

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1430**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.6 and ~~15.1-21-02.7~~15.1-21-02.8 of  
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to ~~resident student~~ eligibility ~~to receive~~  
3 both requirements for the North Dakota academic and career and technical education  
4 scholarships.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 9 1. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
10 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education  
11 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 on or before December 31,  
12 2021, and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public  
13 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota  
14 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred  
15 fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time  
16 at an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a  
17 cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward  
18 degree completion.
- 19 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
20 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education  
21 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 on or before  
22 December 31, 2021, and who is certified as being eligible by the  
23 superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic  
24 scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in

1                   the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student  
2                   is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this  
3                   state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains  
4                   progress toward degree completion.

5                   b. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure the student  
6                   meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining a  
7                   recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board  
8                   shall provide notification to the student within ten days.

9                   c. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this  
10                   section.

11                   d. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
12                   institution in which the student is enrolled.

13                   e. (1) (a) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
14                   semesters.

15                   (b) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
16                   quarters.

17                   (2) A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the  
18                   student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate  
19                   program.

20                   f. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who  
21                   fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

22                   (1) Graduates from a high school in this state;

23                   (2) Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;

24                   (3) Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing  
25                   with a custodial parent in this state; or

26                   (4) Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with  
27                   chapter 15.1-23.

28                   g. (1) For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full  
29                   time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the  
30                   student is attending.

1 (2) A student who is enrolled less than full time may retain scholarship eligibility  
2 if the student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The  
3 waiver of the full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship  
4 eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.

5 (3) For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,  
6 "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum  
7 number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to  
8 qualify for the subsequent disbursement:

9 (a) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;

10 (b) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;

11 (c) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;

12 (d) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;

13 (e) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and

14 (f) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

15 2. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
16 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education  
17 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,  
18 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public  
19 instruction either for a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota  
20 career and technical education scholarship, a scholarship in the amount of  
21 seven;

22 ~~(1) Seven hundred fifty dollars for the North Dakota academic scholarship for~~  
23 ~~each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at least half~~  
24 ~~time at an accredited public research institution, public four-year institution,~~  
25 ~~or private four-year institution of higher education in this state; and~~  
26 ~~maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75; and maintains progress~~  
27 ~~toward degree completion;~~

28 ~~(2) Seven hundred fifty dollars for the North Dakota career and technical~~  
29 ~~education scholarship for each semester during which the student is~~  
30 ~~enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state.~~

1 ~~maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress~~  
2 ~~toward degree completion; or~~

3 ~~(3) One thousand five hundred dollars for the North Dakota academic~~  
4 ~~scholarship and the North Dakota career and technical education~~  
5 ~~scholarship, if the student satisfies the requirements of both sections~~  
6 ~~15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5, for each semester during which the student~~  
7 ~~is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this~~  
8 ~~state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains~~  
9 ~~progress toward degree completion.~~

10 b. (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
11 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education  
12 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,  
13 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public  
14 instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota  
15 career and technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand  
16 five hundred dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled  
17 at least half time at an accredited public two-year institution or tribal  
18 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade  
19 point average of 2.75.

20 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
21 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education  
22 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,  
23 and who is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public  
24 instruction either for a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota  
25 career and technical education scholarship, a scholarship in the amount of  
26 five;

27 ~~(1) Five hundred dollars for the North Dakota academic scholarship for each~~  
28 ~~quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at least half time at an~~  
29 ~~accredited public research institution, public four-year institution, or private~~  
30 ~~four-year institution of higher education in this state, and maintains a~~

1 cumulative grade point average of 2.75, ~~and maintains progress toward~~  
2 ~~degree completion;~~

3 ~~(2) Five hundred dollars for the North Dakota career and technical education~~  
4 ~~scholarship for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at~~  
5 ~~an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a~~  
6 ~~cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward~~  
7 ~~degree completion; or~~

8 ~~(3) One thousand dollars for the North Dakota academic and the North Dakota~~  
9 ~~career and technical education scholarship, if the student satisfies the~~  
10 ~~requirements of both sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5, for each~~  
11 ~~quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited~~  
12 ~~institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade-~~  
13 ~~point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.~~

14 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who  
15 graduated from a high school or completed a program of home education  
16 supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 after December 31, 2021,  
17 and who is certified as eligible by the superintendent of public instruction  
18 either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and  
19 technical education scholarship in the amount of one thousand dollars for  
20 each quarter during which the student is enrolled at least half time at an  
21 accredited public two-year institution or tribal institution of higher education  
22 in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

23 ~~2. c.~~ The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure ~~that~~ the  
24 student meets the academic ~~and other~~ requirements of this section. Upon  
25 determining ~~that~~ a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this  
26 section, the board shall provide notification to the student within ten days.

27 ~~3. d.~~ A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars ~~for a North-~~  
28 ~~Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarship~~ under this  
29 section, ~~unless the student is eligible to receive both scholarships. A student~~  
30 ~~eligible to receive both a North Dakota academic and career and technical~~

~~education scholarship is not entitled to receive more than twelve thousand dollars under this section.~~

4. e. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the degree-seeking or certificate-seeking student is enrolled.

~~5. a.f.~~ (1) (a) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters.

~~(2)~~ (b) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive quarters.

~~b.~~ (2) A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate program.

6. g. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

~~a.~~ (1) Graduates from a high school in this state;

~~b.~~ (2) Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;

~~c.~~ (3) Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state; or

~~d.~~ (4) Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23.

7. ~~a.h.~~ (1) For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "~~full-time~~half time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is attending.

~~b.~~ (2) A student who is enrolled less than ~~full-time~~half time may retain scholarship eligibility if the student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation.

The waiver of the ~~full-time~~half time enrollment status requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.

~~c.~~ ~~For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for the subsequent disbursement:~~

~~(1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;~~

1 ~~————— (2) — Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;~~

2 ~~————— (3) — Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;~~

3 ~~————— (4) — Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;~~

4 ~~————— (5) — Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and~~

5 ~~————— (6) — Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.~~

6 ~~———— **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
7 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

8 ~~———— **15.1-21-02.7. North Dakota scholarship opportunities - 2009-10 high school**~~  
9 ~~**graduates.**~~

10 ~~———— 1. — Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high-~~  
11 ~~school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic-~~  
12 ~~scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction~~  
13 ~~as having obtained a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT.~~

14 ~~———— 2. — Except as provided in subsection 3, any resident student who graduates from a high-~~  
15 ~~school during the 2009-10 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota technical-~~  
16 ~~scholarship, provided the student is certified by the superintendent of public instruction~~  
17 ~~as having obtained:~~

18 ~~———— a. — A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or~~

19 ~~———— b. — A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended~~  
20 ~~by the department of career and technical education and approved by the~~  
21 ~~superintendent of public instruction.~~

22 ~~———— 3. — A student is eligible to receive a scholarship under either subsection 1 or 2, but may~~  
23 ~~not receive a scholarship under both subsections.~~

24 ~~———— **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
25 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

26 ~~———— **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**~~

27 ~~1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point~~  
28 ~~average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion~~  
29 ~~of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the~~  
30 ~~North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the~~

- 1 | next semester in which the student is enrolled ~~full-time~~ at least half time. The  
2 | exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 3 | b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
4 | higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,  
5 | the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic  
6 | or career and technical education scholarships.
- 7 | 2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
8 | average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
9 | of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
10 | North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
11 | next quarter in which the student is enrolled ~~full-time~~ at least half time. The  
12 | exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 13 | b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
14 | higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,  
15 | the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic  
16 | or career and technical education scholarships.