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Student Financial Assistance Programs

As of 1/27/2025

Program Name	2023-25 Base	NDUS Budget Request (SB2003)	2025-27 NDUS Total Budget Request	New Legislative Bill Proposals ¹
Student Financial Assistance (ND State Grant)	\$29,917,306	\$2,000,000	\$31,917,306	\$12,200,000
ND Scholars Program	\$1,807,115		\$1,807,115	
Academic/CTE/ND Scholarships	\$17,216,749		\$17,216,749	
Native American Scholarship	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	
Dual Credit Tuition Scholarship (BND funding)	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	
ND Career Builders Scholarship & Loan Repayment (BND funding)	\$0		<u>2021-23</u> Carry-Over = \$3,632,500 Request authority of continuing appropriation for 2021-23 and 2023-25 carry-over.	
ND Career Builders Scholarship & Loan Repayment (BND funding)	\$6,800,000		<u>2023-25</u> Carry-Over Est. = \$4,400,000 Request authority of continuing appropriation for 2021-23 and 2023-25 carry-over.	
Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)	\$3,699,342	\$1,500,000	\$5,199,342	
Education Incentive Programs- Doctoral	\$260,000		\$260,000	
Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant (TCCAG)	\$1,400,000		\$1,400,000	\$200,000
Other New Legislative Bill Proposals				\$9,978,932
TOTAL	\$63,600,512	\$3,500,000	\$68,333,012	\$22,378,932

SB2170 – \$778,932 (Armed Services Reserve Schol) ; HB1171 - \$5,000,000 (Law Enforcement Officer Dep Schol); HB1517 - \$4,200,000 (Student Teacher Scholarship); SB2147 - \$12,200,000 (Supplemental State Grant); TCCAG request \$200,000 (Tribal College request)

2023-24 Financial Aid Awards		
Program	\$ Disbursed	# Disbursed
State Grant	\$ 15,149,008	6,395
ND Scholars Program	\$ 935,951	108
Academic/CTE/ND Scholarship	\$ 7,432,137	5,261
Native American Scholarship	\$ 440,836	341
Dual Credit Tuition Scholarship	\$ 559,869	859
ND Career Builders Scholarship	\$ 1,093,237	129
ND Career Builders Loan Repayment	\$ 640,393	145
Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)	\$ 1,841,014	81
Education Incentive Programs - Doctoral	\$ 260,000	2
Tribally Controlled Colleges Assistance Grant	\$ 700,000	5
TOTAL	\$ 29,052,445	13,326

The remainder of this document reflects the NDUS 2025-27 request.

Student Financial Assistance Program (ND State Grant)

- ND resident graduating from a ND high school, eligible border school, ND home school, or ND GED.
- Need-based grant awarded to undergraduate students with the highest financial need.
- The application is through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Must attend a qualifying post-secondary North Dakota institution, unless special services or facilities only offered outside of the state are required.
- Awarded for up to the equivalent of 8 full-time undergraduate semesters, or the attainment of a 1st bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Approximately 6,300 awardees per year.
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress at enrolling institution.
- Maximum grant is \$1,375 per semester or \$917 per quarter. Part-time enrolled students may qualify for a pro-rated award amount down to quarter-time.
- The award formula excludes other state, institutional or private scholarships or grants.
- 2023-25 projected expenditure: \$30.2 million.
- 2025-27 NDUS budget request: \$31,917,306 includes a \$1 million increase to the base appropriation to cover estimated 6,300 awardees per year, and \$1 million to allow residents with no ND high school credential to qualify.

ND State Grant					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2007-09	\$ 5,823,497	\$ 364,300	\$ 6,187,797	\$ 5,634,251	\$ 553,546
2009-11	\$ 19,025,594	\$ 553,546	\$ 19,579,140	\$ 17,358,587	\$ 2,220,553
2011-13	\$ 19,025,594	\$ 2,220,553	\$ 21,246,147	\$ 20,097,526	\$ 1,148,621
2013-15	\$ 21,245,679	\$ 1,148,621	\$ 22,394,300	\$ 18,363,111	\$ 4,031,189
2015-17	\$ 23,886,160	\$ 4,031,189	\$ 27,917,349	\$ 22,120,356	\$ 796,993
*2017-19	\$ 21,917,306	\$ 796,993	\$ 22,714,299	\$ 19,720,372	\$ 2,993,927
**2019-21	\$ 23,917,306	\$ 2,993,927	\$ 26,911,233	\$ 23,454,448	\$ 956,785
2021-23	\$ 23,917,306	\$ 956,785	\$ 24,874,091	\$ 24,469,281	\$ 404,810
2023-25	\$ 29,917,306	\$ 404,810	\$ 30,322,116	\$ 30,200,000	\$ 122,116
2025-27	\$ 31,917,306	\$ 122,116	\$ 32,039,422	\$ 32,000,000	\$ 39,422

*2017 Legislative Assembly directed \$5.0 million carryover to be turned-back at end of 2015-17 biennium.

**The Emergency Commission and Legislative Budget Section approved a transfer to \$2.5 million to the ND Academic & CTE Scholarship to cover shortfall in that program in 2019-21 biennium.

North Dakota Scholars Program

- ND resident graduating from a ND high school, eligible border school, or ND home school.
- Premier merit-based scholarship providing full regular (basic) undergraduate tuition scholarships to the top-ranked ND resident high school graduates based on national test scores on the ACT or SAT.
- The National test must be taken in the junior year of high school, prior to July 1 preceding the start of the senior year in high school.
- ACT minimum score of 30 or SAT minimum score of 1,370 required for consideration.
- Must attend qualifying post-secondary North Dakota institution unless special services or facilities only offered outside of the state are required.
- Awarded for a maximum of 8 semesters or the attainment of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Must enroll as a full-time student (12 credits) and maintain a 3.50 cumulative grade point average for renewal.
- Current appropriation provides for approximately 30 new awards per year.
- 2023-25 projected expenditure: \$1.9 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: Maintain the current funding level of \$1,807,115.

ND Scholars Program					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2007-09	\$ 1,478,566	\$ 185,018	\$ 1,663,584	\$ 1,320,342	\$ 343,242
2009-11	\$ 2,113,584	\$ 343,242	\$ 2,456,826	\$ 2,060,990	\$ 395,836
2011-13	\$ 2,113,584	\$ 395,836	\$ 2,509,420	\$ 2,282,580	\$ 226,840
2013-15	\$ 2,113,584	\$ 226,840	\$ 2,340,424	\$ 2,157,742	\$ 182,682
2015-17	\$ 2,113,584	\$ 182,682	\$ 2,296,266	\$ 2,029,436	\$ 266,830
2017-19	\$ 1,807,115	\$ 266,830	\$ 2,073,945	\$ 1,694,730	\$ 379,215
2019-21	\$ 1,807,115	\$ 379,215	\$ 2,186,330	\$ 1,716,060	\$ 470,270
2021-23	\$ 1,807,115	\$ 470,270	\$ 2,277,385	\$ 1,844,610	\$ 432,775
2023-25	\$ 1,807,115	\$ 432,775	\$ 2,239,890	\$ 1,855,072	\$ 384,818
2025-27	\$ 1,807,115	\$ 384,818	\$ 2,191,933	\$ 1,970,649	\$ 221,284

ND Academic Scholarship

ND CTE Scholarship

North Dakota Scholarship (2025 graduating seniors forward)

- ND resident graduating from a ND high school, eligible border school, or ND home school.
- Provides a \$750 per semester scholarship, \$500 per quarter or clock-hour scholarship, or \$500 per apprenticeship term scholarship to ND resident students for meeting challenging academic coursework and grades in high school.
- Awards are capped at \$6,000 over a maximum of six years following high school graduation to undergraduate and graduate/professional students.
- Must maintain a 2.75 grade point average and meet degree-progress requirements during post-secondary enrollment.
- Must be enrolled full-time as defined by the institution.
- Must attend an accredited public, private or tribal institution of higher education with a physical presence in this state, including accredited private career schools. US Registered Apprenticeship also programs approved by 2023 Assembly.
- Approximately 23% of high school seniors qualify.
- 2023-25 projected expenditures: \$15.8 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: Maintain the current funding level of \$17,216,749.

Academic, CTE and ND Scholarships					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2009-11	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,870,896	\$ 1,129,104
2011-13	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 1,129,104	\$ 11,129,104	\$ 6,970,842	\$ 4,158,262
2013-15	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 4,158,262	\$ 14,158,262	\$ 11,182,609	\$ 2,975,653
2015-17	\$ 13,134,096	\$ 2,975,653	\$ 16,109,749	\$ 12,677,219	\$ 3,432,530
2017-19	\$ 12,016,749	\$ 3,432,530	\$ 15,449,279	\$ 14,705,750	\$ 743,529
**2019-21	\$ 12,016,749	\$ 743,529	\$ 12,760,278	\$ 14,838,000	\$ 422,278
2021-23	\$ 16,216,749	\$ 422,278	\$ 16,639,027	\$ 15,205,250	\$ 1,433,777
2023-25	\$ 17,216,749	\$ 1,433,777	\$ 18,650,526	\$ 15,757,804	\$ 2,892,722
2025-27	\$ 17,216,749	\$ 2,892,722	\$ 20,109,471	\$ 17,201,763	\$ 2,907,708

**The Emergency Commission and Legislative Budget Section approved a transfer to \$2.5 million to the ND Academic & CTE Scholarship to cover shortfall in that program in 2019-21 biennium.

Native American Scholarship

- ND resident and member of Federally Recognized Indian Tribe.
- Provides merit (3.50 GPA or higher) or need-based (2.00-3.49 GPA) scholarships.
- The statutory maximum award is \$2,000 per academic year to eligible ND resident students.
- Applications submitted annually to the North Dakota University System (NDUS) with a July 15th priority date.
- Completion of the FAFSA required for need-based award determination.
- Certificate, undergraduate, graduate, & professional students may qualify.
- May attend any institution of higher learning, or state career and technical education program within this state.
- Awards are pro-rated down to quarter-time enrollment.
- The average number of awardees is 289.
- 2023-25 projected expenditure: \$1 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: Maintain the current funding level of \$1,000,000.

Native American Scholarship					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2007-09	\$ 380,626	\$ 666	\$ 381,292	\$ 380,117	\$ 1,175
2009-11	\$ 381,292	\$ 1,175	\$ 382,467	\$ 382,250	\$ 217
2011-13	\$ 574,267	\$ 217	\$ 574,484	\$ 556,400	\$ 18,084
2013-15	\$ 649,267	\$ 18,084	\$ 667,351	\$ 666,751	\$ 600
2015-17	\$ 649,267	\$ 600	\$ 649,867	\$ 644,056	\$ 5,811
2017-19	\$ 555,323	\$ 5,811	\$ 561,134	\$ 550,006	\$ 11,128
2019-21	\$ 555,323	\$ 11,128	\$ 566,451	\$ 543,354	\$ 23,097
2021-23	\$ 555,323	\$ 23,097	\$ 578,420	\$ 572,914	\$ 6,125
2023-25	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 6,125	\$ 1,006,125	\$ 1,006,125	\$ -
2025-27	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -

Dual Credit Tuition Scholarship

- ND resident graduating from a ND high school, eligible border school, ND home school, or ND GED.
- This program rewards college students for taking college coursework for credit as a high school student.
- \$1.5 million Bank of ND funds allotted to the program.
- Must have successfully completed at least one dual credit course provided by a ND institution while enrolled in ND high school or a ND program of home education.
- Must have completed at least one semester, quarter, or term at an institution of higher education in the state.
- Must be enrolled at a ND state public, private, tribal, or proprietary institution.
- Maximum award \$250 for one successfully completed dual credit course, \$500 for two and \$750 for three or more.
- Since inception in 2021, 3,669 awardees at a total of \$2.1 million.
- 2023-25 projected expenditure: \$1 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: Maintain the current funding level of \$1.5 million.

Dual Credit Tuition Scholarship (BND Funding)			
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation-BND Funds	Actual Exp. And Est. New Awards	Dollars Remaining BND Funds
2021-23	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -
2023-25	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000
2025-27	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,248,375	\$ 251,625

Skilled Workforce Scholarship and Skilled Workforce Loan Repayment (ND Career Builders)

- This workforce development program is designed to attract and retain talent into high-need and emerging occupations in the state.
- \$3.4M scholarship and \$3.4M loan repayment - Bank of ND funds allotted to the program.
- Requires a private sector match dollar-for-dollar to award state funds.
- Eligible recipients may qualify for the scholarship &/or loan repayment, not to exceed a maximum of \$17,000 total (50% private sector funds & 50% state funds)
- Recipients are required to live within ND and work in an in-demand occupation in ND.
- Scholarship criteria:
 - Students must be admitted into a qualifying program in the state.
 - Qualifying programs are associate degree or lower credential, including certificates. Bachelor's level can qualify in the final two years of the program.
 - Requires a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher for payment.
 - Student commits to live in ND and work in a high-need or emerging occupation for 3 years following program completion – Recipient signs a Scholarship Award Agreement.
 - This is a repayable scholarship. Failing to complete program of study or meet residency/employment guidelines for a minimum of 3 years following program completion will result in student repaying funds to the state.
- Loan Repayment criteria:
 - Applicants hired into a qualifying position in ND within 24 months of application may qualify.
 - Must have an earned degree (any institution) and hold a balance on qualifying student loan(s).
 - Must live in ND and work in ND in a high-need or emerging occupation.
 - Annual award limited to \$5,667, lifetime limit of \$17,000.
 - No repayment provision as the recipient earns the award as requirements are met.
- 2023-25 projected expenses (state-funded dollars only): \$2.4 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: Maintain the current funding source from the Bank of ND to support workforce development in the state, to include ongoing funding for marketing the program. Continuing appropriation request for 2021 and 2023 carry-over is projected to sustain the program through the next biennium.

ND Career Builders Scholarship & Loan Repayment - STATE PORTION ONLY					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation-BND Funds	Prior Biennium C/O	Total Available (state \$ only)	Expenses (actual & obligated)	Balance
2019-21	\$6,000,000	\$-	\$6,000,000	\$221,963	\$5,778,037
2021-23	\$4,500,000	\$-	\$4,500,000	\$910,120	\$3,589,880
2023-25	\$6,800,000	\$3,632,500	\$10,432,500	\$2,381,841	\$8,050,659
2025-27	\$-	\$8,050,659	\$8,050,659	\$4,497,159	\$3,553,500

Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP):

- Secures admission opportunities for North Dakota resident students seeking professional training in veterinary medicine, dentistry, or optometry at out-of- state institutions.
 - Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) in the content areas of veterinary medicine, dentistry, and optometry.
 - University of Minnesota - veterinary medicine and dentistry.
 - Iowa State University - veterinary medicine.
 - Kansas State University - veterinary medicine.
- Budgeted new slots per year:
 - Veterinary Medicine (University of MN-2, Iowa State-4, WICHE-1, KSU-5)
 - Optometry (WICHE-8)
 - Dentistry (University of MN-5 and WICHE-2).
- Applications submitted annually to the NDUS by October 15 proceeding the first year of professional studies receive priority consideration.
- Awards support a portion of the student’s tuition cost in the professional programs for 4 years.
- 10-year return to ND rates (all sites): Veterinary Medicine 54%; Optometry 47%; Dentistry 52%.
- 2023-25 projected expenditure: \$4.4 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: \$5,199,342 includes a \$1.5 million increase to the base appropriation to cover to continue awarding the same level. This increase will sustain the program through the 2025-27 biennium.

PSEP					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) & Student Loan Trust Fund Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2007-09	\$ 2,199,566	\$ 53,564	\$ 2,253,130	\$ 2,008,731	\$ 244,399
2009-11	\$ 2,346,129	\$ 244,399	\$ 2,590,528	\$ 2,147,774	\$ 442,754
2011-13	\$ 2,856,131	\$ 442,754	\$ 3,298,885	\$ 2,647,045	\$ 651,840
2013-15	\$ 3,809,708	\$ 651,840	\$ 4,461,548	\$ 3,910,071	\$ 551,477
2015-17	\$ 3,941,754	\$ 551,477	\$ 4,493,231	\$ 3,719,775	\$ 773,456
2017-19	\$ 3,699,342	\$ 773,456	\$ 4,472,798	\$ 3,439,771	\$ 1,033,027
2019-21	\$ 3,699,342	\$ 1,033,027	\$ 4,732,369	\$ 3,221,991	\$ 1,510,378
2021-23	\$ 3,699,342	\$ 1,510,378	\$ 5,209,720	\$ 3,992,099	\$ 1,217,621
2023-25	\$ 3,699,342	\$ 1,217,621	\$ 4,916,963	\$ 4,426,346	\$ 490,617
*2025-27	\$ 5,199,342	\$ 490,617	\$ 5,689,959	\$ 5,514,767	\$ 175,192

***includes \$1.5M increase to base appropriation to cover shortfall.**

Education Incentive Programs – Doctoral Programs

- UND and NDSU awarded \$130,000 each to promulgate additional doctoral level graduates and doctoral programs within the state.
- 2025-27 budget request maintains the doctoral program funding of \$260,000.

Education Incentives					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2007-09	\$ 1,740,314	\$ 273,030	\$ 2,013,344	\$ 1,923,694	\$ 89,650
2009-11	\$ 3,176,344	\$ 89,650	\$ 3,265,994	\$ 2,868,998	\$ 396,996
2011-13	\$ 3,176,344	\$ 396,996	\$ 3,573,340	\$ 3,555,285	\$ 18,055
2013-15	\$ 3,349,000	\$ 18,055	\$ 3,367,055	\$ 3,348,172	\$ 18,883
2015-17	\$ 3,349,000	\$ 18,883	\$ 3,367,883	\$ 3,362,007	\$ 5,876
2017-19	\$ 2,863,393	\$ 5,876	\$ 2,869,269	\$ 2,024,702	\$ 765,690
*2019-21	\$ 510,000	\$ -	\$ 510,000		\$ -
2021-23	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ -
2023-25	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ -
2025-27	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000	\$ -

*2019-21: Includes a general fund reduction of \$2,353,393 to transfer the TSLF program to DPI and eliminate STEM Loan Forgiveness Program. Carry-over from TSLF transferred to DPI; STEM Loan Forgiveness carry-over transferred to OMB. Includes \$250,000 one-time funding for the UND Law School Challenge Grant.

Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance

- The five tribally controlled community colleges located in the state are eligible to receive a supplemental grant to defray the costs of educating nonbeneficiary students.
- The award amount is based on FTE enrollment data provided by the institutions for nonbeneficiary students.
- A non- non-beneficiary student is defined as a student who is a resident of ND but who is not an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe or the child of an enrolled member.
- 2023-25 projected expenditure: \$1.4 million.
- 2025-27 budget request: Maintain the current funding level of \$1,400,000.

Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance					
Biennium	General Fund (GF) Appropriation (post-allotment)	Prior Biennium Carryover	Total Available	Actual or Est. GF Expenditures	Actual or Est. Carryover
2007-09	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -
2009-11	\$ 700,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ -
2011-13	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
2013-15	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
2015-17	\$ 967,250	\$ -	\$ 967,250	\$ 967,250	\$ -
2017-19	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -
*2019-21	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
2021-23	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
2023-25	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -
2025-27	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -