

2013 NDDFS scholarship opportunities

Scholarships Available Only to High Schools Seniors

North Dakota College Access Challenge Grant Scholarship

- One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student from each DFS chapter in North Dakota
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be a full time student

JoAnn Link Hetzel Vocational/Technical/Trade School Scholarship

- Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending a vocational or technical/trade school
- Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student
- Students pursuing mechanics, electrical, welding, or surveying will receive preference

Dr. Fradkin Community Service/Volunteer Scholarship

- Eight \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students who excel in community service

Scholarships Available to High School Seniors or Continuing Students

Leadership Scholarship

- Premier scholarship opportunity for students attending any North Dakota or Red River Valley college
- One \$15,000 scholarships will be awarded
- Applicants must have a 3.7 GPA or higher; and must have a composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT

Military Scholarship

- Eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to dependents of members of a North Dakota military unit/installation
- Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student

Scholarships Available Only to Continuing Students

Sanford Health Scholarship

- Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing degrees in healthcare fields
- Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and be a full time student

James A. Guy Returning Students/Graduate Students Scholarship

- Fifty-six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded
- Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and be a full time student

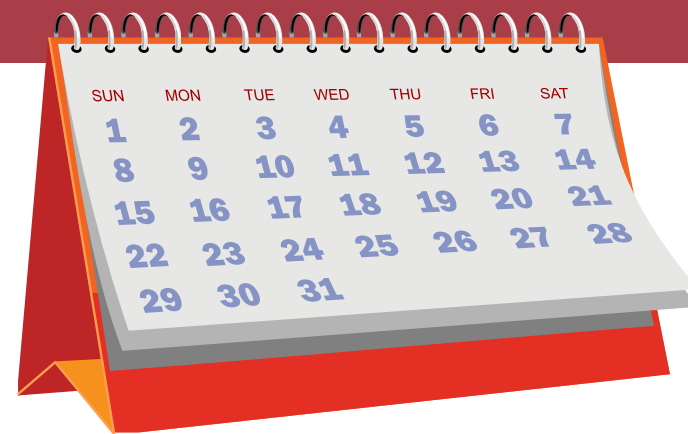
Upcoming Events

March 31, 2013
Statement of Intent returned to Scholarship America

May 1, 2013
Submit application to join NDDFS Board

October 2013
Fall Training and Appreciation Luncheon
TBA

January 1, 2014
All chapters live with ChapterNet



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2013 NDDFS Scholarships Applications Online

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars (NDDFS) is currently accepting scholarship applications from North Dakota high school seniors and college students. Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 will be awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year. The application deadline for all scholarships is Monday, April 1, 2013.

Applicants must have graduated high school from a North Dakota community with an active NDDFS chapter to qualify. Students from a wide range of backgrounds are encouraged to submit applications. The scholarship offerings cover a variety of categories: need-based, vocational/technical schools, military family, health care, leadership, community service and emergency medical response.

Scholarship details and online applications are available at nddfs.org. To apply, students must create a profile in the online student center. This profile allows students to be matched to online scholarship applications based on their personal information. Students will also be able to use this profile to find future opportunities from NDDFS and national organizations.

View the full list of 2013 NDDFS scholarship opportunities on page 5.

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National Changes Impact Local Chapters

Scholarship America has embarked on an initiative to better help students complete their education beyond high school. The improvements also will grow and sustain Dollars for Scholars to ensure its local and national success for generations to come.

In early February, all chapters received an email from Scholarship America with information concerning the impending changes. Each chapter is being asked to make a decision regarding the future of your organization. Maintaining your affiliation will require specific actions and implementation by 2014.

March 31, 2013

Statement of Intent – This one-page form is designed for you to tell Scholarship America your chapter's intentions for implementation of the new affiliation requirements. It also allows you to request additional assistance. The new affiliation agreement will be signed later and will not go into effect until January 1, 2014. Please return the Statement of Intent by the deadline. Chapters that do not respond will be suspended.

January 1, 2014

Affiliation Agreement – This new agreement defines the relationship between Scholarship America and your organization, promotes consistent practices among all Dollars for Scholars affiliates, and specifies the requirements of affiliation. A new agreement will need to be signed every three years. This will help to ensure that the organization and local chapters are changing with the times and are current with regulations.

Implement ChapterNet – Chapters must fully implement ChapterNet and use it in accordance with the software hosting agreement. Training resources are available in the online Chapter Portal. NDDFS is also available for in person training.

File Articles of Incorporation – Chapters must be organized as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of their state. This is a simple process in North Dakota. The filing fee is \$40 and the form can be found at nd.gov/eforms/Doc/sfn13003.pdf. In addition, to maintain your incorporation status, the state requires an annual report and \$10 fee due by February 1 each year. The contact person listed in the Articles of Incorporation will be mailed the report to complete each year. It is important to note that North Dakota does not require nonprofits to complete an annual independent audit. However, Scholarship America does encourage your chapter to complete an informal audit on an annual basis to ensure good stewardship of funds.

Adopt New Bylaws – Chapters are required to adopt and maintain bylaws which include the required provisions listed in section 2.1 of the Chapters Standards document. A sample template and other helpful documents are provided under the 2014 Affiliation Information section in the online Chapter Portal. To adopt the new bylaws you need to vote at a board meeting and submit new document to Scholarship America.

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars encourages all chapters to complete and return the Statement of Intent by the deadline. This document does not obligate your chapter to fulfill a future agreement. However, it gives you at least nine months to evaluate the benefits of continued affiliation and implement the affiliation requirements by the January 1, 2014 deadline. It also allows you time to evaluate the commitment and responsibilities of Scholarship America. If for some reason your chapter decides not to continue affiliation, you have the right to do so even after signing the Statement of Intent.

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars has asked the Office of Attorney General to review the affiliation agreement. We don't anticipate any major problems; rather we wanted to provide this service to reassure chapters that the terms are fair and appropriate. Please contact the State Director if there is any specific content causing you concern.

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2012 Annual Event Draws a Crowd

Over 100 volunteers from across the state gathered at the North Dakota Dollars for Scholars 5th Annual Appreciation Luncheon and Training on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Participants learned more about the changes and benefits being implemented by Scholarship America. They also had the opportunity to work in ChapterNet and hear Tax Commissioner, Cory Fong, speak about endowment gifts. It was a truly inspiring and educational day. In addition, each of the fifty-four chapters in attendance took home \$1,000 from Bank of North Dakota to award scholarships in its community.



Nancy Lunde
Hero Award Recipient

Congratulations to Nancy Lunde, Griggs County Central, for being selected as the 2012 North Dakota Dollars for Scholars Chapter Hero. Nancy started Griggs County Central Dollars for Scholars in 2004. Without her vision and commitment the chapter would not be in existence today. She attended the NDDFS annual meeting in Bismarck in 2011 and participated in the training for setting up the ChapterNet website. Thankfully, Nancy took on the challenge of setting up everything for the chapter and by her efforts alone, the chapter is live online and functioning.

Volunteers are nominated by their local chapter members. To be considered, nominees must have three or more years of active participation in a local DFS chapter, exhibit commitment to the DFS mission, and have successfully guided the chapter in a meaningful way. Congratulations to all seven 2012 nominees and thank you to their fellow chapter members for recognizing their contributions. Applications for 2013 will accepted this fall.

Join the North Dakota Dollars for Scholars Board

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars is looking for a few new board members who are currently active in their local chapter. New board members will help guide the future of the state chapter and assist with leading local chapters in their region.

The mission of NDDFS is to encourage postsecondary education attendance for all North Dakota students through strong Dollars for Scholars support. Our vision is to educate and support local chapters by cultivating relationships and opportunities which create scholarships. Each year the board awards over \$100,000 throughout the state. The NDDFS board meets six times a year. Most meetings take place by conference call on the last Monday of odd months. Board members are also asked to attend the annual October conference and an annual face-to-face meeting in June.

Please visit nddfs.org if you are interested in joining the board. A short application form is available under the Chapters/Forms section. Please submit your application by May 1, 2013. We will invite new members to join us at our annual June meeting where we gather for a full day of planning.

Questions or Comments? • statedirector@nddfs.org • 1.888.592.8540



(L to R) Chris Gessele of NDDFS Board Congratulates Annette Weisgarber, Jayne Pochant, Julie Broderick, Jim Kaiser from Washburn, ND NDDFS

2012 Chapter Hero Award Nominees

Al Nosbusch – Bismarck Dollars for Scholars
Debbie Axtman – Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars
Larry Clark – Drake Dollars for Scholars
Dwight Dockter – Hope Area Dollars for Scholars
Darla Coleman – Lisbon Dollars for Scholars
Ava Archibald – West Fargo Area Dollars for Scholars

Letter from Laura



I am pleased to report that North Dakota Dollars Scholars will be awarding over \$130,000 in scholarships this year to graduating high school seniors and continuing college students. Opportunities were announced at the beginning of the year and scholarship applications are starting to flow into our new ChapterNet system. I am excited to be using this system exclusively this year as I truly believe it will have a positive impact on students and provide additional opportunities for them in the future. The change certainly comes with some growing pains however. Students and parents have been calling and emailing with questions and also requesting the paper forms to which they were accustomed. With some explanation and encouragement they are ready to proceed with the new online format. Many local North Dakota chapters also have their system live and ready for this scholarship season. I congratulate these chapters and wish them each the best with this transition. I also encourage the remaining chapters to continue their work in ChapterNet and reach out to their neighboring chapters and NDDFS for support.

ChapterNet is not the only change facing our chapters. We are all being asked to sign a Statement of Intent and complete new affiliation requirements this year. While change is often challenging and daunting, I believe these changes are for the benefit of chapters as the documents better define the relationship with Scholarship America and explain chapter responsibilities. Please feel free to contact me to discuss these changes and request assistance with implementation. The North Dakota board and I are willing to help you throughout this process and into the future.

Live Websites in One Quarter of North Dakota Chapters

Twenty-six Dollars for Scholars chapters in North Dakota have completed their work in ChapterNet and have live websites. Congratulations to these chapters for working hard and embracing the new requirements from Scholarship America. In addition to a website, these chapters now have access to online donations, electronic scholarship applications for their students, and more scholarship opportunities from state and national organizations.

All chapters must fully implement ChapterNet by January 1, 2014 to maintain their affiliation with Dollars for Scholars. To get started, check out the helpful resources available on the Scholarship America Chapter Portal. By logging into the portal you will find everything you need from start to launch, including instructional videos and a user guide. Also take a look at other live sites to get ideas and inspiration. Contact NDDFS if you need further assistance or want to host a training meeting for chapters in your region.

