

The North Dakota University System administers the higher education grant and scholarship programs. All programs require recipients to be a North Dakota resident and awards must be used at approved institutions/programs within North Dakota. Grants and scholarships are generally awarded for fall and spring semesters and do not apply to summer terms, with few exceptions. Additionally, specific program requirements apply, such as minimum enrollment status requirements or minimum grade point averages. For more information, please contact the North Dakota University System or go online at www.ndus.edu/students/paying-for-college.

ND Higher Education Grants and Scholarships

Grants

- **ND State Student Incentive Grant**

The State Grant Program provides non-repayable grants to North Dakota residents pursuing undergraduate degrees at North Dakota's public, private, and tribal colleges. The application for the grant is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which must be completed each year by April 15 to receive priority funding. Recipients may qualify for up to 8 semesters. Awards are based on unmet need and students must maintain academic progress. Students may qualify for part-time enrollment. The maximum award amount for 2014-15 is \$1,650.

Scholarships

- **ND Academic and ND Career and Technical Education Scholarships**

- ▲ Academic (AC) Scholarships are intended to encourage and reward high school students who take more rigorous high school courses and to attend college in North Dakota. AC Scholarships are awarded to high school graduates who complete defined high school rigorous course work and score a 24 or higher on their ACT assessment.

Students may qualify for up to \$750 per semester up to a maximum award of \$6,000 and they have up to six years following high school graduation to use the scholarship. Students are required to take at least 12 credits in their first two semesters and at least 15 credits each semester thereafter. The minimum GPA for continued eligibility is 2.75.

- ▲ Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholarships are intended to encourage and reward high school students to take more rigorous high school courses, promote CTE programs of study, and to retain college students in North Dakota. CTE Scholarships are awarded to high school graduates who score a 24 or higher on their ACT assessment or a score of least "5" on each of three WorkKeys assessments, as well as complete defined high school rigorous course work.

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- **ND Indian Scholarship**

The ND Indian Scholarship Program assists American Indian students in obtaining a college education by providing awards based upon scholastic ability or financial need. An application and supporting document must be received in the NDUS office by July 15 prior to the academic year in which the student is applying for aid for priority consideration. The minimum GPA to qualify for the scholarship is 2.00 and students must be enrolled fulltime to qualify. Each year, all North Dakota Native American high school valedictorians automatically qualify for the merit-based award in the academic year following high school graduation. The 2014-15 award for undergraduate students is \$1,250 and for graduate students, \$1,870.

- **ND Scholars Scholarship**
The ND Scholars Scholarship is a merit-based full-tuition scholarship for North Dakota's best and brightest high school graduates to encourage them to remain in North Dakota for postsecondary education. High school juniors must take the ACT test between October and June of his or her junior year. Scholarships are awarded based on ACT scores. No separate application is required. The amount of the scholarship is equal to the regular undergraduate fulltime tuition charged at the scholar's eligible institution, not to exceed the highest regular (not professional or pre-professional) resident undergraduate tuition rate in the North Dakota University System. Recipients must maintain a 3.50 GPA and must be enrolled fulltime. Awards are renewable each year up to a maximum of 8 semesters or the attainment of a baccalaureate degree, whichever occurs first.

Other Programs

- **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.
- **North Dakota/Minnesota Reciprocity**
The purposes of the North Dakota/Minnesota Reciprocity Program are 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 undergraduate students who attend specific Minnesota campuses pay the Minnesota resident rate.
- **Professional Student Exchange Program**
The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) provides North Dakota students access to professional veterinary medicine, optometry, and dentistry programs not offered in the state. Recipients are awarded state support to attend professional studies outside of North Dakota.
- **STEM Student Loan Forgiveness Program**
The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Occupations Student Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage students to pursue STEM related careers in ND. The program reduces student loan indebtedness for individuals who have graduated in STEM-related fields and have been employed in STEM occupations in the state for one year.
- **Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program**
The Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage teaching in North Dakota at grade levels and/or content areas identified by the Department of Public Instruction as having teacher shortages. The program reduces student loan indebtedness for individuals who have held a full-time teaching contract in a shortage area for a full academic year.
- **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 220 graduate programs offered by member states. Students who participate in WRGP pay resident tuition rates at public institutions.
- **Western Undergraduate Exchange**
Through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program, students in 15 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.