

Introduced by

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1 | A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact ~~section~~sections 15.1-21-02.5 and 15.1-21-02.6 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility requirements for the North Dakota academic
3 scholarship.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

8 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
9 year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

- 10 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
11 composition, and speech;
- 12 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
 - 13 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
 - 14 b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of
15 public instruction, is a prerequisite;
- 16 3. Completed three units of science, including:
 - 17 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 18 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 19 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
20 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 21 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
 - 22 a. One unit of United States history;
 - 23 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
24 or

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- 1 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
2 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
3 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
4 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
6 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;

7 ~~6. a. Completed:~~

8 ~~(1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language;~~

9 ~~(2) American sign language; and~~

10 ~~b. One unit three units selected from:~~

11 ~~(1)a. Foreign languages;~~

12 ~~(2)b. Native American languages;~~

13 ~~(3)c. American sign language;~~

14 ~~(4)d. Fine arts; or~~

15 ~~(5)e. Career and technical education;~~

16 6. a. Completed two units of:

17 (1) ~~Two units of the~~The same foreign ~~or native American~~ language;

18 (2) The same native American language;

19 (3) American sign language; or

20 (4) Career and technical education courses from a coordinated plan of study

21 recommended by the department of career and technical education and

22 approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and

23 b. One unit selected from:

24 (1) Foreign languages;

25 (2) Native American languages;

26 (3) American sign language;

27 (4) Fine arts; or

28 (5) Career and technical education;

29 7. Completed any five additional units, ~~one of which must be in the area of fine arts or~~
30 ~~career and technical education;~~

1 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
2 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and who
3 is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either
4 a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and
5 technical education scholarship, in the amount of one thousand two hundred
6 fifty dollars, for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time
7 at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
8 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

9 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
10 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and is
11 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
12 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
13 education scholarship, in the amount of eight hundred thirty-three dollars,
14 for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an
15 accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
16 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

17 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student
18 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a
19 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall
20 provide notification to the student within ten days.

21 3. a. Except as provided in this subsection, a student is not entitled to receive more
22 than six thousand dollars under this section.

23 b. A student who graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school
24 year is entitled to receive up to ten thousand dollars under this section.

25 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
26 institution in which the student is enrolled.

27 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
28 semesters.

29 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
30 quarters.

- 1 b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years
2 after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to
3 graduate programs.
- 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 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who graduates from:
- 6 a. A high school in this state;
7 b. A high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; or
8 c. A nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent
9 in this state.
- 10 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
11 means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters
12 and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or
13 enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board
14 of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 15 b. (1) If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may
16 retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least
17 twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as
18 determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students
19 in a quarter system.
- 20 (2) Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the
21 2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain
22 scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the
23 student's final two semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as
24 determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students
25 in a quarter system.