

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2023 Legislative Session - As of January 17, 2023

Program	Description	Award Amount	Base Level Appropriation	Bill Number(s)	Additional Funding Recommended or Requested
Student financial assistance grants	Needs-based grants awarded to students based on FAFSA information	Maximum grant of \$1,100 per semester	\$23,917,306	1003 1031	\$0 \$12,000,000
Scholars program	Scholarships awarded to the top-ranked high school graduates based on ACT Aspire scores	Full amount of tuition	\$1,807,115	1003	\$0
Academic and career and technical education scholarship program	Scholarships awarded to resident students who achieve certain academic or technical standards in high school	\$750 per semester	\$16,216,749	1003 1031	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000
Indian scholarship program	Merit or needs-based scholarships awarded to students who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe	Up to \$2,000 per academic year	\$555,323	1003	\$444,677
Professional student exchange program	Secures admission opportunities and reduces tuition costs for North Dakota students who enroll in veterinary medicine, dentistry, and optometry programs at certain out-of-state institutions	Varies by program	\$3,699,342	1003	\$0
Dual-credit tuition scholarship	Funded using Bank of North Dakota profits, this program incentivizes completion of dual-credit courses in high school	Maximum lifetime award of \$750	\$1,500,000 ¹	1003 1031	(\$1,500,000) \$1,500,000
Tribal community college assistance grant	Issued to five North Dakota tribal colleges for enrolling resident nonbeneficiary students	The appropriation is distributed at a prorated amount to each tribal college	\$1,000,000	1003	\$0
Higher education challenge grants	Matching grants for investments in research, scholarships, technology, endowed chairs, and educational infrastructure	Varies	Previous 1-time program	1003 1033	\$50,000,000 \$24,000,000
Energy workforce scholarship	Scholarships for individuals seeking to earn degrees in high-demand occupations and for those displaced by changes in the energy sector	Undetermined	New program	1003	\$10,000,000
DHHS - Public Health loan repayment programs	Loan repayment programs for health care professionals, dentists, and veterinarians	Varies by profession	\$2,120,345	1004	\$118,835
Career builders scholarship and loan repayment	Workforce development program funded through Bank of North Dakota profits and private sector matching funds	Maximum lifetime award of \$17,000	Previous 1-time program	1030 1240	\$0 ² \$2,000,000
High-demand certificates scholarships	Scholarships for students enrolled in commercial driver's license and certified nursing assistant programs	Maximum award of \$500	New program	1032	\$1,000,000
Back the blue grants	Provides grants to assist local law enforcement agencies with workforce recruitment and retention, including tuition and fee payments made on behalf of law enforcement trainees	Varies	New program	1307	\$5,000,000
New Americans workforce development	Provides grants for workforce development training, internships, and mentorship for the New American community	Varies	New program	1421	\$2,000,000
Paraprofessional-to-teacher program	Scholarships and other assistance for paraprofessionals to become qualified teachers	Determined by the Department of Public Instruction	New program	2032	\$3,000,000

Teacher shortage loan forgiveness	Loan repayment program for teachers in rural or critical need positions	Up to \$5,000 per year for 4 years	\$0 ³	2033	\$3,000,000
Psychiatric registered nurse loan repayment	Provides for psychiatric registered nurses to participate in the health care professional student loan repayment program	Up to \$12,000 per year for 5 years	Expanded program	2127	\$888,000
Immigration workforce loan program	Loans for immigrants settling in the state, which are forgivable contingent upon the individual being employed or enrolled as a full-time student	Up to \$160,000	New program	2151	\$10,000,000
Re-energize North Dakota scholarship	Scholarships to recruit and retain individuals to work in the oil and gas industry in the state	Maximum lifetime award of \$16,000	New program	2197	\$10,250,000
Student teacher experience program	Grants for student teachers	Up to \$400 per week of student teaching	New program	2270	\$0
Registered nurse loan repayment	Provides for registered nurses to participate in the health care professional student loan repayment program	Up to \$4,000 per year for 5 years	Expanded program	2287	\$528,480
Nursing matching grants	Matching grants for investments in research, scholarships, technology, endowed chairs, and educational infrastructure for nursing programs	Varies	New program	2288	\$250,000

¹The University System office base budget includes \$1.5 million from other funds for dual-credit tuition scholarships, however the source of funds is not identified. Funding for this program is not included in the Governor's recommended budget, but is identified from Bank of North Dakota profits in House Bill No. 1031.

²There is no ongoing appropriation for the career builders program, however there is funding available for the program for the 2023-25 biennium in the skilled workforce student loan repayment and scholarship funds, from which the state board of higher education has continuing appropriation authority. In its July 2022 report on the career builders program, the University System office estimated \$3.5 million would be available for spending during the 2023-25 biennium from the scholarship and loan repayment funds, however a portion of that funding may be obligated to continue awards for current recipients.

³Approximately \$2.1 million of ongoing funding from the general fund was provided to the Department of Public Instruction in 2019 for the teacher shortage loan forgiveness program. Although the funding for the program has not been removed by the Legislative Assembly, the department has reallocated the funds to other areas of its budget, leaving \$0 available for the program for the 2023-25 biennium.