

**North Dakota Diploma and Scholarship Information**  
**North Dakota Academic or Career and Technical Education Scholarship**

North Dakota resident students may apply for either the North Dakota Academic or Career and Technical Education Scholarship. The amount of each scholarship is \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter based on full-time enrollment in an accredited higher education institution in North Dakota, both public and private. The students may be eligible for up to \$6,000 within six academic school years (do not have to be consecutive years) after graduation from high school. The scholarships are renewable provided the student maintains a 2.75 grade point average based on a 4.00 scale reviewed each semester. The student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits the first two terms and 15 credits each term thereafter, unless specific exceptions are met. Additional program guidelines can be found at [NDUS.edu/students](http://NDUS.edu/students).

*Applications are submitted online and may be accessed at <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/scholarship> from January 4 through June 3, 2016. Application deadline will be June 3. High school graduates will be notified of their eligibility for either scholarship by June 30. Students then must log in to the application site and either accept or defer the scholarship. No late applications will be accepted.*

An accredited institution of higher education is a post-secondary institution offering at least a 2-year degree regardless if all programs are 2 years or more in duration. A student may use either the North Dakota Academic Scholarship or the North Dakota Career and Technical Education Scholarship at the following institutions:

STATE UNIVERSITIES

Dickinson State University  
Mayville State University  
Minot State University  
North Dakota State University  
University of North Dakota  
Valley City State University

PRIVATE COLLEGES

University of Jamestown  
Trinity Bible College  
University of Mary  
Rasmussen College

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Bismarck State College  
Cankdeska Cikana Community College  
Lake Region State College  
Dakota College at Bottineau  
North Dakota State College of Science  
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College  
Sitting Bull College  
Turtle Mt. Community College  
United Tribes Technical College  
Williston State College

**Test Date for Seniors:** Seniors applying for the scholarship may take either the ACT or the WorkKeys written assessments after the *February* testing date. Seniors should contact a counselor or principal at their high school for information as to where and when these assessments will be administered. Any ACT official test results taken later than the February testing date must be sent by the student to the Department of Public Instruction. WorkKeys online tests may be taken right up until the June 3 deadline as the results are immediate. Those official results must be sent to the Department of Public Instruction by the student.

**Test Date for Juniors:** Juniors will test in their respective high schools or a designated testing site on *March 15, 2016*, with a make-up day scheduled for *March 29, 2016*. If a junior does not score a 24 or higher on the ACT or obtain a score of at least "5" on each of the 3 WorkKeys assessments, the student may retake the test to attain a higher score.

The testing coordinator may request accommodations for students taking the ACT test for approval from ACT. *Deadline for ACT to receive requests for accommodations is December of each year.* Accommodations for WorkKeys will be determined by the school based on the individual student's IEP or 504 Plan.

*Note: Any ACT official test results taken later than the February testing date, must be sent to DPI by the student.*

Information about the ACT and the WorkKeys may be found at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Please contact your high school counselor or look on the web at [https://www.nd.gov/dpi/schoolstaff/assessment/act\\_workkeys/](https://www.nd.gov/dpi/schoolstaff/assessment/act_workkeys/) for more information on the scholarships and the assessments.

National ACT test dates in the 2015-2016 school year are:

September 12, 2015      October 24, 2015      December 12, 2015      February 6, 2016      April 9, 2016

**WorkKeys Test Dates and Sites:** Testing schedules at high schools, colleges and universities is posted at [https://www.nd.gov/dpi/schoolstaff/assessment/act\\_workkeys/](https://www.nd.gov/dpi/schoolstaff/assessment/act_workkeys/).

**High School Graduation Requirements**  
**(one unit = one full credit)**

**Minimum Diploma Requirements (NDCC 15.1-21-02.2)**

1. 4 units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. 3 units of mathematics;
3. 3 units of science, including:
  - o 1 unit of physical science;
  - o 1 unit of biology; and
  - o 1 unit (or 2 half-units) of any other science;
4. 3 units of social studies, including:
  - o 1 unit of US history;
  - o ½ unit of US government and ½ unit of economics; OR
  - o 1 unit of problems of democracy; AND
  - o 1 unit (or 2 half-units) of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, ND studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5. 1 unit of physical education;  
OR  
½ unit of physical education and ½ unit of health
6. 3 units of:
  - a. Foreign languages;
  - b. Native American languages;
  - c. Fine arts; or
  - d. Career and technical education courses; and
7. Any 5 additional units

**ND Academic Scholarship Eligibility Requirements (NDCC 15.1-21-02.5)**

1. North Dakota resident student
2. Graduate from a high school in North Dakota or from a high school in a bordering state according to provisions set forth in ND Century Code 15.1-29 or a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state (NDCC 15.1-21-02.6)
3. Complete the following course requirements:
  - a. 4 units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech
  - b. 3 units of mathematics, including 1 unit of algebra II and 1 unit of mathematics for which algebra II is a prerequisite
  - c. 3 units of science, including 1 unit of physical science, 1 unit of biology, and 1 unit or two ½ units of any other science
  - d. 3 units of social studies, including 1 unit of US history, 1 unit of problems of democracy or ½ unit of US government and ½ unit of economics, and 1 unit or two ½ units of any other social studies
  - e. 1 unit of physical education or ½ unit of physical education and ½ unit of health
  - f. 2 units of the same foreign language; the same Native American language; American Sign Language; or 2 unit of career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study recommended by the Department of Career and Technical Education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction
  - g. 1 unit selected from foreign languages; Native American languages; American Sign Language; fine arts; or career and technical education
  - h. Any 5 additional units
4. Fulfill any 1 unit requirement set forth above by means of an advanced placement course and examination OR fulfill, ½ unit requirement above by means of a dual credit course, OR 1 unit of an early entrance college course.
5. a. Obtain a grade of at least “C” in each unit or ½ unit in all courses enrolled and obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (non-weighted grading scale) for all courses enrolled;  
OR
5. b. Obtain a grade of “C” in each unit or ½ unit and obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (non-weighted grading scale) based ONLY on the 22-units defined in sections 3 and 4 above
6. Receive a composite score of at least 24 on an ACT

### **ND Career and Technical Education Scholarship Eligibility Requirements (NDCC 15.1-21-02.4)**

1. North Dakota resident student
2. Graduate from a high school in North Dakota or from a high school in a bordering state according to provisions set forth in ND Century Code 15.1-29 or a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state (NDCC 15.1-21-02.6)
3. Complete the following course requirements:
  - a. 4 units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech
  - b. 3 units of mathematics, including 1 unit of algebra II and 2 units of any other mathematics
  - c. 3 units of science, including 1 unit of physical science, 1 unit of biology, and 1 unit or two ½ units of any other science
  - d. 3 units of social studies, including 1 unit of US history, 1 unit of problems of democracy or ½ unit of US government and ½ unit of economics, and 1 unit or two ½ units of any other social studies
  - e. 1 unit of physical education or ½ unit of physical education and ½ unit of health
  - f. 1 unit selected from foreign languages; Native American languages; American Sign Language; fine arts; or career and technical education
  - g. 2 units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the Department of Career and Technical Education. The coordinated plans of study may be viewed at:  
<http://www.nd.gov/cte/programs/career-dev/plans-of-study.html>
  - h. Any 5 additional units, 2 of which must be in the area of career and technical education
4. a. Obtain a grade of at least “C” in each unit or ½ unit in all courses enrolled and obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (non-weighted grading scale) for all courses enrolled;  
OR
4. b. Obtain a grade of “C” in each unit or ½ unit and obtain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (non-weighted grading scale) based ONLY on the 22-units defined in section 3 above
5. Receive a composite score of at least 24 on an ACT or a score of at least “5” on each of 3 WorkKeys assessments to include Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Mathematics

***Note: Students who are eligible for the ND Career and Technical Education Scholarship due to level scores earned on the WorkKeys assessments must send a copy of their WorkKeys Skill Report to the Department of Public Instruction.***

For questions regarding the requirements of the North Dakota Academic or Career and Technical Education Scholarship, contact the Teacher and School Effectiveness staff member below:

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