



NDSA-16-2425

A Resolution in Support of Scholarship and Grant Bills that Increase the Affordability of Higher Education in North Dakota

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, during North Dakota's 69th Legislative Session, legislators have proposed a multitude of bills that either create new scholarships and grants or increases the eligibility for currently existing scholarships; and,

WHEREAS, the NDSA has historically supported bills that decrease the cost for students attending institutions of higher education within the state of North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, to reflect this support, the NDSA has passed many resolutions and have testified in support of many of these bills; and,

WHEREAS, among the resolutions passed by the NDSA in support of scholarships is NDSA-01-2425: A Resolution in Support of the NDSA's Legislative Priorities for the 25-27 Biennium, one of the priorities being "Incentivizing student to attend NDUS institutions by increasing the affordability of the NDUS through supporting scholarships and grants comparable to others in the region and to workforce need"; and,

WHEREAS, during North Dakota's 68th Legislative Session, the NDSA passed NDSA-08-2223, NDSA-09-2223, NDSA-12-2223, all of which are resolutions supporting scholarship bills or bills that involve scholarships in them and testified in support of many of these bills; and,

WHEREAS, scholarships and grants further decrease the cost of education for students to attend institutions of Higher Education, incentivizing students to attend college in North Dakota over institutions outside of the state, and attract students outside of North Dakota to attend college in North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, many of these students, once they receive their degrees, tend to remain in North Dakota and enter the state's workforce, addressing our workforce needs; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Dakota Student Association supports HB 1098, HB 1171, HB 1404, HB 1517, SB 2109, SB 2147, SB 2170, SB 2221 and SB 2239; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NDSA supports any Senate bill that was proposed after the passage of this resolution that increases the affordability of attending higher education for students or increases the eligibility for currently existing scholarships.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, January 25th, 2025*