

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2312  
(Senators Holmberg, C. Nelson, W. Stenehjem)  
(Representatives Berg, Kliniske, Poolman)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15-62.2-00.1 and 15-62.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to scholarships for postsecondary students.

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

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

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

1. "Eligible candidate" means a graduate of a high school in this state or a resident of this state for tuition purposes whose assessment composite scores on the test of academic achievement administered by the American college testing program place the student in at least the ninety-fifth percentile of all students taking the test ~~for~~ by November first of the year preceding January first of the year in which the student is applying for a scholarship, and who ranks in the upper twentieth percentile of the student's high school class.
2. "Eligible institution" means an accredited public or nonprofit private postsecondary institution in this state.
3. "Full-time resident student" means a person who is a graduate of a high school in this state or who is a resident of this state for tuition purposes and who is enrolled at an eligible institution carrying a course of 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 of the seventh semester of the candidate's high school program~~ 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. "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.** All eligible candidates must be ranked by their composite scores on the test of academic achievement administered by the American college testing program. If two or more eligible students have the same scores, they must be ranked by their high school class rank calculated on a percentile basis. Scholarships must be offered to students in descending order according to this ranking until available funds have been expended, or until the pool of eligible applicants has been exhausted. Scholarships must be awarded in ~~April~~ January of each year for the following academic year, or as soon thereafter as practical.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2312.

Senate Vote:      Yeas    47          Nays    1          Absent    1

House Vote:      Yeas    90          Nays    0          Absent    7

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State