

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to North Dakota scholarships; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

7 1. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
8 graduates from high school before the 2014-15 school year and who is
9 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
10 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
11 education scholarship, in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars, for each
12 semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
13 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
14 point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 grading scale.

15 b. (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
16 graduates from high school before the 2014-15 school year and who is
17 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
18 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
19 education scholarship, in the amount of five hundred dollars, for each
20 quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
21 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
22 point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 grading scale.

23 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
24 graduates from high school during or after the 2014-15 school year and who

1 is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either
2 a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and
3 technical education scholarship, in the amount of _____ dollars, for
4 each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
5 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
6 point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 grading scale.

7 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
8 graduates from high school during or after the 2014-15 school year and is
9 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
10 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
11 education scholarship, in the amount of _____ dollars, for each
12 quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
13 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
14 point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 grading scale.

15 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student
16 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a
17 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall
18 provide notification to the student within ten days.

19 3. a. AExcept as provided in this subsection, a student is not entitled to receive more
20 than six thousand dollars under this section.

21 b. A student who graduates from high school during or after the 2014-15 school
22 year is entitled to receive up to _____ dollars under this section.

23 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
24 institution in which the student is enrolled.

25 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
26 semesters.

27 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
28 quarters.

29 b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years
30 after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to
31 graduate programs.

- 1 6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills
2 the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:
- 3 a. Graduates from a high school in this state;
- 4 b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- 5 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a
6 custodial parent in this state; or
- 7 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter
8 15.1-23.
- 9 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
10 means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters
11 and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or
12 enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board
13 of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 14 b. (1) If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may
15 retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least
16 twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as
17 determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students
18 in a quarter system.
- 19 (2) Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the
20 2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain
21 scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the
22 student's final two semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as
23 determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students
24 in a quarter system.
- 25 (3) The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits, as set
26 forth in subdivision a, does not apply in the case of a student participating in
27 a clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external
28 experience, provided the external experience is equivalent to at least twelve
29 units, or such similar amount as determined by the state board of higher
30 education, with respect to students in a quarter system, and considered to
31 be a "full time" placement for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTH**

2 **DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIPS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
3 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of _____, or so much of the sum as may
4 be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of providing academic and
5 career and technical education scholarships, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and
6 ending June 30, 2017.