

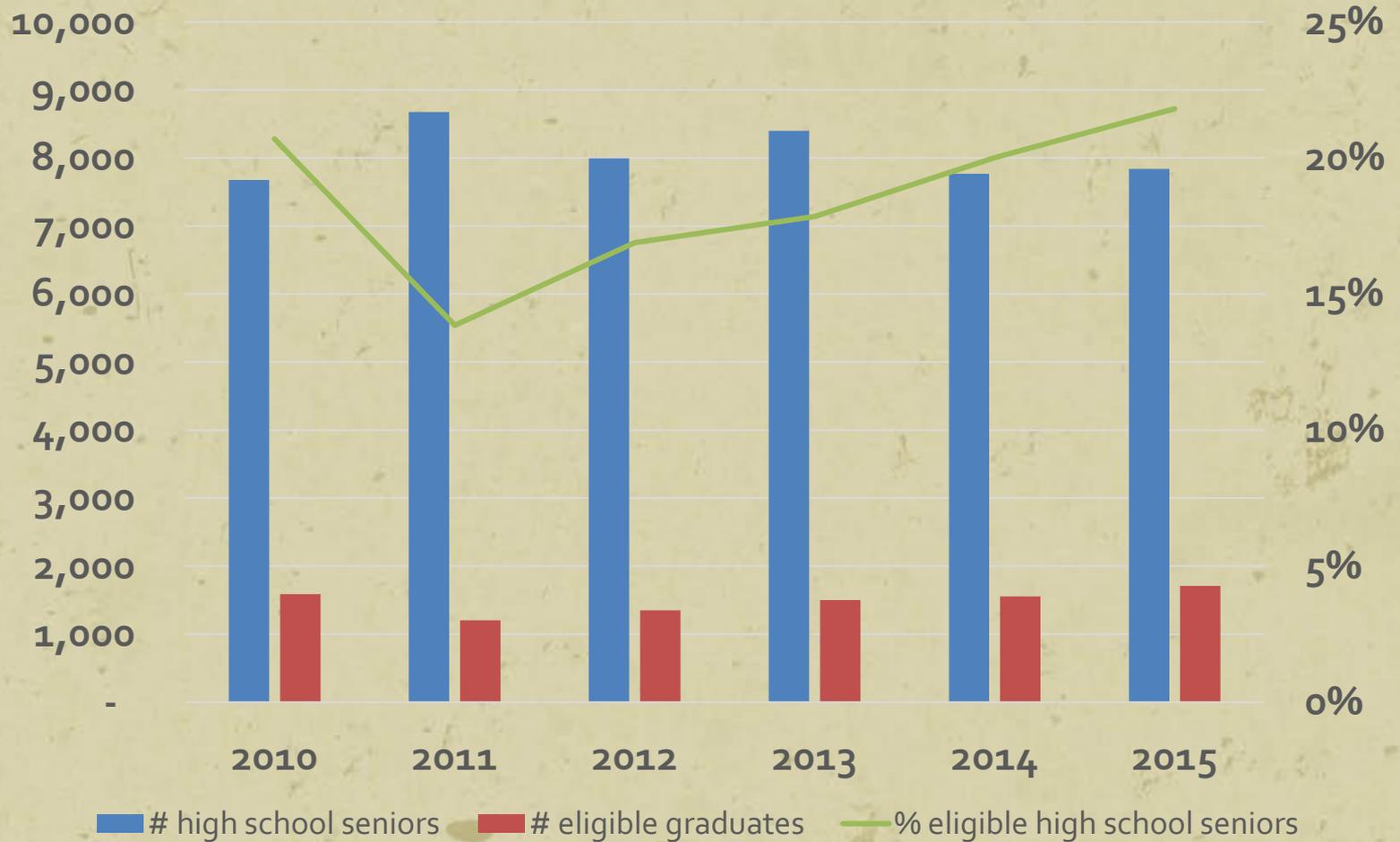


ACADEMIC AND CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) SCHOLARSHIP

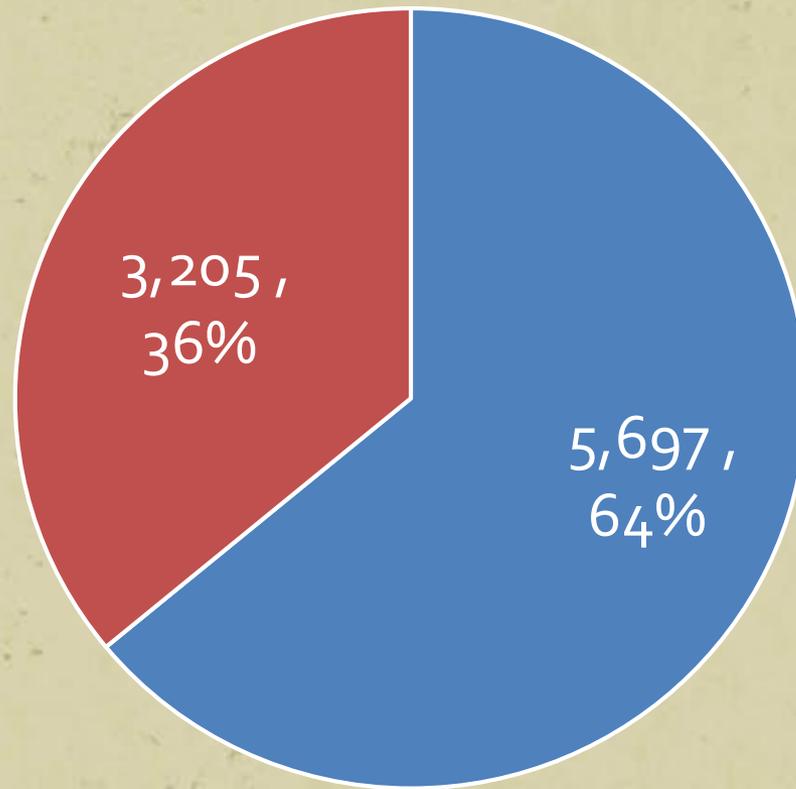
ACADEMIC AND CTE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

- Established by 2009 Legislative Assembly to increase high school rigor and retain college students in the state
- 18% of high school seniors since 2010 received a scholarship
- \$23.2 million disbursed through 2015

ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

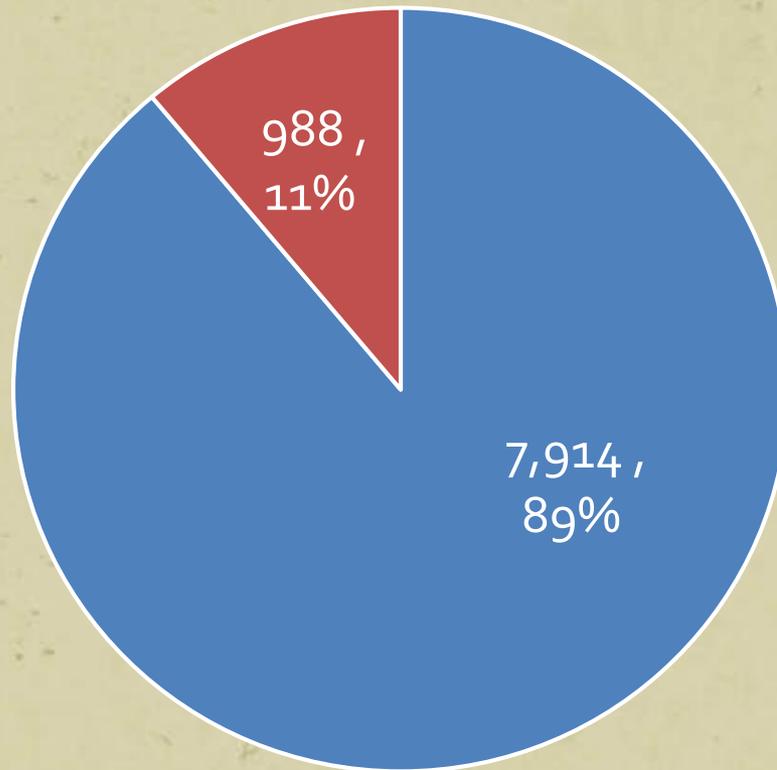


ELIGIBILITY BY SCHOLARSHIP TYPE



■ Academic ■ Career & Tech Ed

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY



■ Continuing Eligibility

■ Suspended/Admin Hold

2015
Annual Report

ND Academic Scholarship
ND Career & Technical Education Scholarship

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Executive Summary

- In 2015, 1,709 (22%) of the high school seniors qualified for the North Dakota scholarships. This was the largest cohort since inception. [Table 1a]
- To date, 8,902 seniors have qualified for the scholarship, 18% of all graduating seniors since 2010. In the past two years, however, the qualifiers have been closer to 21% of seniors, which suggests a greater awareness of the program. [Table 1a; Chart 1b]
 - 5,697 have qualified for the ND Academic Scholarship
 - 3,205 have qualified for the ND Career & Technical Education Scholarship
- Scholarship dollars awarded since inception total \$23,263,847. A note of interest, 10% of the eligible students have never acted upon the scholarship by meeting enrollment requirements. [Table 1c]
- 988 students (11%) have been suspended from the scholarship program due to not meeting GPA requirements, or for other administrative reasons no longer qualify. [Table 1c]
- 935 students (11%) have fully earned their scholarship of \$6,000. The first cohorts to reach this status are 2010 and 2011. [Table 1c]
- A detailed breakdown by county of scholarship recipients since inception is noted in Table 2. Urban areas have the highest concentration of eligible students; however, there is state-wide distribution. In 2015, of the 51 counties reporting high school seniors; only two did not produce awardees, Sheridan and Sioux.
- A total of 4,313 students received a scholarship disbursement in fall 2015. This is 62% of all awardees who are still eligible for the scholarship. The percentage breakdown below is relatively unchanged from the prior year. [Table 3a]
 - 64% at the state's research universities, NDSU and UND.
 - 13% at public 4-year universities.
 - 12% at private institutions.
 - 11% at 2-year public and tribal colleges.
- A total of \$3,234,250 has been disbursed thus far in fall 2015. [Chart 3b]
- Eligibility and attrition, as detailed in charts 4a-4c, shows the status of scholarships by cohort.
 - Fully paid students – 520 (33%) from cohort 1, which started in the 2010-11 academic year; 415 (35%) from cohort 2, which started in the 2011-12 academic year.
 - Approximately 11% of students have not maintained satisfactory academic progress, defined as maintaining a minimum 2.75 grade point average. This percentage is unchanged from the 2014 report.
 - 78% of all scholarship recipients are still potentially eligible for disbursements and are being monitored.

Program Overview

Two merit-based scholarships were created during the 2009 legislative session, the North Dakota Academic scholarship and the North Dakota Career & Technical Education (CTE) scholarship. These scholarships are aimed at increasing high school rigor and retaining college students in North Dakota. The program is authorized through N.D.C.C. 15.1-21-02.4 through 15.1-21-02.8.

During the first year of the scholarship program (graduating class spring 2010), resident students who obtained a final cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and who achieved an ACT exam score of 24, qualified for an North Dakota Academic scholarship. Students who obtained the minimum GPA of 3.0 and who achieved a WorkKeys score of 5 on three assessments were eligible for the North Dakota CTE scholarship. Qualifications in subsequent years added specific high school curriculum requirements to these original scholarship eligibility guidelines.

Students who meet the requirements and who apply for the scholarship as a senior are awarded the state scholarship, which totals \$6,000, or a maximum of \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter. Qualifying students have 6 years following high school graduation to fully utilize the scholarship at a qualifying institution within North Dakota.

Program Administration

The North Dakota Academic and North Dakota CTE scholarships are administered jointly by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the North Dakota University System (NDUS). Through the Agency Administrative Agreement, DPI is responsible for the application side of the scholarship programs including advertising, maintaining applications, verifying accuracy of the application, including ACT and WorkKeys scores, high school grade point average (GPA) and course work requirements, and notifying recipients of their initial scholarship eligibility.

NDUS is responsible for post-award activities including student eligibility communications, notifying financial aid offices of a recipient's scholarship eligibility for financial aid packaging purposes, distributing scholarship payments to respective colleges and universities, tracking student transfers, verifying full-time enrollment status and college cumulative grade averages for renewal purposes, and maintaining fiscal files and reporting.

Current Program Requirements

Students can qualify for either the North Dakota Academic scholarship or the North Dakota CTE scholarship. Award amounts are limited to \$6,000 and must be utilized within six academic school years (does not have to be consecutive years) following high school graduation. The amount of each scholarship is \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter. Students must be enrolled full-time at an approved institution of higher learning within North Dakota. The scholarships are renewable provided the student maintains a 2.75 cumulative grade point average based on a 4.00 scale.

Following the 2015 legislative session, changes regarding eligibility were instituted. Specifically, students who still have eligibility under the program may now use the scholarship for graduate and professional studies provided all other eligibility criteria are maintained. Additionally, the requirement that an external experience be equivalent to twelve credits was modified. Previously, students were required to maintain 15 credits unless they were taking some type of qualifying external experience that was equivalent to at least 12 credits. With the revised rule, students who are in qualifying external experiences, such as an internship or clinical, may now take fewer than 15 if their external credits equate to at least 6 credits and if the student has at least 6 additional credits, for a minimum of twelve. Other exemptions to the 15-credit requirement remain unchanged.

Fulltime Enrollment Requirements and Special Exemption Categories

For purposes of the ND Academic and ND Career and Technical Education scholarships, “full-time” is specifically defined as at least twelve credits during a student’s first two semesters or quarters, and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each term thereafter. The following exceptions may apply whereby the 15-credit requirement is set aside.

1. If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least twelve credits during the last semester or quarter.
2. Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the 2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the student’s final two semesters or quarters.
3. The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits does not apply in the case of a student participating in a clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external experience, provided:
 - (a) The external experience is equivalent to at least six credits; and
 - (b) The credits for the external experience, together with any other credits in which the student is enrolled, total at least twelve.

Scholarship Renewal Requirement

Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA based on a 4.00 scale, which is reviewed following each term. If a student’s cumulative GPA falls below 2.75, the student will be given one term to bring the cumulative GPA to 2.75 or higher. The scholarship will be suspended if the student fails to meet the GPA requirement following the “probationary” term.

Eligible North Dakota Institutions

Eligible students may use the scholarship at the following institutions within North Dakota. Qualifying North Dakota institutions must be accredited and NDUS Procedure further defines eligible institutions as those offering programs of at least 2 years in length.

STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

North Dakota State University
University of North Dakota

STATE 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

Dickinson State University
Mayville State University
Minot State University
Valley City State University

TWO-YEAR STATE COLLEGES

Bismarck State College
Dakota College at Bottineau
Lake Region State College
North Dakota State College of Science
Williston State College

PRIVATE COLLEGES

Rasmussen College
Trinity Bible College
University of Jamestown
University of Mary

TRIBAL COLLEGES

Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College
Sitting Bull College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College

Data Tables & Charts

Table 1a

How many high school seniors* met the scholarship requirements?							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL
Number of HS seniors	7,677	8,674	7,994	8,398	7,768	7,839	48,350
Number of eligible students	1,589	1,201	1,350	1,499	1,554	1,709	8,902
% of HS seniors eligible	21%	14%	17%	18%	20%	22%	18%

*High school seniors as reported by ND DPI.

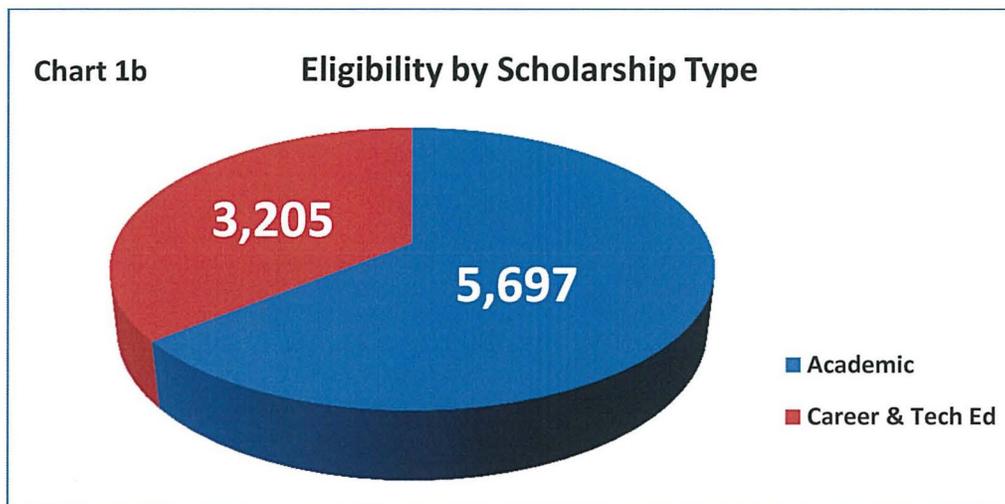


Table 1c

Scholarship Stats Since Inception	
# of students awarded ND Academic or CTE Scholarship	8,902
# suspended (GPA) or other administrative hold	988
% of eligible either suspended or admin hold	11%
# who earned full scholarship – paid in full	935
% of 2010 & 2011 cohorts paid in full	11%
Total dollars disbursed to date	\$23,263,847

Table 2 – eligibility since inception

County	# of Seniors by County	# Eligible Scholarship Recipients by County	# Scholarships Suspended (GPA) Or Admin Hold	%	# Scholarships Paid In Full	%	# Scholarships Still Active or Deferred	%
Adams 1	131	3	0	0%	0	0%	3	100%
Barnes 2	776	165	17	10%	12	7%	136	83%
Benson 3	526	35	4	11%	3	9%	28	80%
Billings 4	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bottineau 5	447	86	9	10%	8	9%	69	81%
Bowman 6	277	61	1	2%	4	7%	56	91%
Burke 7	125	36	6	17%	2	6%	28	77%
Burleigh 8	5,991	969	82	8%	109	11%	778	81%
Cass 9	10,538	1,523	220	14%	154	10%	1,149	76%
Cavalier 10	269	52	0	0%	6	12%	46	88%
Dickey 11	396	120	14	12%	14	12%	92	76%
Divide 12	139	45	11	24%	3	7%	31	69%
Dunn 13	228	46	8	17%	2	4%	36	79%
Eddy 14	170	52	4	8%	2	4%	46	88%
Emmons 15	330	79	2	3%	14	18%	63	79%
Foster 16	282	84	8	10%	6	7%	70	83%
G. Valley 17	177	43	2	5%	10	23%	31	72%
Gr. Forks 18	4,085	695	88	13%	82	12%	525	75%
Grant 19	149	24	4	17%	1	4%	19	79%
Griggs 20	197	42	3	7%	2	5%	37	88%
Hettinger 21	198	51	4	8%	4	8%	43	84%
Kidder 22	193	41	0	0%	2	5%	39	95%
LaMoure 23	290	86	13	15%	11	13%	62	72%
Logan 24	169	71	5	7%	5	7%	61	86%
McHenry 25	460	133	17	13%	16	12%	100	75%
McIntosh 26	205	44	3	7%	3	7%	38	86%
McKenzie 27	431	41	6	15%	6	15%	29	70%
McLean 28	715	148	23	16%	13	9%	112	75%
Mercer 29	659	208	30	14%	24	12%	154	74%
Morton 30	1,947	297	18	6%	36	12%	243	82%
Mountrail 31	579	61	4	7%	2	3%	55	90%
Nelson 32	241	68	5	7%	11	16%	52	77%
Oliver 33	102	21	2	10%	4	19%	15	71%
Pembina 34	554	123	16	13%	9	7%	98	80%
Pierce 35	317	77	8	10%	9	12%	60	78%
Ramsey 36	961	137	8	6%	13	9%	116	85%
Ransom 37	435	87	9	9%	7	9%	71	82%
Renville 38	265	48	7	15%	3	6%	38	79%
Richland 39	1,106	392	49	13%	33	9%	310	78%
Rolette 40	1,419	79	6	8%	7	9%	66	83%
Sargent 41	370	122	14	11%	13	11%	95	78%
Sheridan 42	53	11	1	9%	3	27%	7	64%
Sioux 43	321	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Slope 44	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Stark 45	1,970	558	60	11%	63	11%	435	78%
Steele 46	198	52	2	4%	3	6%	47	90%
Stutsman 47	1,322	297	37	12%	28	9%	232	79%
Towner 48	141	56	9	16%	9	16%	38	68%
Traill 49	656	169	18	11%	19	11%	132	78%
Walsh 50	770	157	18	11%	12	8%	127	81%
Ward 51	4,063	726	86	12%	96	13%	544	75%
Wells 52	283	94	5	5%	11	12%	78	83%
Williams 53	1,724	235	22	9%	25	11%	188	80%
Other	Unknown	52	0	0%	1	2%	51	98%
Totals	48,350	8,902	988	11%	935	11%	6,979	78%

Table 3a

Fall 2015 awards - College sector attended for students with a disbursement									
	2 Year Public or Tribal		4 Year Public		Research		Private		Total
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
ND Academic Scholarship	142	3%	292	7%	2,009	47%	341	8%	2,784
ND Career & Technical Education Scholarship	315	7%	283	7%	765	18%	166	4%	1,529
Total	457	11%	575	13%	2,774	64%	507	12%	4,313

Chart 3b

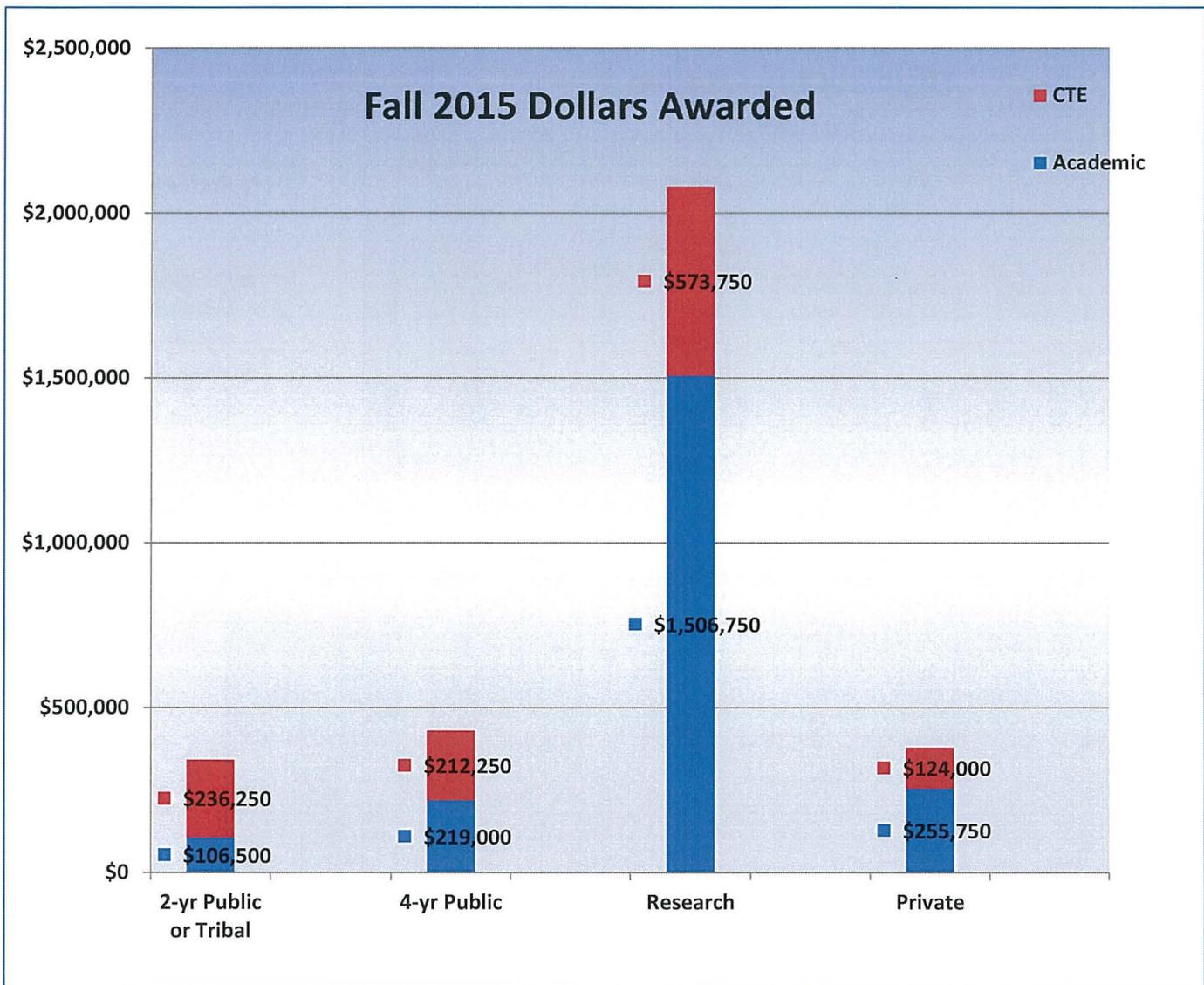
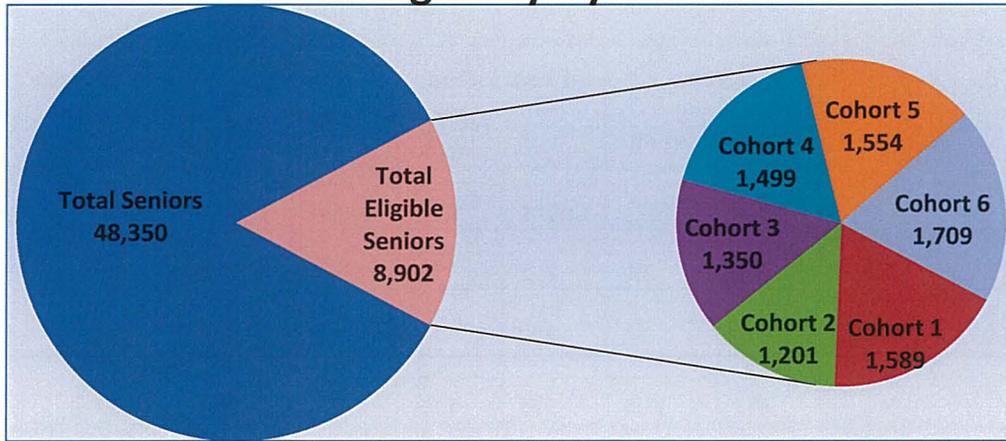
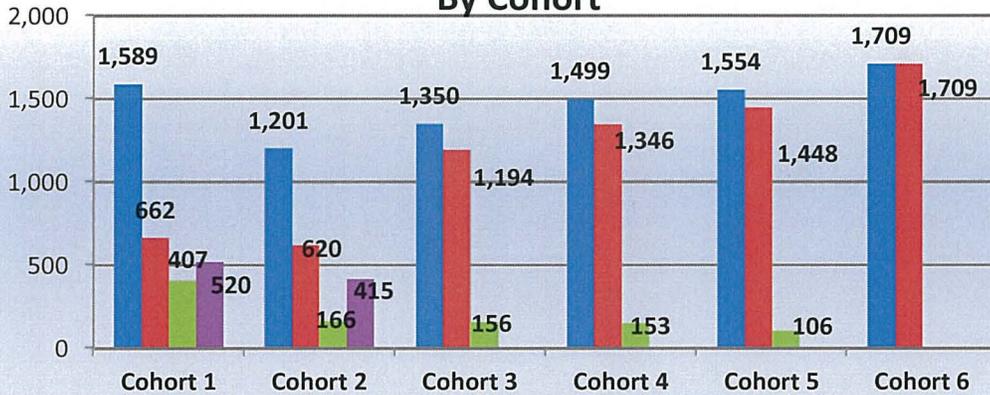


Chart 4a Eligibility By Cohort



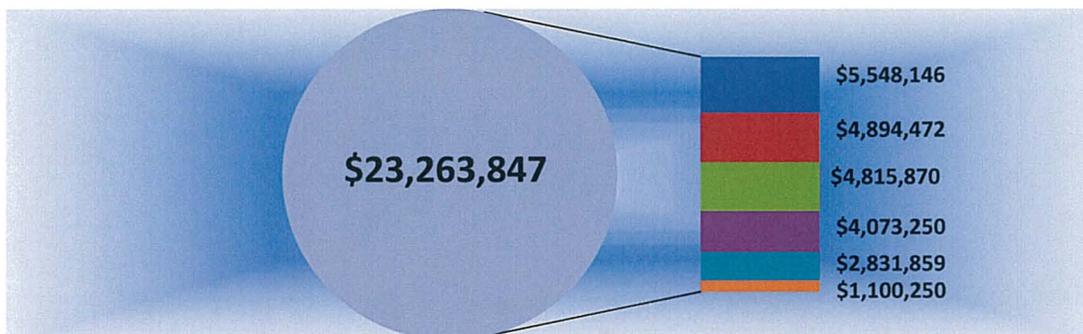
- Cohort 1 (2010)
- Cohort 2 (2011)
- Cohort 3 (2012)
- Cohort 4 (2013)
- Cohort 5 (2014)
- Cohort 6 (2015)

Chart 4b Eligibility and Attrition By Cohort



- Original # eligible
- # Still eligible
- # Suspended (GPA) or no longer eligible
- # Paid in full

Chart 4c Total Disbursed as of Fall 2015 (10/29/2015)



- Cohort 1
- Cohort 2
- Cohort 3
- Cohort 4
- Cohort 5
- Cohort 6