

**SENATE BILL NO. 2064**

Introduced by

Senators Lyson, Holmberg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-62.2-00.1 and 15-62.2-03.3 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to applicants for state scholarships.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.2-00.1 of the North Dakota Century Code  
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-62.2-00.1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
7 requires:

- 8 1. "~~Eligible candidate Applicant~~" means ~~a graduate of~~ an individual who has  
9 graduated from a high school in this state or who is a resident of this state for  
10 tuition purposes, and whose assessment composite scores on the test of academic  
11 achievement administered by ~~the American college testing program~~ ACT, Inc.,  
12 place the ~~student~~ individual in at least the ninety-fifth percentile of all students  
13 taking the test by July first of the year preceding the year in which the ~~student is~~  
14 ~~applying for a scholarship, and who ranks in the upper twentieth percentile of the~~  
15 ~~student's high school class~~ individual is enrolled as a full-time resident student in  
16 an eligible institution.
- 17 2. "Eligible institution" means an accredited public or nonprofit private postsecondary  
18 institution in this state.
- 19 3. "Full-time resident student" means ~~a person who is a graduate of~~ an individual who  
20 has graduated from a high school in this state or who is a resident of this state for  
21 tuition purposes, and who is enrolled at an eligible institution carrying a course of  
22 study which is "full time" as defined by the eligible institution.

- 1           4. ~~"High school class rank" means the position a scholarship candidate holds in the~~  
2           ~~candidate's graduating class, as determined by the state board of higher~~  
3           ~~education.~~
- 4           5. "Scholar" means a full-time resident student who is awarded a scholarship or who  
5           has previously received a scholarship.
- 6           6- 5. "Scholarship" means a financial award granted to a state scholar as determined by  
7           this chapter.

8           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code  
9 is amended and reenacted as follows:

10           **15-62.2-03.3. Selection of scholars.**

- 11           1. All ~~eligible candidates~~ applicants must be ranked by their composite scores on the  
12           test of academic achievement administered by ~~the American college testing~~  
13           ~~program~~ ACT, Inc.
- 14           2. If two or more ~~eligible students~~ applicants have the same composite scores, they  
15           must be ranked by the numeric sum of the four scale scores on the test of  
16           academic achievement administered by ~~the American college testing program~~  
17           ACT, Inc.
- 18           3. If two or more ~~eligible students~~ applicants have the same composite scores and  
19           the same numeric sum of the four scale scores, they must be ranked by ~~their high~~  
20           ~~school class rank calculated on a percentile basis~~ the numeric sum of their English  
21           and mathematics scores.
- 22           4. The state board of higher education may establish additional criteria to rank  
23           applicants who have the same numeric sum of their English and mathematics  
24           scores.
- 25           5. Scholarships must be offered to ~~students~~ applicants in descending order  
26           according to this ranking until available funds have been expended or until the pool  
27           of ~~eligible~~ applicants has been exhausted.