



NDSA-01-2324

A Resolution In Support of Affordable Higher Education

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 costs associated with pursuing higher education have been steadily increasing due to economic pressures, particularly inflation, across the United States, resulting in decreased access to higher education; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing financial burden of accessing higher education will result in fewer students having the opportunity to benefit from the professional and intellectual growth that higher education offers; and,

WHEREAS, decreased enrollment rates in higher education will harm the economy of North Dakota in the long-term; and,

WHEREAS, affordable access to higher education serves as an economic driver by educating qualified workers who are much needed to fill vacancies in the state's labor force; and,

WHEREAS, affordable and competitive costs associated with higher education increases student access to higher education; and,

WHEREAS, the NDSA has historically supported efforts by the state of North Dakota to increase the affordability of higher education for students; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports efforts by the state of North Dakota to pursue initiatives that would result in NDUS institutions maintaining affordable and regionally competitive costs.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, September 23rd, 2023*