



NDSA-08-2223

## **A Resolution in Support of NDUS Scholarships**

**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**, the North Dakota Higher Education Interim Committee has submitted several bill drafts changing or introducing several NDUS scholarships<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, these proposals include changes to the skilled workforce repayment program, Scholars Program, clarifying eligibility for non-financial aid students for the Dual Credit Scholarship Program, renaming the ND Indian Scholarship to the ND Indigenous Scholarship, and increasing the funding for needs-based student assistance grants to 12 million; and,

**WHEREAS**, these proposals also include establishing financial aid for re-enrolling students, certificate programs for in-demand occupations (as defined by the North Dakota Job Service), aid for paraprofessionals, as well as reinstating a teacher loan forgiveness program; and,

**WHEREAS**, scholarships and grants remove financial barriers and lower the cost of a quality education to students; so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports the changes to the NDUS scholarships, and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports establishing financial aid for returning students, certificate programs, paraprofessionals, and reinstating the teacher loan forgiveness program; and,

**BE IT FURTHERST RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports subsequent proposals to increase the amounts allocated for these programs and oppose any proposals to decrease these amounts.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022*