



## **Dollars for Scholars Partnership: Community Educational Opportunities**

Choose any three options to fulfill your local community's commitment to higher education awareness and be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship for your local Dollars for Scholars Chapter.

### **College Application Month**

College Application Month (CAM) is part of a national initiative known as the American College Application Campaign. The goal of CAM is to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students pursuing a college degree or other post secondary education. Events are coordinated by a site coordinator (usually a counselor or assistant principal) and take place at the high school during the school day. Many sites need volunteers to help students submit college applications. If your community participates, consider volunteering! In 2019, 154 communities participated and a vast majority of these communities have Dollars for Scholars chapters.

### **Career Discovery ND**

An evening program designed for parents and students. Attendees have the option to attend two of the five sessions: Exploring Careers in ND, Career Planning tools, State Scholarships, Financial Literacy and Life After High School. Neighboring schools are encouraged to be invited.

### **Financial Aid Night/Day**

Financial aid sources, scholarships and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are typically covered during these events. The goal is for students and parents to come away with a clear understanding of what the FAFSA is, what they will need to complete it and how to complete it. Check with your local high school counselor(s) to see if they complete one (or more!) of these events for their families. If they do, you can utilize this as one of your educational opportunities.

### **Financial Literacy**

BND will create an interactive and engaging session specifically designed for your community to increase awareness around financial well-being from the time a student is in high school until they are looking at retirement. Get the kids and community excited about saving, smart money moves and being financially fit.

### **Scholarship Power Hour**

Your local chapter will set up the date, time and place, possibly working with the school(s) within your community, to hold a 'Power Hour' where students will complete their Dollars for Scholars profiles and/or submit their Dollars for Scholars application(s).



### **Money for College and/or Refinancing Student Loans After College**

Schedule a live or virtual presentation about how to pay for college with BND's state-sponsored student loan program and learn about student loan refinancing when done with college and how it can help you.

### **Money Matters & Every Little Bit Helps – What's a College SAVE 529 Account?**

Invite BND into your community to visit about saving for college. Did you know saving for college with a College SAVE 529 Account can start as early as the time a child receives their social security card? We will talk all about the benefits of saving for college – at ANY age – and the tax benefits that go along with a College SAVE 529 account. BND believes in the value of education awareness and preparedness from cradle to career – and this is where the cradle comes in! Attendees will also learn about BND's match program – College SAVE offers match programs for every newborn in North Dakota and an additional match that four of five North Dakota families are eligible to receive. This is a great event to gear toward elementary and middle school families to encourage them to start thinking about college funding.

### **FAFSA Videos**

To help make applying for the FAFSA less complicated for families, share BND's FAFSA videos - you can share many ways: via your Dollars for Scholars website, social media pages, email, you name it! Videos cover what you need to complete the FAFSA, dependent vs. independent students, divorced and single families, determining assets, family size and FAFSA verification. These are in addition to videos on the overview of the financial aid process, Federal Direct and Direct PLUS loans, BND student loans, scholarships and grants, cosigning student loans and tackling credit cards. These videos can be found on BND's YouTube channel, website and Facebook page.

### **Dollars for Scholars 2020-21 Annual Conference**

BND will once again provide an annual conference during the fall of 2020. Location and date to be determined.

### **A la carte**

You work with BND to create an educational session/event/presentation that will fulfill a need within your community. This can be bits and pieces of the options presented here, or we can work together to create something customized.

### **Get Creative**

Your chapter works together to create an event that promotes education and gives valuable information regarding post secondary education. Maybe you are already doing this - if so, use it as one of your educational opportunities!



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This partnership was developed to increase access to higher educational resources and to build awareness within your community. Bank of North Dakota (BND) is honored to be able to partner with your organization. Please complete this form to be eligible for a \$1,000 donation to your local Dollars for Scholars chapter from BND during 2020. Return completed form to [statedirector@nddfs.org](mailto:statedirector@nddfs.org) no later than December 1, 2020. Forms received after 12/1/2020 will not be eligible for the \$1,000.

### **Chapter:**

#### **Option One**

Event:

Event Date:

If Applicable, Board Members Present:

Was this a successful event? Why or why not? Should it be an annual event?

#### **Option Two**

Event:

Event Date:

If Applicable, Board Members Present:

Was this a successful event? Why or why not? Should it be an annual event?

#### **Option Three**

Event:

Event Date:

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Was this a successful event? Why or why not? Should it be an annual event?