

Aspiring Principals Pipeline Grant Highlights

Introduction

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) applied to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) for a Registered Principal Apprenticeship Program and was approved in July 2023. The NDDPI is releasing a third round for an Aspiring Principals Pipeline grant.

Eligible Applicants

North Dakota universities that offer a program for a Master's in School Leadership can apply for funding. Individuals serving in the role of an assistant principal or a similar position while working on their Master's in School Leadership can apply for a scholarship. Unfortunately, individuals who already have a Master's in School Leadership are not eligible for a scholarship.

Priorities

Priority will be given to proposals that can provide scholarships to the largest number of educators in the 2025-26 school year.

Funding

The NDDPI has between \$150,000 - \$200,000 available for this grant. The department may award one recipient or fund multiple recipients.

Allowable Costs

Funds must be used for tuition/scholarships for assistant principals to take coursework leading to a Master's in School Leadership.

Time Frame

The Aspiring Principals Pipeline Program is a one-year grant. Grant funds must be spent between July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026.

Timelines

RFA Released:	April 23, 2025
Applications Due:	Wednesday, June 4, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. CDT
Send To:	dpiasstsupt@nd.gov
Awarded Applicants Notified:	July 1, 2025
Project Period:	July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

Proposal Review

Applicants should use the evaluation rubric (Appendix B) as the project narrative to guide them in writing a proposal. NDDPI will use the rubric to evaluate and rate each proposal.

Contents of Proposal

The Aspiring Principal Pipeline RFA includes the following contents:

- NDDPI memorandum
- Grant proposal highlights
- Request for applications
- Appendix A: Budget Template
- Appendix B: Technical Response Rubric
- Appendix C: MOU between NDDPI and the LEAs