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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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**42-01-01-01. Organization of Indian ~~scholarship program~~Scholarship Board.**

1. **History and function.** The 1963 legislative assembly first provided for the North Dakota Indian ~~scholarship program~~Scholarship Board by a law codified as North Dakota Century Code chapter 15-63.
2. **ProgramBoard membership.** Members of the North Dakota Indian ~~scholarship program~~Scholarship Board consist of an Indian appointed by the governor, the executive director of the state Indian affairs commission, and the chancellor of higher education or the chancellor's designee. The chancellor of higher education or the chancellor's designee shall serve as chairman and the executive director of the state Indian affairs commission shall serve as secretary of the board for Indian scholarships.
3. **Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding the programboard may be addressed to:

North Dakota Indian Scholarship ProgramBoard  
 North Dakota University System  
 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215  
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0230

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## ARTICLE 42-02

### NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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#### CHAPTER 42-02-01 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Section	
42-02-01-01	Indian Scholarship Basic Policy

**42-02-01-01. Indian ~~scholarship program~~Scholarship Board basic policy.** The North Dakota Indian ~~scholarship program~~Scholarship Board was established to provide scholarship awards to Indian students who qualify through an application procedure ~~as set out~~established by the ~~North Dakota Indian scholarship program~~ board. ~~Two types of awards are available: the first is a need-based award and the second is a merit-based award. In addition, all Indian valedictorian students graduating from high school anywhere in North Dakota will be provided an automatic merit-based scholarship if they will be attending a college or university in North Dakota as full-time students. The board provides awards to state resident Indian students admitted to any institution of higher learning or state career and technical education program within this state. A student may qualify for an award by graduating as a North Dakota high school valedictorian, by demonstrating academic merit, or by demonstrating financial need.~~

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## CHAPTER 42-02-02 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section	
42-2-2-1	Eligibility of Applicants
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42-02-02-03	Selection Process

**42-02-02-01. Eligibility of applicants.** In accordance with North Dakota Century Code chapter 15-63, the following factors shall be considered in the process used to determine eligibility of applicants:

1. An applicant must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and a resident of North Dakota. Residency for each student shall be determined by the institution that student is attending.
2. An applicant may not be considered eligible until the applicant has gained admission to any institution of higher learning or state ~~vocational~~career and technical education program of study within North Dakota and has had this fact certified to the board.
3. An applicant must ~~be in financial need or a valedictorian or demonstrate academic merit~~graduate as a North Dakota high school valedictorian, demonstrate academic merit, or demonstrate financial need.
4. An applicant must ~~show~~demonstrate probable and continuing success as a student by earning a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 for a merit-based scholarship or 2.00 for a need-based scholarship. Applicants who apply with a general educational development high school diploma shall be considered to have met the requirement of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average.
5. The scholarship funds are ~~only~~ available to students ~~who are considered to be enrolled full-time students,~~ or to part-time students who ~~may need minimal credits to will complete their degree requirements within one semester term, in their course of study by the college or university they are attending. Prorated awards are available to post-baccalaureate students enrolled less than full-time. The board considers full-time enrollment to be twelve semester hours for undergraduate students and nine semester hours for graduate students, or an equivalent number of quarter hours or clock hours.~~
6. Students participating in internships, student teaching, teaching assistance programs, or cooperative education programs shall be eligible for a scholarship award only if participation in that program will earn credits which require tuition and which are required for a degree.
7. Students may not receive more than the equivalent of full funding for six academic years under the scholarship.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15-63-02, 15-63-04

#### 42-02-02-02. Procedures for application.

1. All applications shall be submitted to the administrator of the Indian ~~scholarship-~~Scholarship program:

North Dakota Indian Scholarship ~~Program~~  
North Dakota University System  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230

2. The priority deadline for application is the fifteenth of July of each year.
3. Along with a completed application form, ~~all~~ candidates shall also submit ~~the~~ following:
  - a. Verification of tribal enrollment;
  - b. The applicant's most recent transcript (~~high school, college, university, or general equivalency diploma certificate~~) that shows a cumulative grade point average (~~unofficial is acceptable~~); and
  - c. A ~~budget~~ needs analysis form completed by a financial aid officer at the institution the applicant will be attending.; and
  - d. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), for consideration for need-based awards.
4. ~~Applicants whose financial circumstances change in the year of the awarded grant may be considered for revision of award or other budget adjustments, or both, through a special request to the scholarship board.~~ Current award recipients may apply for continued funding through the following academic year by submitting an application and items (b) through (d) in subsection 3.
5. ~~Current recipients wishing to apply for continued funding through the following academic year shall submit:~~
  - a. ~~An updated transcript; and~~
  - b. ~~A new budget completed by the financial aid officer at the institution the student is attending.~~Applicants whose circumstances change during the academic year may be considered for an award or an adjustment to an award by appealing in writing to the board.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 15-63-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15-63-02

**42-02-02-03. Selection process.** All completed applications received ~~before~~by the application priority deadline ~~will~~shall be given full and equal consideration when screening for eligibility for the scholarship.

Candidates for the scholarship shall be assigned to one of three award categories as valedictorian, merit-based, or need-based applicants. Award priority shall be given to high school valedictorians, then to merit-based applicants, then to need-based applicants. Grade point averages shall be ranked from highest to lowest for merit-based applicants. Demonstrated financial need, defined as an applicant's cost of attendance minus non-loan financial aid resources and the applicant's FAFSA-calculated expected family contribution, shall be ranked from highest need to lowest need for need-based applicants. Within each award category, the board may give preference to applicants who are members of North Dakota-based Indian tribes. The board may establish additional priority criteria as required to make award selections.

Any eligible applicant who is not offered an award but whose application was received by the priority deadline shall be placed on a wait list for funds which may become available throughout the academic year. Students on the wait list shall be ranked according to the priority funding selection process.

Applications received after the priority deadline shall be considered only if all eligible applicants meeting the deadline are awarded and if funds remain. Late applications shall be considered in date order received based on the priority funding selection process previously noted. All awardees and their respective institutions shall be sent notification after the completion of the selection process.

1. **Awards for valedictorians.** All high school valedictorians meeting the application criteria ~~will~~shall receive an award ~~if the application deadline has been met~~for the academic year immediately following their graduation from high school.
2. **Awards for merit-based scholarship.** The recipient of the merit-based scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. Financial need is not ~~necessarily~~ a factor. The award is to provide an incentive to students with high academic achievements.
3. **Awards for financial ~~need or basic~~need-based scholarship.** The recipient of the ~~basic-need-based~~ scholarship must ~~show~~demonstrate financial need on the needs analysis form completed by a financial aid officer at the institution the applicant is attending, and ~~maintain~~must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 or possess an acceptable high school equivalency credential. ~~Undergraduates will be given priority over graduate students.~~

~~Any eligible student who is not offered an award but whose grant application was received by the fifteenth of July deadline will be placed on a waiting list for funds which may become available throughout the academic year. Students on the waiting list will be ranked according to financial need, cumulative grade point average, and before late applications.~~

~~All awardees will be sent notification immediately after the completion of the selection process. A student who has been chosen to be a recipient of an award shall notify the scholarship administrator of the student's acceptance or rejection of the award. Acceptance—or~~

~~rejection notices must be received by the administrator within three weeks of the date on the award notification letter.~~

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## CHAPTER 42-02-03 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### Section

42-2-3-1 Award Amounts

~~42-2-3-2 Policy for a Student Who Declines an Initial Offer of Scholarship Award~~

~~42-02-03-03~~42-02-03-02 Disbursement Procedures

**42-02-03-01. Award amounts.** Criteria to be used in determining award amounts are availability of funds, total number of applicants, prevailing tuition rates, grade point averages, and financial need. Award amounts shall be set by the board each academic year. The award amount may be reduced to accord with an individual recipient's financial need.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 15-63-02

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15-63-02

~~**42-02-03-02. Policy for a student who declines an initial offer of scholarship award.** A student who declines the initial offer of a scholarship and requests reinstatement will be considered only in the event attrition produces funds available for reawarding to re-award.~~

~~**History:** Effective February 1, 2000.~~

~~**General Authority:** NDCC 15-63-02~~

~~**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15-63-02~~

~~**42-02-03-03**42-02-03-02. Disbursement procedures. Upon receipt of acceptance notices from the students, the North Dakota university system will process award checks according to procedures set out at colleges or universities.~~

~~The checks will~~Each academic term, award payments shall be sent to the ~~institution's financial aid office~~student's institution for disbursement ~~to the student upon verification of enrollment and scholarship eligibility requirements, continued academic eligibility, and demonstrated financial need, if applicable.~~ Students are expected to use scholarship disbursements to pay their normal education expenses. Recipients may apply the awards toward the cost of registration, health, activities, ~~room and~~ board, books, and other necessary items.

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**CHAPTER 42-02-04  
POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Section

42-2-4-1 Policy for Satisfactory Progress

~~42-2-4-2 Policy for Students Who Delay or Interrupt Their Academic Programs~~

~~42-02-04-03~~42-02-04-02 Policy for Refunds and Repayments

**42-02-04-01. Policy for satisfactory progress.** The North Dakota Indian ~~scholarship program~~Scholarship Board requires the student to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 ~~or above~~ for renewal. A merit-based scholarship recipient who does not maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 may be considered for a need-based scholarship if the student maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00.

~~In order to renew a merit-based scholarship, a recipient must maintain a 3.50 cumulative grade point average.~~

~~All recipients must maintain full-time status, or part-time status if minimal credits are needed to complete their degree requirements within one semester as defined in their programs of study.~~

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15-63-02

~~**42-02-04-02. Policy for students who delay or interrupt their academic programs.** Students who accept and use a scholarship and who subsequently interrupt their academic programs may petition the board for reinstatement.~~

~~**History:** Effective February 1, 2000.~~

~~**General Authority:** NDCC 15-63-02~~

~~**Law Implemented:** NDCC 15-63-02~~

~~**42-02-04-03**~~**42-02-04-02. Policy for refunds and repayments.** A student who withdraws after having received ~~an advance on the student's scholarship~~a North Dakota Indian Scholarship shall have any refunds or repayments due to the scholarship program board determined by the stated refund or repayment policy of the campus the student is attending.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 15-63-02

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## CHAPTER 42-02-05 APPEALS PROCESS

Section  
42-02-05-01 Appeals Process

**42-02-05-01. Appeals process.** Any student who has been denied funding or who has lost funding may appeal to the board. In this case the student must submit, in writing, a description and explanation of the circumstances involved and a summary of the student's concerns, along with any supporting documentation.

The appeal should be addressed to the ~~scholarship~~-board:

North Dakota Indian Scholarship ~~Program~~Board  
North Dakota University System  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230

The board shall consider the appeal ~~and will contact the student regarding its decision within two weeks after the board renders a decision. and, under extraordinary circumstances affecting a student's eligibility for funding, may grant an award on appeal for the remainder of the academic year. The board shall contact the student regarding its decision within two weeks after the board renders a decision.~~

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