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NORTH DAKOTA ~~INDIAN-NATIVE AMERICAN~~
SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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CHAPTER 42-02-01 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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42-02-01-01	Indian-Native American Scholarship Basic Policy <u>Purpose and Duties</u>

42-02-01-01. ~~Indian-Native American~~ scholarship ~~purpose and duties~~ basic-policy.

The North Dakota ~~Indian-Native American~~ scholarship board was established to provide scholarships ~~awards~~ to ~~Indian-North Dakota resident~~ students who are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe. Students qualify through an application procedure established by the board. The board issues awards annually and directs the North Dakota University System in the administration of the awards, establishes appropriate rules and procedures, and encourages members of federally recognized Indian tribes to pursue higher education in the state. ~~The board provides awards to state resident Indian students admitted to any institution of higher learning or state career and technical education program within this state. A student may qualify for an award by graduating as a North Dakota high school valedictorian, by demonstrating academic merit, or by demonstrating financial need.~~

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CHAPTER 42-02-02 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section	
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42-02-02-01. Eligibility of applicants.

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code chapter 15-63, the following factors shall 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~~ and a resident of North Dakota. Residency for each student shall be determined by the institution that student is attending.
- ~~2.3. 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. An applicant may not be considered eligible until the applicant has gained admission to any institution of higher learning or state career and technical education program of study within North Dakota and has had this fact certified to the board.~~
- ~~3.4. An applicant must graduate as a North Dakota high school valedictorian,~~ demonstrate academic merit, or ~~demonstrate~~ financial need to be considered for an award.
5. An applicant must demonstrate probable and continuing success as a student by:
 - a) ~~earning~~ Earning a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA), or its equivalent, of 3.50 for a merit-based scholarship, or
 - b) Earning a minimum 2.00 GPA, or its equivalent, for a need-based scholarship, or
 - ~~4-c) Earning Applicants who apply with~~ a general educational development high school diploma, which shall be considered to have met the minimum 2.00 GPA requirement ~~of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average.~~
- ~~5. The scholarship funds are available to students enrolled full time or to part time students who will complete their degree requirements within one term. Prorated awards are available to post baccalaureate students enrolled less than full time. The board considers full time enrollment to be twelve semester hours for undergraduate students and nine semester hours for graduate students, or an equivalent number of quarter hours or clock hours.~~
6. Students participating in internships, student teaching, teaching assistance programs, or cooperative education programs shall be eligible for a scholarship ~~award~~ only if participation in that program will earn credits which require tuition and which are required for a degree.
- ~~7. Students may not receive more than the equivalent of full funding for six academic years under the scholarship.~~

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42-02-02-02. Procedures for application.

- ~~1. All applications shall be submitted to the administrator of the Indian scholarship board:~~

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board

~~— North Dakota University System~~

~~— 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215~~

~~— Bismarck, ND 58505-0230~~

~~2. The priority deadline for application is the fifteenth of July of each year.~~

~~3-1.~~ Along with a completed application form, ~~candidates~~ applicants shall also submit:

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

~~4-2.~~ Current award recipients may apply for ~~continued funding through the following academic year~~ the scholarship in subsequent years by submitting ~~an~~ a new application and ~~the~~ items listed in subdivisions b through d of subsection ~~342-02-02-01~~.

~~5. Applicants whose circumstances change during the academic year may be considered for an award or an adjustment to an award by appealing in writing to the board.~~

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42-02-02-03. Selection process.

1. All completed applications received by the application priority deadline shall be given full and equal consideration when screening for eligibility for the scholarship.
2. Candidates for the scholarship shall be assigned to one of ~~three~~ two award categories as ~~valedictorian, merit-based, or need-based~~ applicants.
 - 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. ~~Award priority shall be given to high school valedictorians, then to merit-based applicants, then to need-based applicants.~~ Grade point averages, or the equivalent, shall 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 nonloan~~ financial aid resources, ~~and the applicant's free application for federal student aid calculated expected family contribution~~, shall be ranked from highest need to lowest need for need-based applicants.
5. ~~Within each award category, the board may give preference to applicants who are members of North Dakota-based Indian tribes. The board may establish additional priority criteria as required to make award selections.~~ In cases of financial exigency, the board may exercise professional judgement 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. Any eligible applicant whose application was received by the priority deadline but was not offered an award due to limited funding will who is not offered an award but whose application was received by the priority deadline shall be considered for an award if funds become available placed on a wait list for funds, which may become available throughout the academic year. ~~Students on the wait list shall be ranked according to the priority funding selection~~

process.

8. Applications received after the priority deadline shall be considered only if all eligible applicants meeting the deadline are awarded and if funds remain. Late applications shall be considered in date order received based on the priority funding selection process ~~previously noted. All awardees and their respective institutions shall be sent notification after the completion of the selection process detailed in this section.~~
1. ~~**Awards for valedictorians.** All high school valedictorians meeting the application criteria shall receive an award for the academic year immediately following their graduation from high school.~~
2. ~~**Awards for merit-based scholarship.** The recipient of the merit-based scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. Financial need is not a factor. The award is to provide an incentive to students with high academic achievements.~~
3. ~~**Awards for financial need-based scholarship.** The recipient of the need-based scholarship must demonstrate financial need on the needs analysis form completed by a financial aid~~

~~officer at the institution the applicant is attending, and must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 or possess an acceptable high school equivalency credential.~~

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CHAPTER 42-02-03 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Section

42-02-03-01	Award Amounts
42-02-03-02	Policy for a Student Who Declines an Initial Offer of Scholarship Award [Repealed]
42-02-03-03	Disbursement Procedures <u>Enrollment Verification and Payment</u>

42-02-03-01. Award amounts.

1. Criteria ~~to be~~ used in determining award amounts are availability of funds, total number of eligible applicants, and career level of applicants.
2. ~~prevailing tuition rates, grade point averages, and financial need.~~ Award amounts shall be set by the board each academic year.
3. The award amount may be reduced to accord with an individual recipient's financial need.
4. Awards may not exceed total cost of attendance, as determined by the institution, when considering all financial aid sources, for both need-based and merit-based recipients.
5. Awards may not exceed one thousand dollars per semester, or six hundred sixty-seven dollars per quarter or clock-hour term, up to a maximum of two thousand dollars per academic year per student.
6. The award year may include the fall term, spring term, winter term, and summer term as a trailer.

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42-02-03-02. Policy for a student who declines an initial offer of scholarship award.

Repealed effective January 1, 2018.

42-02-03-03. ~~Disbursement procedures~~Enrollment verification and payment.

1. ~~Each academic term, award payments shall be sent to the student's institution for disbursement upon verification of enrollment and scholarship eligibility requirements. Upon verification of eligibility each academic term, funds will be disbursed to the enrolling institution for eligible students. Students are expected to use scholarship disbursements to pay their normal education expenses. Recipients may apply the awards toward the cost of registration, health, activities, board, books, and other necessary items.~~
2. Payment may be made to students enrolled full-time, or to part-time enrolled students on a prorated bases.
3. Full-time enrollment is defined as twelve semester hours for undergraduate students and nine semester hours for graduate student, or an equivalent number of quarter or clock hours. No awards will be provided for enrollment in less than 3 credits, or the equivalent for quarter or clock hours.
4. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, housing and food, books, supplies, course materials and equipment, and other educational-related expenses, not to exceed total cost of attendance when all other aid sources are taken into consideration.
5. Enrolling institutions should make every effort to disburse funds to the student's account in a timely manner. Excess funds should be issued o the student after the enrolling institution has deducted the amount due to the institution.

6. A student's eligibility may include credits enrolled in at another institution (host institution), provided a collaborative or consortium agreement, or similar agreement, is in place with the degree or certificate-granting institution (home institution). The agreement must provide for a full transfer of the credits back to the home institution upon completion of the class(es) at the host institution.
7. Students in study abroad classes must be enrolled in credits at the home institution or have an agreement in place for the credits to be counted toward eligibility at the home institution.

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CHAPTER 42-02-04 POLICY REQUIREMENTS

Section

42-02-04-01	Policy for Satisfactory Progress <u>[Repealed]</u>
42-02-04-02	Policy for Students Who Delay or Interrupt Their Academic Programs [Repealed]
42-02-04-03	Policy for Refunds and Repayments

~~42-02-04-01. Policy for satisfactory progress.~~

~~The North Dakota Indian scholarship board requires the student to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 for renewal. A merit based scholarship recipient who does not maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 may be considered for a need based scholarship if the student maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00.~~

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Law Implemented: NDCC 15-63-02

42-02-04-02. Policy for students who delay or interrupt their academic programs.

Repealed effective January 1, 2018.

42-02-04-03. Policy for refunds and repayments.

- ~~1. A student who withdraws after having received a North Dakota Indian scholarship shall have any refunds or repayments due to the board determined by the stated refund or repayment policy of the campus the student is attending. Students who withdraw after receiving a payment of their scholarship shall have any refunds/repayments of the scholarship determined by the stated refund/repayment policy of the institution they are attending.~~
- ~~2. If students meet the eligibility criteria at the time of disbursement, institutions are not required to return awards for subsequent changes in their financial aid package in the current academic term, however, future terms should be reviewed to ensure the eligibility criteria are met.~~
- ~~3. If funds are disbursed to a student and it is later determined that erroneous data was reported, making the student ineligible, the funds must be returned to the program.~~

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CHAPTER 42-02-05 APPEALS PROCESS

Section

42-02-05-01 Appeals Process

42-02-05-01. Appeals process.

1. Appeals relating to the North Dakota Native American Scholarship should be directed to the Native American Scholarship Board, Attn: ND University System, 600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 21, Bismarck, ND 58505.
2. Filing an appeal is not a guarantee of eligibility.
3. Consideration of appeals may be based on the reason for the appeal, statute, administrative rules, and the availability of funds.

~~Any student who has been denied funding or who has lost funding may appeal to the board. In this case the student must submit, in writing, a description and explanation of the circumstances involved and a summary of the student's concerns, along with any supporting documentation.~~

~~The appeal should be addressed to the board:~~

~~North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board
North Dakota University System
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230~~

~~The board shall consider the appeal and, under extraordinary circumstances affecting a student's eligibility for funding, may grant an award on appeal for the remainder of the academic year. The board shall contact the student regarding its decision within two weeks after the board renders a decision.~~

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