



NDSA-08-2122

A Resolution Opposing Attaching Higher Education Funding to Partisan Issues

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, legislative appropriations are vital to the maintenance and development of North Dakota public colleges and Universities; and,

WHEREAS, withholding or decreasing necessary funding to North Dakota institutions is not only damaging to students, but to the state's workforce and culture; and,

WHEREAS, partisan and political issues often have very little to do with these institutions; and,

WHEREAS, this type of action does very little to solve or address the issues that they are designed to discourage; and,

WHEREAS, quality of education should not be conditional on political opinions or movements; and,

WHEREAS, the NDSA has a long history of supporting access to grant money for institutions; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA urges the North Dakota legislature to stop attaching valuable legislative funding to unrelated, partisan issues; and,

BE IT FURTHERST RESOLVED, the NDSA encourages the North Dakota legislature to consult students before developing policies that will impact higher education within the state.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly,
Saturday, January 29th, 2022*