

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2222

Introduced by

Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Murphy

Representatives Dosch, Heilman, Streyle

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.

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 certified as  
8 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North  
9 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical  
10 education scholarship, in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars, for each  
11 semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited  
12 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade  
13 point average of 2.75.

14 ~~b.(2)~~ The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
15 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North  
16 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical  
17 education scholarship, in the amount of five hundred dollars, for each  
18 quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited  
19 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade  
20 point average of 2.75.

21 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
22 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and who  
23 is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either  
24 a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and

1                   technical education scholarship, in the amount of one thousand two hundred  
2                   fifty dollars, for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time  
3                   at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a  
4                   cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

5                   (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
6                   graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and is  
7                   certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a  
8                   North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical  
9                   education scholarship, in the amount of eight hundred thirty-three dollars,  
10                  for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an  
11                  accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a  
12                  cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

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

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

19                  b. A student who graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school  
20                  year is entitled to receive up to ten thousand dollars under this section.

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

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

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

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

30                  6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills  
31                  the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who graduates from:

- 1           a. A high school in this state;
- 2           b. A high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; or
- 3           c. A nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent
- 4           in this state.
- 5        7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
- 6           means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters
- 7           and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or
- 8           enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board
- 9           of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 10        b. (1) ~~If after six consecutive semesters a student requires twenty-four or fewer~~
- 11           ~~than fifteen~~ credits to graduate, the student may retain scholarship eligibility
- 12           by enrolling in ~~only fewer than fifteen but at least~~ twelve credits during ~~each-~~
- 13           ~~of the student's final two semesters~~ the semester, or the equivalent number
- 14           of credits, as determined by the state board of higher education, with
- 15           respect to students in a quarter system.
- 16        (2) ~~The exception provided for in this subdivision is applicable to any student~~
- 17           ~~graduating after June 30, 2013, but before July 1, 2015~~ Students who
- 18           graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the 2010-11 school year
- 19           and who have completed six semesters may retain scholarship eligibility by
- 20           enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the student's final two
- 21           semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state
- 22           board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.