



SB 2032 Para-to-Teacher Tuition Scholarship Q&A

Q: How long do I need to work as a paraprofessional before I can apply for a tuition scholarship?

A: There are no requirements for working as a paraprofessional for a certain length of time before being eligible to apply. You are eligible for the program if you are a paraprofessional working in a North Dakota school.

Q: What if I can't finish all my coursework by June 2025 when the scholarship program ends?

A: The North Dakota State Legislature funded this program through June 30, 2025. Paraprofessionals who cannot complete their coursework by that date will be responsible for the costs after that timeframe.

Q: Do you need to be working as a full-time paraprofessional to qualify for a tuition scholarship?

A: No. Individuals working at least 50% of the school day as paraprofessionals are eligible for a tuition scholarship.

Q: How does financial aid affect the amount of the tuition scholarship I can request?

A: Interested applicants must work with the university of their choice to ensure that any financial aid is utilized first and deducted from the amount requested in a tuition scholarship.

Q: Do I need to be accepted into a university program before I apply for a tuition scholarship?

A: No. However, interested applicants need to reach out to the university of their choice to discuss their situation before applying so they know how many credits they need and can accurately fill out the application.

Q: Can I get a tuition scholarship to pursue a master's degree through this program?

A: No. This program is to help interested paraprofessionals obtain their bachelor's degree to teach in North Dakota.