



To: Scholarship Applicants

From: Aaron Birst, NDACo Executive Director

Re: Your NDACo Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in the North Dakota Association of Counties/Institute of Local Government Scholarship Fund. As a non-profit association that provides services to county government, NDACo strongly believes in education and the future of North Dakota's youth. That is why we created this scholarship fund through our education subsidiary, the Institute of Local Government. You will one day be the leaders of our communities, counties and state.

We sincerely hope you will consider the rewards of a career in public service, where you will gain the rewards of knowing your work helps to make your world a better place to live.

If chosen as a recipient, you will be invited to be recognized at the NDACo Annual Conference and Expo in Bismarck in October.

Scholarships will be evaluated using a ranking system which considers several factors in the following order of priority:

- Leadership, Volunteerism
- Honors, Awards
- Personal Statement and Essay
- Academic Achievement

I encourage you to read through the Frequently Asked Questions at www.ndaco.org/scholarships before completing this application.

On behalf of NDACo, ILG, and the many individual and corporate donors from across the state, I wish you the very best for your education and future career.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Birst", is positioned above the printed name.

Aaron Birst
Executive Director



2025



Scholarship Application

ELIGIBILITY

- Child or grandchild of a current North Dakota county employee or county official.
- Will be registered as a full-time undergraduate student in an accredited North Dakota university, college or vocational/technical certification program. (Full-time status is determined by the criteria of the institution.)
- Previous NDACo Scholarship winners may not apply.
- For more eligibility details, please see FAQs at www.ndaco.org/scholarships.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- This form, fully completed, signed and dated by student applicant.
- A resume or listing of work experience, volunteerism, awards/recognition, etc.
- TWO (2) letters of recommendation, dated within the past 12 months.
- Personal statement about your academic goals and expectations. (limit 300 words)
- Essay that answers the question, “How has your parent’s/grandparent’s experience in county government helped shape who you are?” (limit 300 words)
- An official transcript from the high school or college most recently attended.

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (one you use in summer) _____

North Dakota Institution You Plan to Attend in 2024-2025 _____

Year in College for 2025-2026 Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Certification Relationship of County Official or Employee: Parent Grandparent (Required)

Name(s) of those checked above: _____

Their county, job and email address: _____

Please address all materials to:
NDACo Scholarship Fund
c/o Institute of Local Government
PO Box 877
Bismarck, ND 58502-0877
Or scan and email to ndaco@ndaco.org

Student’s Preferred name _____
(Mike vs Michael, etc.)

Date: _____

DEADLINE: All materials postmarked no later than Friday, May 23, 2025

We suggest submitting all material in one package. If letters or transcripts are sent separately, it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure they are received by the deadline.

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