Other Programs Available

Midwest Student Exchange Program
► Offered by the Midwest Higher Education Commission, the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) enables students to enroll in out-of-state colleges and universities at no more than 150 percent of the institutions’ resident tuition rate. Each participating institution determines which degree programs it will make available to students, the number of students it will admit and its admission requirements.

Western Regional Graduate Programs
► The primary purpose of the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) is to permit students from WICHE states to enroll in the more than 220 graduate programs offered by member states. Students who participate in WRGP pay resident tuition rates at public institutions.

Western Undergraduate Exchange
► Through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program, students in 15 participating states may enroll in designated two-year and four-year institutions and programs in other participating states at reduced tuition rates. WUE students pay up to 150 percent of regular in-state tuition at designated institutions.

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The cost of attending a North Dakota University System college or university depends on the campus you choose, the number of credits you take, your transportation and housing expenses, and the amount of financial aid you receive.

Many financial aid programs, grants, scholarships and state reciprocity agreements exist to help students lower or, in some cases, pay for the cost of education.

The North Dakota University System administers grants, scholarships, and other financial incentives for students and graduates. This brochure provides a quick overview of the programs available.

So many options! What does it all mean?

► GRANTS: Financial aid, often based on financial need, that does not need to be repaid.

► SCHOLARSHIPS: Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid.

► LOANS: Money taken out on loan to pay for education and related expenses. Student loans must be repaid with interest.

Learn More:
► NDChoose.com
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Grants & Scholarships

ND State Student Incentive Grant
► The State Grant Program provides non-repayable grants to N.D. residents pursuing undergraduate degrees at N.D.’s public, private, and tribal colleges. The application for the grant is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which must be completed each year by April 15 to be considered for priority funding. Awards are based on unmet need.

ND Academic and ND Career and Technical Education Scholarships
► Academic (AC) Scholarships are intended to encourage and reward high school students who take rigorous high school courses and to retain college students in N.D. These scholarships are awarded to high school graduates who complete defined high school rigorous course work and score a 24 or higher on their ACT assessment.

► Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholarships are intended to encourage and reward high school students to take more rigorous high school courses, promote CTE programs of study, and to retain college students in N.D. CTE Scholarships are awarded to high school graduates who score a 24 or higher on their ACT assessment or a score of at least “5” on each of three WorkKeys assessments taken their senior year in high school as well as complete defined high school rigorous course work.

ND Indian Scholarship Program
► The ND Indian Scholarship Program assists American Indian students in obtaining a college education by providing grants based upon scholastic ability and financial need. An application and supporting document must be received in the NDUS office by July 15 prior to the academic year in which the student is applying for aid for priority consideration.

ND Scholars Scholarship
► The ND Scholars Scholarship is a merit-based full-tuition scholarship for North Dakota’s best and brightest high school graduates to encourage them to remain in North Dakota for postsecondary education. High school juniors must take the ACT prior to July of their junior year. Scholarships are awarded based on ACT scores. No additional application is necessary.

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North Dakota/Minnesota Reciprocity
► The purpose of the North Dakota/Minnesota Reciprocity Program is to continue to improve postsecondary education opportunities for North Dakota and Minnesota residents to achieve improved effectiveness and economy in meeting the postsecondary education needs to those residents through cooperative efforts by the two neighboring states. Currently, North Dakota students who attend Minnesota campuses pay the Minnesota resident rate.

Professional Student Exchange Program
► The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) provides North Dakota students access to veterinary medicine, optometry and dentistry programs not offered in the state. Application is required by Oct. 15 of the year preceding the student’s enrollment in their program. Scholarships are dependent upon the contracts the state has with participating institutions.

STEM Student Loan Forgiveness Program
► The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Occupations Student Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage students to pursue STEM related careers in N.D. The program reduces student loan indebtedness for individuals who have graduated in STEM-related fields and have been employed in STEM occupations in the state for one year.

Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program
► The Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage teaching in North Dakota in grade levels and/or content areas identified by the Department of Public Instruction as having teacher shortages. The program reduces student loan indebtedness for individuals who have held a full-time teaching contract in a shortage area for a full academic year.