

North Dakota Scholarship Information

The [North Dakota Scholarship](#) is a \$6000 scholarship that is aligned with Choice Ready but requires rigor above and beyond what is required for Choice Ready. Students must be North Dakota residents to qualify for the scholarship, and every student that meets the requirements receives a scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, students must meet the requirements of the Essential Skills section at the top of the chart and then meet the requirements of two of the three pathways (Postsecondary Ready, Workforce Ready, and Military Ready) at the bottom of the chart. Be sure that students and parents understand the differences between the Choice Ready requirements and the North Dakota Scholarship requirements.

There were two bills passed during the 69th Legislative Assembly (2025) related to the ND Scholarship requirements. Both of these bills provide additional *options* for students to choose from, and neither bill creates additional requirements.

- [HB 1098](#) adds a pathway of general education teaching courses that had previously been part of the CTE Scholarship to the Workforce Ready pathway of the ND Scholarship. This pathway can be used in lieu of the four credits of CTE/three credits of the same world language. The four-credit pathway of general education teaching courses consists of:
 - Two credits of CTE
 - One credit of Teaching Profession (20084) or Educational Methodology (20085)
 - One credit of any combination of:
 - AP Psychology
 - Dual credit Psychology
 - Child Development
 - Peer-to-Peer Leadership
 - Child-Related Careers

- [HB 1404](#) adds two additional options for students:
 - Starting with the Class of 2027, students can substitute the NDA+ Summative Assessment for the ACT if the score is equivalent to a 24 on the ACT
 - We do not yet know what that equivalent NDA+ score is yet. We will notify the field once that score is determined.
 - Will not impact anyone prior to the Class of 2027.
 - Adds a pathway of military courses that can substitute for the two additional indicators in the Military Ready pathway. The pathway 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

eTranscript contains a progress monitoring tool that will assist students, parents, and school personnel in tracking progress towards qualifying for the ND Scholarship. To access the progress monitoring tool:

- Log into eTranscript.
- Click on “Progress Monitoring”. This will give you a list of your students. Green means that the student is on pace for the scholarship, red means that the student is not on pace.

- Select the student that you wish to review and click “View”. This will allow you to view the student’s transcript, and will also show a copy of the ND Scholarship Chart with indicators marked.
- If something is inaccurate in the progress monitoring tool, click on “Recalculate” on the right hand side for that student. This will not change any of the actual data, it but will recalculate the information to determine whether or not the student is on pace for the scholarship.
 - To recalculate for multiple students, mark the checkbox on the left for those students, and click “Recalculate Selected” at the bottom of the list.
 - To recalculate for all of your students, click “Select All” at the bottom of the page, and then click “Recalculate Selected”.

Testing requirements for the North Dakota Scholarship:

- Testing requirements for each pathway are as follows:
 - Postsecondary Ready Pathway: ACT score of 24 or higher
 - Workforce Ready Pathway: ACT score of 24 or higher or WorkKeys scores of 5 or higher in all three areas (Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents).
 - Military Ready: ASVAB score of 50 or higher (unless the student has completed basic training, in which case the score needed is 31 or higher).
- An ACT superscore of 24 or higher can satisfy the requirement of earning an ACT score of 24 or higher for the North Dakota Scholarship. Students utilizing a superscore should send a copy of the official ACT score report to NDDPI. If sent electronically through the ACT website, the 4-digit code for NDDPI is 2927.
- An SAT score of 1180 or higher can substitute for an ACT score of 24 or higher. Students using an SAT score should send a score report to NDDPI.
- All testing must take place before the student graduates from high school
- Send WorkKeys and ASVAB score reports to NDDPI

Other Scholarship Information:

- Choice Ready Report: eTranscript pulls data for many of the indicators for the scholarship requirements right from the Choice Ready report, so keeping it updated throughout a student’s high school career will ensure that the progress monitoring tool in eTranscript is accurate and up to date.
- 3.0 GPA Requirement: Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher to meet the GPA requirement. Please keep in mind that this must be a non-weighted GPA.
- ASVAB Score Reports: Please send ASVAB score reports to NDDPI if the student meets the requirements of the Military Ready pathway. **DO NOT** dispose of ASVAB score reports if the student needs it to qualify for the scholarship!! Be sure that everyone at your school that is responsible for records retention is aware of that.
- Scholarship Website: Please visit the [ND Scholarship website](#) for additional information.

Application and Reporting Procedures:

- Applications for the North Dakota Scholarship will open on Monday, January 5, 2026, and remain open until Friday, June 5, 2026 (we will send the application link as we get closer to that date).
- The Choice Ready report is due on Tuesday, June 30. We will start reviewing scholarship applications in June for schools that submit the Choice Ready report early and then continue to process the remainder of the applications in July. If the school neglects to mark an indicator in the Choice Ready report, the student cannot use that indicator towards qualifying for the scholarship! (No exceptions will be made to this).
- Non-public schools must complete and submit a [Non-Public School Verification Form](#) for each student applying for the scholarship. This is done to cover the indicators listed in the Choice Ready report (which is not completed by non-public schools).
- All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the end of the day on Wednesday, July 15.

Please contact [Jim Upgren](#) at 701-328-2244 with any questions regarding the North Dakota Scholarship.