

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2136
(Senators Poolman, Davison, Oban)
(Representatives Sanford, Strinden)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.4, subdivision a of subsection 6 of section 15.1-21-02.5, and sections 15.1-21-02.6 and 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to scholarship eligibility requirements and amounts for students; to repeal section 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to scholarships for 2009-10 high school graduates; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship. (~~Effective through July 31, 2021~~)

Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student:

1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
 - a. One unit of algebra II, integrated math II, or integrated math III, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
 - b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science;
3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
 - a. (1) One unit of biology;
 - (2) One unit of chemistry; and
 - (3) One unit of physics; or
 - b. (1) One unit of biology;
 - (2) One unit of physical science; and
 - (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
 - a. One unit of United States history;
 - b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or
 - (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and

- c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5.
 - a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
 - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. Completed:
 - a. One unit selected from:
 - (1) Foreign languages;
 - (2) Native American languages;
 - (3) American sign language;
 - (4) Fine arts; or
 - (5) Career and technical education courses; and
 - b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction or an education pathway approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The education pathway must consist of ~~two units~~ one unit in teaching profession and educational methodology and at least one additional unit in advanced placement or dual-credit psychology, child development, peer-to-peer leadership, or child-related careers;
7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education;
8.
 - a.
 - (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
 - (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
 - b.
 - (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
 - (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and
9. Received:
 - a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
 - b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

North Dakota career and technical education scholarship. (Effective after July 31, 2021)

~~Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student:~~

1. ~~Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;~~
2. ~~Completed three units of mathematics, including:~~
 - a. ~~One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and~~
 - b. ~~Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science;~~
3. ~~Completed three units of science, consisting of:~~
 - a. ~~(1) One unit of biology;~~
~~(2) One unit of chemistry; and~~
~~(3) One unit of physics; or~~
 - b. ~~(1) One unit of biology;~~
~~(2) One unit of physical science; and~~
~~(3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;~~
4. ~~Completed three units of social studies, including:~~
 - a. ~~One unit of United States history;~~
 - b. ~~(1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or~~
~~(2) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
 - e. ~~One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
5. ~~a. Completed one unit of physical education; or~~
~~b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
6. ~~Completed:~~
 - a. ~~One unit selected from:~~
 - (1) ~~Foreign languages;~~
 - (2) ~~Native American languages;~~
 - (3) ~~American sign language;~~
 - (4) ~~Fine arts; or~~
 - (5) ~~Career and technical education courses; and~~
 - b. ~~Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction or an education pathway approved by the superintendent of public instruction which may be governed by rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction;~~
7. ~~Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education;~~

8. a. (1) ~~Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and~~
(2) ~~Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or~~
 - b. (1) ~~Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and~~
(2) ~~Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and~~
9. Received:
- a. ~~A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or~~
 - b. ~~A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subdivision a of subsection 6 of section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. Completed two units of:
 - (1) The same foreign language;
 - (2) The same native American language;
 - (3) American sign language; or
 - (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction or an education pathway, approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The education pathway must consist of ~~two units~~one unit in teaching profession and educational methodology and at least one additional unit in advanced placement or dual-credit psychology, child development, peer-to-peer leadership, or child-related careers; and

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.

1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education with a physical presence in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree program completion.
- b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter or clock-hour term during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education with a physical presence in this state or an accredited private career school with a physical presence in this state, maintains a

cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degreeprogram completion.

2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall provide notification to the student within ten business days.
3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.
5.
 - a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters;
 - (2) ~~This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive, quarters, or clock-hour terms.~~
 - b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate or professional program.
6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:
 - a. Graduates from a high school in this state;
 - b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
 - c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state; or
 - d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23.
7.
 - a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is attending.
 - b. A student who is enrolled less than full-time may retain scholarship eligibility if the student is in the final semester ~~or, quarter, or clock-hour term~~ before graduationprogram completion. The waiver of the full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.
 - c. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "progress toward degreeprogram completion" means earning the following minimum number of credits after each semester ~~or, quarter, or clock-hour~~ term disbursement to qualify for the subsequent disbursement:
 - (1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;
 - (2) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;
 - (3) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;
 - (4) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;
 - (5) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and
 - (6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

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

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

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.

- 1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a semester, quarter, or clock-hour term is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next semester, quarter, or clock-hour term in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a semester, quarter, or clock-hour term is below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarships.
- 2. a. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.~~
- b. ~~If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarships~~For purposes of scholarship eligibility under this section, "clock-hour term" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the state board of higher education. The state board of higher education shall determine the conversion of:
 - a. Clock hours to credit hours; and
 - b. Percentage-based grading to grade point average.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. Section 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2136 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 5 Absent 1

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Governor

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Secretary of State