

Introduced by

Representatives Ostlie, Jonas, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Conley

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the North Dakota scholarship; and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability. (Effective through**  
7 **July 31, 20242030)**

8 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who graduated  
9 from high school in 2022 or before and who is certified as being eligible by the  
10 superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota scholarship, a North Dakota  
11 academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and technical education  
12 scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during  
13 which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher  
14 education with a physical presence in this state, maintains a cumulative grade  
15 point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward program completion.

16 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who graduated  
17 from high school in 2022 or before and who is certified as being eligible by the  
18 superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota scholarship, a North Dakota  
19 academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and technical education  
20 scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter or clock-hour  
21 term during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of  
22 higher education with a physical presence in this state or an accredited private  
23 career school with a physical presence in this state, maintains a cumulative  
24 grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward program completion.

- 1           c. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who graduated  
2           from high school in 2023 or after and who is certified as being eligible by the  
3           superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota scholarship, a North Dakota  
4           academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and technical education  
5           scholarship in the amount of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars for each  
6           semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution  
7           of higher education with a physical presence in this state or an accredited private  
8           career school with a physical presence in this state, maintains a cumulative  
9           grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward program completion.
- 10          d. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who graduated  
11          from high school in 2023 or after and who is certified as being eligible by the  
12          superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota scholarship, a North Dakota  
13          academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and technical education  
14          scholarship in the amount of eight hundred thirty-three dollars for each quarter or  
15          clock-hour term during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited  
16          institution of higher education with a physical presence in this state or an  
17          accredited private career school with a physical presence in this state, maintains  
18          a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward  
19          program completion.
- 20          2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student  
21          meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining a  
22          recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
23          provide notification to the student within ten business days.
- 24          3. A student who graduated from high school in 2022 or before is not entitled to receive  
25          more than six thousand dollars under this section. A student who graduated from high  
26          school in 2023 or after is not entitled to receive more than seven thousand four  
27          hundred ninety-six dollars under this section.
- 28          4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
29          institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 30          5. a. This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters,  
31          quarters, or clock-hour terms.

- 1           b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the  
2           student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate or  
3           professional program.
- 4        6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills  
5        the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4, section 15.1-21-02.5, or section  
6        15.1-21-02.10 and who:
- 7           a. Graduates from a high school in this state;  
8           b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;  
9           c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a  
10          custodial parent in this state; or  
11          d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter  
12          15.1-23.
- 13       7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
14          has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is  
15          attending.
- 16          b. A student who is enrolled less than full-time may retain scholarship eligibility if the  
17          student is in the final semester, quarter, or clock-hour term before program  
18          completion. The waiver of the full-time enrollment status requirement for  
19          scholarship eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.
- 20          c. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,  
21          "progress toward program completion" means earning the following minimum  
22          number of credits after each semester, quarter, or clock-hour term disbursement  
23          to qualify for the subsequent disbursement:
- 24               (1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;  
25               (2) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;  
26               (3) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;  
27               (4) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;  
28               (5) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and  
29               (6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

1           8. For purposes of scholarship eligibility under this section, "clock-hour term" has the  
2           same meaning as the term is defined by the state board of higher education. The state  
3           board of higher education shall determine the conversion of:

- 4           a. Clock hours to credit hours; and  
5           b. Percentage-based grading to grade point average.

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20           presence in this state or an accredited private career school with a physical  
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- 23           c. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who graduated  
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25           superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota scholarship in the amount of  
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- 22          6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills  
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23           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - ACADEMIC,**  
24           **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AND NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIPS.** There is  
25           appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise  
26           appropriated, the sum of \$5,554,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state  
27           board of higher education for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students eligible  
28           for the academic, career and technical education, and North Dakota scholarship program, for  
29           the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.