

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.6 and 15.1-21-02.8 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility requirements for the North Dakota academic and
3 career and technical education scholarships.

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

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

7 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

8 1. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
9 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
10 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 on or before December 31,
11 2021, and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public
12 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
13 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred
14 fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time
15 at an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a
16 cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward
17 degree completion.

18 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
19 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
20 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 on or before
21 December 31, 2021, and who is certified as being eligible by the
22 superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic
23 scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in
24 the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student

- 1 is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this
2 state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains
3 progress toward degree completion.
- 4 b. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure the student
5 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining a
6 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board
7 shall provide notification to the student within ten days.
- 8 c. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this
9 section.
- 10 d. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
11 institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 12 e. (1) (a) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
13 semesters.
14 (b) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
15 quarters.
- 16 (2) A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the
17 student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate
18 program.
- 19 f. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who
20 fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:
21 (1) Graduates from a high school in this state;
22 (2) Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
23 (3) Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing
24 with a custodial parent in this state; or
25 (4) Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with
26 chapter 15.1-23.
- 27 g. (1) For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full
28 time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the
29 student is attending.
30 (2) A student who is enrolled less than full time may retain scholarship eligibility
31 if the student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The

- 1 waiver of the full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship
2 eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.
- 3 (3) For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,
4 "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum
5 number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to
6 qualify for the subsequent disbursement:
- 7 (a) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;
8 (b) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;
9 (c) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;
10 (d) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;
11 (e) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and
12 (f) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.
- 13 2. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
14 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
15 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
16 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public
17 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
18 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred
19 fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full-time
20 at least half time at an accredited public research institution, public four-year
21 institution, or private four-year institution of higher education in this state,
22 and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains
23 progress toward degree completion.
- 24 b. (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
25 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
26 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
27 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public
28 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
29 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand
30 five hundred dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled
31 at least half time at an accredited public two-year institution or tribal

- 1 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
2 point average of 2.75.
- 3 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
4 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
5 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
6 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public
7 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota
8 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of five hundred
9 dollars for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full-time at least
10 half time at an accredited public research institution, public four-year
11 institution, or private four-year institution of higher education in this state,
12 and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains
13 progress toward degree completion.
- 14 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
15 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education
16 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,
17 and who is certified as eligible by the superintendent of public instruction
18 either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and
19 technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars for
20 each quarter during which the student is enrolled at least half time at an
21 accredited public two-year institution or tribal institution of higher education
22 in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 23 2. c. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the
24 student meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon
25 determining that a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this
26 section, the board shall provide notification to the student within ten days.
- 27 3. d. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this
28 section.
- 29 4. e. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
30 institution in which the degree-seeking or certificate-seeking student is enrolled.

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

1 (6) ~~Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.~~

2 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is
3 amended and reenacted as follows:

4 **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

- 5 1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point
6 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion
7 of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the
8 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the
9 next semester in which the student is enrolled ~~full-time~~at least half time. The
10 exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 11 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of
12 higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,
13 the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic
14 or career and technical education scholarships.
- 15 2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point
16 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion
17 of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the
18 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the
19 next quarter in which the student is enrolled ~~full-time~~at least half time. The
20 exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 21 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of
22 higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,
23 the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic
24 or career and technical education scholarships.