

A photograph of three students walking on a paved path on a green campus. A young woman in a white and green striped sweater and blue jeans is in the foreground, walking towards the left. Behind her, a young man in a white hoodie and light-colored pants is walking. To the right, another young man in a green t-shirt and blue jeans is walking, looking towards the camera. In the background, other students and a brick building are visible under a clear sky.

North Dakota Scholarship *Updates*



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Objectives

- Overview of the scholarship program
- Legislative updates
- Q&A

What is the North Dakota Scholarship?

- **\$6,000 scholarship to students who meet the requirements**



ALL students who meet the requirements get a scholarship



Must attend a North Dakota college, university, career school, or apprenticeship program



Must be a North Dakota resident



General Qualifications

- **Based on:**
 - High school grade point average (3.0)
 - ACT score (24), WorkKeys scores (5), ASVAB (50)
 - Courses taken in high school
 - Other indicators aligned to Choice Ready
- **Student must be a North Dakota resident**

Requirements for Use

- Must attend a qualifying North Dakota college, university, professional school, or registered apprenticeship program
- Must be used within 6 years of high school graduation

The “Why” Behind the Requirements



Requirements align with North Dakota’s strategic vision: “All students will graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful.”



They also align with Choice Ready requirements, but with higher rigor.



Every student who gets the scholarship is choice ready, but not every student who is choice ready gets the scholarship.

Important Updates



The previous Academic and CTE Scholarship requirements are no longer valid.



Students in the Class of 2025 and beyond must follow the new North Dakota Scholarship requirements.



Make sure students (and parents) know:

- Scholarship requirements changed
- There is a difference between the Choice Ready chart and the ND Scholarship requirement chart
- *Being choice ready alone does not guarantee a scholarship*



ESSENTIAL SKILLS (15.1-21-02.10(5))

Check here when student has complete Essential Skills ☐

- ☐ Earn a **North Dakota high school diploma**
- ☐ Complete a **9-week Career Education/Individual Counseling, 4-year Rolling Plan**, pass **ND Civics Test**, earn a **3.0 or higher overall GPA**, and **four or more** additional indicators:
 - ☐ 25 hours of Community Service
 - ☐ 95% Attendance (not counting school related absences)
 - ☐ Career Exploration Experience
 - ☐ Two or more years in organized Co-Curricular Activities
 - ☐ Two or more years in organized Extra-Curricular Activities
 - ☐ Successfully complete a Capstone Project
 - ☐ Successfully complete an online learning course
 - ☐ Demonstrate competency in 21st Century Skills

Students shall achieve Essential Skills above, and complete two or more of the **CHOICE READY** components below to be eligible for the ND Scholarship.



Check here when student is Post-Secondary Ready ☐

POST-SECONDARY READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

ACT/SAT minimum composite score:

- ☐ ACT composite of 24 (or equivalent NDA+ score), or
- ☐ SAT composite of 1180

and

Two or more additional indicators:

- ☐ Advanced Placement Course (A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2)
- ☐ Dual Credit Course (English or Math) (A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2)
- ☐ Algebra II (A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2)
- ☐ Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- ☐ International Baccalaureate Exam(4+)
- ☐ 3.0 GPA in core course requirements for NDUS admission



Check here when student is Workforce Ready ☐

WORKFORCE READY

Complete both indicator sets below:

- ☐ 4 credits of CTE with 2 credits in the same plan of study, OR 3 credits of the same world, indigenous, or sign language, OR 2 credits of teaching-related coursework plus 2 credits of CTE, as defined in NDCC 15.1-21-02.10
- ☐ ACT of 24 (or equivalent NDA+ score), or 5 or higher on all three WorkKeys tests or SAT composite of 1180

and

Two or more additional indicators:

- ☐ Complete Career Ready Practices Course
- ☐ Dual Credit Course (A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2)
- ☐ Technical Assessment/Industry Credential
- ☐ Workplace Learning Experience (40 hrs.)
- ☐ Work-based Learning Experience (Perkins V) (40 hrs.)
- ☐ NDSA or NDA+(Reading/Math) Level 3 or greater



Check here when student is Military Ready ☐

MILITARY READY

Complete all four indicators below:

- ☐ **ASVAB score of 50 or greater**, or ASVAB score of 31 or greater and have completed Basic Training;
- ☐ **Physically Fit** – Successfully complete required PE courses (A, B, or C) (4, 3, or 2);

and

- ☐ Complete **two or more** additional indicators from the **Post-Secondary or Workforce options**:

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

- ☐ 2 credits of military coursework, as defined in NDCC 15.1-21-02.10
- ☐ 2 credits of JROTC
- ☐ Complete Phase 1 of the Cadet Civil Air Patrol program

Legislative **UPDATES**

Additional Options for Students

- Two bills were passed this session relating to the ND Scholarship requirements:
 - HB 1098
 - HB 1404
- Both bills provide additional options for students to meet the indicators of the ND Scholarship.
- No additional scholarship requirements were created.

HB 1098

- Adds the general education teaching courses as an additional option under the Workforce Ready pathway
- Coursework consists of:
 - 2 credits of CTE
 - 1 credit of Teaching Profession or Educational Methodology
 - 1 credit of any combination of:
 - AP/Dual Credit Psychology
 - Child Development
 - Peer-to-Peer Leadership
 - Child-Related Careers

HB 1404

- Will eventually allow the ND A+ Summative Assessment to substitute for the ACT (Postsecondary and Workforce Ready) if the score is equivalent to a 24 on the ACT
 - WE DON'T YET KNOW WHAT THAT SCORE IS
 - Will not impact anyone prior to the Class of 2027
- Adds a pathway of military courses that could substitute for the additional indicators for the Military Ready pathway
- Coursework consists of two credits in any combination of these courses:
 - Introduction to Military Careers
 - ASVAB Essentials: Skills for Military Success
 - Military Health and Fitness
 - Career Foundations in Military Leadership
 - Military Leadership Capstone



Other **UPDATES/REMINDERS**

Diploma/Scholarship Alignment Chart

- Refer to the *Diploma/Scholarship Alignment Chart* to determine which courses can count for each content area
- Courses in each content area
- Courses that can replace one another
- Located on the NDDPI Website
 - Click on "Districts and Schools" > "Course Codes" > "Grades 9-12" drop down menu

Diploma and Scholarship Alignment Chart *and* High School Core for NDUS Admissions

Subject Code	Content Area + required units	State Code	NDDPI Core or Elective	4 Yr. H.S. Max unit	HS Core for NDUS Admissions
	ND English (units) 4 required				
ENGLA	English 9 (1)	05071	1 unit English credit (required)	1	YES
ENGLA	English 10 (1)	05072	1 unit English credit (required)	1	YES
ENGLA	English 11 (1)	05073	1 unit English credit (required)	1	YES
ENGLA	English 12 (1)	05074	1 unit English credit (required)	1	YES
ENGLA	AP Eng Language & Comp (.5 or 1)	05580	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	AP Eng Literature & Comp (.5 or 1)	05581	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	Grammar (.5)	05022	May be substituted for Eng 9,10,11,12	0.5	YES
ENGLA	Drama (Literature) (.25 or .5)	05037	May be substituted for Eng 9,10,11,12	0.5	YES
ENGLA	American Literature (.25, .5, or 1)	05031	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	English Literature (.25, .5, or 1)	05034	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	World Literature (.25, .5, or 1)	05035	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	Biography (.25 or .5)	05036	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	0.5	YES
ENGLA	Modern Literature (.25, .5, or 1)	05033	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	History of the Eng Language (.25 or .5)	05024	May be substituted for Eng 11,12	0.5	YES
ENGLA	Poetry (.25 or .5)	05038	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	0.5	YES
ENGLA	Fiction (.25, .5 or 1)	05039	May be substituted for Eng 9,10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	Composition (.25, .5, or 1)	05040	May be substituted for Eng 9,10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	Advanced Composition (.25, .5, or 1)	05041	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	1	YES
ENGLA	Creative Writing (.25 or .5)	05042	May be substituted for Eng 10,11,12	0.5	YES
ENGLA	Advanced English (.5 or 1)	05077	May be substituted for Eng 12	1	YES

Subject Code	Content Area + required units	State Code	NDDPI Core or Elective	H.S. Max unit	HS Core for NDUS Admissions
	Marketing Education (CTE) (Continued)				
Markt	Management (1)	04223	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Markt	Social Media Marketing (.5 or 1)	04235	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Markt	Principles of Sports and Entertainment Marketing (.5)	04239	May be used for CTE credit	0.5	
Markt	Sports and Entertainment Marketing (.5 or 1)	04240	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Markt	Hospitality and Tourism Marketing (.5 or 1)	04245	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Markt	Principles of Finance (.5)	04081	May be used for CTE credit	0.5	
Markt	Business Finance (.5 or 1)	04082	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Markt	School Based Enterprise (.5, 1, or 2)	04290	May be used for CTE credit	2	
Markt	International Marketing (.5)	04310	May be used for CTE credit	0.5	
Markt	Cooperative Work Experience (.5)	04999	May be used for CTE credit	2	
	Technology & Engineering Education (CTE)				
Techn	Individual Technical Problems (.5 or 1)	10091	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Applying Technology (.5 or 1)	10093	May be used for CTE credit	2	
Techn	Foundations of Technology (.5 or 1)	10094	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Technology and Society (.5 or 1)	10096	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Production Technology (.5 or 1)	10110	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Construction Technology (.5 or 1)	10111	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Manufacturing Technology (.5 or 1)	10121	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Communication Technology (.5 or 1)	10251	May be used for CTE credit	1	
Techn	Design/Drafting (.5 or 1)	10259	May be used for CTE credit	1	

Subject Code	Content Area + required units	State Code	NDDPI Core or Elective	max unit	NDDPI Admissions
	Driver and Traffic Safety Education (Continued)				
DRED	3 Phase -Classroom, BTW, & Multi-Car Driving Range (.25 or .5)	21016	General elective credit	0.5	
DRED	4 Phase -Classroom, BTW, Simulation, & Multi-Car Driving Range (.25 or .5)	21018	General elective credit	0.5	
	General Courses				
GENED	Homeroom/Study Hall	00069	This is a non-credit course	N/A	
GENED	Career Management (.25, .5, or 1)	20060	General elective credit	2	
GENED	Leadership (.25, .5 or 1)	20066	General elective credit	1	
GENED	Successful School and Life Skills (.25, .5, or 1)	20065	General elective credit	4	
GENED	Alternative High School Mentor/Mentee (.5 or 1)	20067	General elective credit	4	
GENED	Student Aide (.25, .5, or 1)	20068	General elective credit	1	
GENED	ND Civics Test	20069	This is a non-credit course code	N/A	
GENED	Academic Community Service Learning (.25, .5, or 1)	20070	General elective credit	1	
GENED	Seminar (.5 or 1)	20075	General elective credit	1	
GENED	Career Seminar (.5 or 1)	20076	General elective credit	2	
GENED	Advancement Via Individual Determination 9-12 (.5 or 1)	20080	General elective credit	4	
GENED	Teaching Professional (.5 or 1)	20084	General elective credit	2	
GENED	Educational Methodology (.5 or 1)	20085	General elective credit	2	
GENED	Educational Workplace Experience (.5 or 1)	20086	General elective credit	2	
GENED	Adventure Education (.5 or 1)	20090	General elective credit	1	

GPA & Grades



Under the new requirements, a student **IS NOT** automatically disqualified for having one grade below a C

- It just means they can't use that particular indicator (D in Algebra II, etc.)



Under the new requirements, a student must have a **3.0 cumulative non-weighted GPA**

- Somewhat different from old requirements, as the old requirements did allow the 22 credit GPA to be 3.0 or higher

Testing Requirements

- **Postsecondary Ready:**
 - Composite ACT score of 24 or higher, OR
 - SAT of 1180 or higher
- **Workforce Ready:**
 - Composite ACT score of 24 (or SAT of 1180) or higher OR
 - A score of 5 or higher on each of the three WorkKeys assessments (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, Workplace Documents)
- **Military Ready:**
 - ASVAB of 50 or higher

ACT Superscores

- ACT Superscores will only be accepted if we receive a score report
 - School can download the score report and send to Jim
 - In many cases, we can look up the student's score report
 - Student can log into ACT account and send score to code "2927"
 - Superscores WILL NOT be reflected in eTranscript
- If you have a student who got a 24 that is not showing up in eTranscript, send Jim a copy of the score report

SAT Scores

- An SAT score of 1180 or higher can be used in lieu of the ACT testing requirement for the ND Scholarship
- If you have a student with a score of 1180 on the SAT, you will need to send me the score report
- WILL NOT be reflected in eTranscript

Testing Deadlines



All testing must take place before the student graduates!



ACT, WorkKeys, and ASVAB must be completed prior to graduation.

Importance of Choice Ready Report



We will pull data on the Essential Skills indicators as well as the additional indicators in all three pathways from the Choice Ready report.

- It is VERY important to make sure your Choice Ready report is accurate!



We WILL NOT allow indicators to be marked in the Choice Ready report after it has been submitted, and we will not allow indicators to count towards scholarship eligibility if they are not marked in the Choice Ready Report!

- **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

eTranscript Progress Monitoring

- Log into eTranscript
- Click “Progress Monitoring”
 - This will give you a list of your students
 - Green means “on pace,” red means “not on pace”
- Select a student and click “View” to look at that student’s scholarship information
 - Transcript
 - ND Scholarship chart with indicators marked



Where Do We Find the Indicators?

- **PowerSchool:** Courses, GPA, Attendance, Civics test
- **STARS:** ACT score
- **Student Application:** WorkKeys and ASVAB scores
- **Choice Ready Report:** All other indicators

If Something is Inaccurate...



Recalculate the student's progress

- For one student, click "Recalculate" on the right-hand side for that student
- For multiple students, mark the checkbox on the left for those students, and click "Recalculate Selected"
- For all students, click "Select All" at the bottom of the page, and then click "Recalculate Selected"



If that doesn't work, call Jim.

Reporting for Nonpublic Schools



A verification form is available for nonpublic schools.

- Accounts for the fact that nonpublic schools don't do the Choice Ready report.
- Nonpublic schools must complete a verification form for each student who is eligible for the new ND Scholarship.





The verification form is available on our website.

North Dakota Scholarship

The North Dakota Scholarship aims to align scholarship requirements to the Choice Ready initiative. One thing to keep in mind is that the requirements will align to Choice Ready, but are more rigorous than what is required for Choice Ready. The North Dakota Scholarship is worth \$6,000 and can be used at approved colleges, universities, professional schools, and registered apprenticeship programs in North Dakota.

The North Dakota Scholarship has several components. The first component is the essential skills. All students must fulfill the requirements of the essential skills in order to be eligible for the scholarship. The next three components are Post-Secondary Ready, Workforce Ready, and Military. Students must meet 2 of those 3 components to be eligible. Any student that meets the essential skill requirements, as well as 2 of the 3 (Post-Secondary Ready, Workforce Ready, and Military Ready) components, qualifies for the North Dakota Scholarship. Please see the North Dakota Scholarship Framework for specific details on the requirements of each component of the North Dakota Scholarship Requirements.

To verify indicators for the North Dakota scholarship:

- Public schools need to ensure that the correct indicators are marked when they complete the Choice Ready report for each student. The due date for schools to complete the Choice Ready report is June 30. Any indicator that is not marked in the Choice Ready report will not be allowed to be used to meet scholarship eligibility criteria!
- Non-public schools need to complete and submit the [Non-Public School Verification Form](#) .
- Parents of home educated students need to complete, sign, have notarized, and submit the [Home Education Verification Form](#) .



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Questions?



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