

## **CHAPTER 42-02-02 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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### **42-02-02-01. Eligibility of applicants.**

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code chapter 15-63, the following factors shall be considered in the process used to determine eligibility of applicants:

1. An applicant must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and a resident of North Dakota. Residency for each student shall be determined by the institution that student is attending.
2. An applicant may not be considered eligible until the applicant has gained admission to any institution of higher learning or state career and technical education program of study within North Dakota and has had this fact certified to the board.
3. An applicant must graduate as a North Dakota high school valedictorian, demonstrate academic merit, or demonstrate financial need.
4. An applicant must demonstrate probable and continuing success as a student by earning a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 for a merit-based scholarship or 2.00 for a need-based scholarship. Applicants who apply with a general educational development high school diploma shall be considered to have met the requirement of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average.
5. The scholarship funds are available to students enrolled full-time or to part-time students who will complete their degree requirements within one term. Prorated awards are available to post-baccalaureate students enrolled less than full time. The board considers full-time enrollment to be twelve semester hours for undergraduate students and nine semester hours for graduate students, or an equivalent number of quarter hours or clock hours.
6. Students participating in internships, student teaching, teaching assistance programs, or cooperative education programs shall be eligible for a scholarship award only if participation in that program will earn credits which require tuition and which are required for a degree.
7. Students may not receive more than the equivalent of full funding for six academic years under the scholarship.

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### **42-02-02-02. Procedures for application.**

1. All applications shall be submitted to the administrator of the Indian scholarship board:  

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board  
North Dakota University System  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230
2. The priority deadline for application is the fifteenth of July of each year.

3. Along with a completed application form, candidates shall also submit:
  - a. Verification of tribal enrollment;
  - b. The applicant's most recent transcript that shows a cumulative grade point average; and
  - c. A needs analysis form completed by a financial aid officer at the institution the applicant will be attending; and
  - d. The free application for federal student aid (FAFSA), for consideration for need-based awards.
4. Current award recipients may apply for continued funding through the following academic year by submitting an application and items listed in subdivisions b through d of subsection 3.
5. Applicants whose circumstances change during the academic year may be considered for an award or an adjustment to an award by appealing in writing to the board.

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#### **42-02-02-03. Selection process.**

All completed applications received by the application priority deadline shall be given full and equal consideration when screening for eligibility for the scholarship.

Candidates for the scholarship shall be assigned to one of three award categories as valedictorian, merit-based, or need-based applicants. Award priority shall be given to high school valedictorians, then to merit-based applicants, then to need-based applicants. Grade point averages shall be ranked from highest to lowest for merit-based applicants. Demonstrated financial need, defined as an applicant's cost of attendance minus nonloan financial aid resources and the applicant's free application for federal student aid-calculated expected family contribution, shall be ranked from highest need to lowest need for need-based applicants. Within each award category, the board may give preference to applicants who are members of North Dakota-based Indian tribes. The board may establish additional priority criteria as required to make award selections.

Any eligible applicant who is not offered an award but whose application was received by the priority deadline shall be placed on a wait list for funds, which may become available throughout the academic year. Students on the wait list shall be ranked according to the priority funding selection process.

Applications received after the priority deadline shall be considered only if all eligible applicants meeting the deadline are awarded and if funds remain. Late applications shall be considered in date order received based on the priority funding selection process previously noted. All awardees and their respective institutions shall be sent notification after the completion of the selection process.

1. **Awards for valedictorians.** All high school valedictorians meeting the application criteria shall receive an award for the academic year immediately following their graduation from high school.
2. **Awards for merit-based scholarship.** The recipient of the merit-based scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. Financial need is not a factor. The award is to provide an incentive to students with high academic achievements.
3. **Awards for financial need-based scholarship.** The recipient of the need-based scholarship must demonstrate financial need on the needs analysis form completed by a financial aid

officer at the institution the applicant is attending, and must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 or possess an acceptable high school equivalency credential.

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