

## Dollars for Scholars Partnership: Community Educational Opportunities

This initiative hopes to increase collaboration between like minded community groups that have the same goal: access to post-secondary education. The expectation to receive the funds is that your chapter takes an active role in planning and participating in these events. 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 higher education credential. 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!

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

Financial aid sources, scholarships and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are critical topics for students to learn about in the fall. If you would like to organize an event, simply work with your community to secure an expert on the topic and schedule an event. BND is happy to assist in connecting you with someone who can help. Students and parents will come away with a clear understanding of what the FAFSA is, what they will need to complete it and how to complete it.

### **Financial Literacy**

BND or your local banker can help 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**

You will set up the date, time and place, working with the school(s) within your community, to hold a 'Power Hour' where members from your local chapter will be available to help students complete and 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 finished with college and how it can help you.

### **Money Matters & Every Little Bit Helps**

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.

### **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. Please e-mail proposed event to [statedirector@nddfs.org](mailto:statedirector@nddfs.org) prior to hosting the event.

### **Dollars for Scholars Annual Conference**

BND will provide a virtual annual conference during the fall of 2023. More information to come.

### **Statewide Lunch N Learn**

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars has periodically hosted statewide lunch n learns. This year we invite local chapters to receive credit for a Community Education Opportunity by providing a topic and assisting in the organization of a session. Please contact NDDFS at [statedirector@nddfs.org](mailto:statedirector@nddfs.org) to begin.



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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 secure an annual \$1,000 donation to your local Dollars for Scholars chapter from BND. Return completed form to [statedirector@nddfs.org](mailto:statedirector@nddfs.org) no later than December 1, 2023.

### **CHAPTER:**

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### **OPTION ONE**

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Event Date:

If Applicable, Board Members Present:

Event Details:

**OPTION TWO**

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**OPTION THREE**

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