

# Frequently Asked Questions

## North Dakota Academic Scholarship North Dakota Career and Technical Education Scholarship

*In what courses does the student have to earn a "C" or better?*

The student must earn a "C" or better in all courses required by the state of ND for a high school diploma and those courses required for the scholarship.

*Can a student use their weighted Grade Point Average to achieve the 3.0 required GPA?*

No. Students must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.

*What qualifies as "one unit of mathematics for which Algebra II is a prerequisite"?*

At CHS, students can take a full year of Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, or AP Statistics for one credit. Another option to earn one credit is by taking both College Algebra (.5 credit) and Probability and Statistics (.5 credit). Whatever combination is chosen must equal one full credit of mathematics beyond Algebra II.

*Does the student taking an Advanced Placement (AP) course for the academic scholarship have to score a "3" or higher on the AP exam?*

No. Students must take the AP exam but they do not have to score a 3 or higher on the exam.

*What is considered a "dual credit" course?*

A dual credit course is defined as a one-semester college course taken through an institution of higher learning for which the student earns ½ unit of high school credit. The course must be documented on the student's official high school transcript and designated as a dual credit course.

*If a student takes College Algebra as a dual credit course, does this satisfy two criteria for the Academic Scholarship – a dual credit class and a class for which Algebra II is a prerequisite?*

Yes, but remember the student must earn "one full credit of math for which Algebra II is a prerequisite".

*What counts as "fine arts" or "CTE" classes?*

All Art and Music Department courses are considered fine arts, as well as Advanced Theatre Arts from the English Department. Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses would encompass all the Business, Marketing and Computer Programming courses, all Family and Consumer Science courses, all Medical Related Careers courses, plus all the courses offered at the Career Academy/Technical Center – excluding math (Math for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) and science classes (Agri-Science & Horticulture/Botany).

*What is a "coordinated plan of study"?*

Coordinated plans of study are recommended by the state Department of Career and Technical Education and can be viewed at [www.nd.gov/cte/programs/career-dev/plans-of-study.html](http://www.nd.gov/cte/programs/career-dev/plans-of-study.html) or stop in the Counseling Office for more information.

*Does a student have to use the score from the state-administered ACT assessment for scholarship eligibility?*

No. A student may use the score earned on the state-administered assessment but he or she may use a qualifying composite score from any testing date. It is recommended that ACT be completed by the February ACT test date to ensure that the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) receives scores by early June deadline.

*Can the ACT "Superscore" of 24 or better be used to qualify for the scholarship?*

Yes. Superscores as calculated by ACT can be used for state scholarship.

*What is the WorkKeys assessment and should I take it?*

The WorkKeys® Assessment System was developed by ACT as a comprehensive system for measuring the common skills required for success in the workplace. Students who have met the course and grade requirements for the CTE Scholarship but have not earned a score of 24 on the ACT should consider taking WorkKeys. You can qualify for the CTE Scholarship by receiving a score of at least a 5 on each of the three WorkKeys assessments – Workplace Documents, Graphic Literacy, Applied Math.

*Can a student take the WorkKeys assessment to qualify for the Academic Scholarship?*

No. The WorkKeys assessment can only be used for the CTE Scholarship.

*How do I register for the WorkKeys?*

Contact the CHS Career Advisor, Laura Henkelman to schedule the WorkKeys. Each test takes just under an hour and costs approximately \$15.

*If a student scores less than 5 on one WorkKeys assessment, may they retake only that one assessment or do they have to take all three tests over again?*

The student may retake only the one test with a score less than 5.

*May a student be awarded both the Academic Scholarship and the Career and Technical Education Scholarship?*

No. A student may be eligible for both scholarships but can be awarded only one.

*If a student is awarded a Career and Technical Scholarship, does he or she have to pursue a field of study in a career and technical field or attend a technical school?*

No. The student can pursue a degree in any field of their choice and attend any approved ND college.

*May the scholarship money be used for room and board or is it just for tuition?*

The scholarship money may be used for expenses associated with attendance, including room and board, tuition, books, etc.

*How does a student apply for one of these scholarships?*

Students may apply online from January 1 – June 1 at [www.dpi.state.nd.us/scholarship](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/scholarship).

*If a student meets all the criteria for one of the scholarships but is not planning to go to school or planning to go to an out of state school should he or she still apply for the scholarship?*

**Yes.** The student would indicate deferment of the scholarship on his or her notification letter. If they later decide to go to school in ND they could still access the scholarship as long as the money is used within 6 years of high school graduation.

*Can a student use the scholarship for graduate school?*

Students may use the scholarship to help pay for graduate school if they have completed three or fewer years of an undergraduate program or have collected less than the \$6,000 scholarship maximum.

*A senior is eligible but does not apply for a scholarship. The student attends college out of state for one year and then returns to ND. Upon his or her return to ND as a college sophomore, may the student apply for the scholarship?*

No. Students must apply for the scholarship in the spring of their senior year of high school.