.</p>	
<p>FAFSA and Federal Program Links</p>	<p>Federal Grants, Loans and Work Study</p>	<p>Complete the FAFSA annually to apply for grants, including the ND State Grant, loans and work-study. The FAFSA can be completed for the following academic year as soon as October 1st at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa. Learn more about the federal financial aid process and options at: https://studentaid.gov/</p>	
<p>NDUS Information & Contact Information</p>	<p>✓ https://insights.nd.gov/College - Explore the NDUS program offerings. ✓ https://ndus.edu/ – Find out about the ND University System and its institutions. ✓ NDUS.edu/students/paying-for-college – Learn more about all the North Dakota resident student state aid programs.</p> <p>QUESTIONS?? Contact the NDUS Financial Aid Office at ndfinaid@ndus.edu or 701-328-2964.</p>		