

CHAPTER 15-63 NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS

15-63-01. State board for Native American scholarships.

There is hereby established a state board for Native American scholarships consisting of a Native American appointed by the governor, the executive director of the state Indian affairs commission, and the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee. The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee shall serve as chairperson and the executive director of the state Indian affairs commission shall serve as secretary of the board for Native American scholarships. The state board of higher education shall request scholarship funds and staff to administer the Native American scholarship program in the board's biennial budget request.

15-63-02. Duties of board.

The state board for Native American scholarships shall:

1. Award scholarships as provided in this chapter.
2. Direct the North Dakota university system in administration of awards under this chapter.
3. Make necessary rules and establish standards, requirements, and procedures for the administration of this chapter.
4. Encourage members of federally recognized Indian tribes to attend and graduate from any accredited institution of higher learning or accredited career and technical education program with a physical presence in this state, and to apply for scholarships.

15-63-03. Number and nature of scholarships.

The state board for Native American scholarships shall provide scholarships each year for resident members of federally recognized Indian tribes to attend any accredited institution of higher learning or accredited career and technical education program with a physical presence in this state upon compliance with all requirements for admission and to pursue any course or courses offered in such institutions or programs.

15-63-04. Eligibility of candidates - Determination.

Scholarship eligibility of state residents who are enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes must be determined by the state board for Native American scholarships annually for applicants. Factors to be considered in the award of these scholarships are the candidate's financial need and probable and continuing success as a student.

15-63-05. Scholarship payments - Conditions.

Upon the award of a scholarship, the recipient is eligible for a credit at the enrolling institution of higher learning or accredited career and technical education program with a physical presence in this state. The scholarship may be applied to tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, and other educational expenses not to exceed six hundred sixty-seven dollars per quarter or clock-hour term or one thousand dollars per semester. Awards may not exceed two thousand dollars in any academic year. The board for Native American scholarships may reduce the amount of any scholarship to accord with individual financial need or funds available. The board for Native American scholarships may set a priority application date. At the beginning of each quarter, clock-hour term, or semester, the North Dakota university system shall verify enrollment and other eligibility criteria set forth by the state board for Native American scholarships for awarded applicants before issuing payment to the enrolling institution. After the enrolling institution has deducted the amount due to the institution, the remaining balance must be distributed to the awarded applicant for necessary expenses during the quarter, clock-hour term, or semester.

15-63-06. Unused scholarships.

Repealed by S.L. 1973, ch. 174, § 3.

15-63-07. Scholarship refunds - Use.

Repealed by S.L. 2023, ch. 156, § 13.