

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2064

Introduced by

Senators Lyson, Holmberg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-62.2-00.1 and 15-62.2-03.3 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to applicants for state scholarships.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.2-00.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-62.2-00.1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
7 requires:

- 8 1. ~~"Eligible candidate Applicant"~~ "Applicant" means ~~a graduate of an individual who has~~
9 graduated from a high school in this state or who is a resident of this state for
10 tuition purposes, and whose assessment composite scores on the test of academic
11 achievement administered by ~~the American college testing program~~ ACT, Inc.,
12 place the ~~student individual~~ individual in at least the ninety-fifth percentile of all students
13 taking the test by July first of the year preceding the year in which the ~~student is~~
14 ~~applying for a scholarship, and who ranks in the upper twentieth percentile of the~~
15 ~~student's high school class~~ individual is enrolled as a full-time resident student in
16 an eligible institution.
- 17 2. "Eligible institution" means an accredited public or nonprofit private postsecondary
18 institution in this state.
- 19 3. "Full-time resident student" means ~~a person who is a graduate of an individual who~~
20 has graduated from a high school in this state or who is a resident of this state for
21 tuition purposes, and who is enrolled at an eligible institution carrying a course of
22 study which is "full time" as defined by the eligible institution.

4. ~~"High school class rank" means the position a scholarship candidate holds in the~~
~~candidate's graduating class, as determined by the state board of higher~~
~~education.~~

5. "Scholar" means a full-time resident student who is awarded a scholarship or who
has previously received a scholarship.

6. 5. "Scholarship" means a financial award granted to a state scholar as determined by
this chapter.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15-62.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code
is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-62.2-03.3. Selection of scholars.

1. All ~~eligible candidates~~ applicants must be ranked by their composite scores on the
test of academic achievement administered by ~~the American college testing~~
~~program~~ ACT, Inc.
2. If two or more ~~eligible students~~ applicants have the same composite scores, they
must be ranked by the numeric sum of the four scale scores on the test of
academic achievement administered by ~~the American college testing program~~
ACT, Inc.
3. If two or more ~~eligible students~~ applicants have the same composite scores and
the same numeric sum of the four scale scores, they must be ranked by ~~their high~~
~~school class rank calculated on a percentile basis~~ the numeric sum of their English
and mathematics scores.
4. The state board of higher education may establish additional criteria to rank
applicants who have the same numeric sum of their English and mathematics
scores.
5. Scholarships must be offered to ~~students~~ applicants in descending order
according to this ranking until available funds have been expended or until the pool
of ~~eligible~~ applicants has been exhausted.