

## 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 must 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.
2. An applicant must be a resident of North Dakota. Residency for each student is determined by the institution that student is attending.
3. An applicant must be pursuing a degree or certificate at a North Dakota accredited institution of higher learning or accredited state career and technical education program with a physical presence in the state.
4. An applicant shall demonstrate academic merit or financial need to be considered for an award.
5. An applicant shall demonstrate probable and continuing success as a student by:
  - a. Earning a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA), or its equivalent, of 3.50 for a merit-based scholarship;
  - b. Earning a minimum 2.00 GPA, or its equivalent, for a need-based scholarship; or
  - c. Earning a general educational development high school diploma, which shall be considered to have met the minimum 2.00 GPA requirement.
6. Students participating in internships, student teaching, teaching assistance programs, or cooperative education programs are eligible for a scholarship award if participation in that program earns credits that require tuition and are required for a degree.

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

1. Applicants shall submit:
  - a. A completed application form;
  - b. Verification of tribal enrollment;
  - c. The applicant's most recent transcript that shows a cumulative GPA, or its equivalent;
  - d. A needs analysis form completed by a financial aid officer at the institution the applicant will be attending; and
  - e. The free application for federal student aid (FAFSA), for consideration of need-based awards.

2. Current award recipients may apply for the scholarship in subsequent years by submitting a new application and the items listed in subdivisions c through e of subsection 1.

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

1. Completed applications received by the application priority deadline must be given full and equal consideration when screening for eligibility for the scholarship.
2. Candidates for the scholarship must be assigned to one of two award categories as merit-based or need-based.
  - a. Merit-based applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50, or its equivalent.
  - b. Need-based applicants must hold a 2.00 minimum GPA, or its equivalent, and must demonstrate financial need on the needs analysis form. The FAFSA is required.
3. Grade point averages, or the equivalent, must be ranked from highest to lowest for merit-based applicants.
4. Demonstrated financial need, defined as an applicant's cost of attendance, minus the student aid index from the FAFSA, minus financial aid resources, must be ranked from highest need to lowest need for need-based applicants.
5. In cases of financial exigency, the board may exercise professional judgment to establish additional ranking criteria when making awards.
6. Within each award category, the board may give preference to applicants who are members of North Dakota-based Indian tribes.
7. An eligible applicant whose application was received by the priority deadline but was not offered an award due to limited funding must be considered for an award if funds become available throughout the academic year.
8. Applications received after the priority deadline must be considered if all eligible applicants meeting the deadline are awarded and funds remain. Late applications must be considered in the order received based on the priority funding selection process detailed in this section.

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