Congratulations on being awarded a Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount. Here are important items you need to know regarding your discount.

The purpose of this award is to serve and support traditionally underrepresented students attending North Dakota State University.

For the purpose of the discount, cultural diversity is defined as anyone who comes from the following underrepresented groups:
- Native American/American Indian
- Alaskan Native
- African American/Black
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Multiracial/Multiethnic
- Refugee/Permanent Resident

The award is a need-based award and the majority of recipients show high financial need as determined by the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). The discount is a part of a student’s financial aid and will be listed on the Student Aid Report.

In addition to cultural diversity and financial need, priority is given to students who are:
- First-generation college students
- Students planning to enroll full time at NDSU
- Single parents
- Enrolled members of a tribe or village
- Students working toward their first degree
**REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

Students must:
- Be a United States citizen, permanent resident or in the progress of obtaining permanent residency.
- Enroll in AHSS 188. This Cultural Diversity Scholars course is two credits.
- Meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines each semester enrolled. Please review the Student Academic Progress section below, which provides a brief introduction to these guidelines.
- Meet with a representative from the Office of Multicultural Programs each semester. Review the section regarding the Mandatory Progress Meetings in this guide.
- Meet with the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount coordinator in the Office of Admission prior to leaving NDSU for any reason and complete the Scholarship Exception/Appeal Form, which can be found at ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/forms. Upon returning to NDSU, students need to reactivate their student status with the Office of Registration and Records and notify the Office of Admission. Every semester a student is not enrolled at NDSU still counts toward the original time limit of five years or 15 semesters.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN A MASTER’S PROGRAM**

Students must:
- Be a United States citizen, permanent resident or in the progress of obtaining permanent residency.
- Meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines each semester enrolled. Please review the Student Academic Progress section below, which provides a brief introduction to these guidelines.
- Meet with a representative from the Office of Multicultural Programs each semester. Please review the section regarding the Mandatory Progress Meetings in this guide.
- Meet with the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount coordinator in the Office of Admission prior to leaving NDSU for any reason and complete the Scholarship Exception/Appeal Form, which can be found at ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/forms. Upon returning to NDSU, students need to reactivate their student status with the Office of Registration and Records and notify the Office of Admission. Every semester a student is not enrolled at NDSU still counts toward the original time limit of two years or six semesters.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN A DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

Students must:
- Be a United States citizen, permanent resident or in the progress of obtaining permanent residency.
- Meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines each semester enrolled. Please review the Student Academic Progress section below, which provides a brief introduction to these guidelines.
- Meet with a representative from the Office of Multicultural Programs each semester. Please review the section regarding the Mandatory Progress Meetings in this guide.
- Meet with the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount coordinator in the Office of Admission prior to leaving NDSU for any reason and complete the Scholarship Exception/Appeal Form, which can be found at ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/forms. Upon returning to NDSU, students need to reactivate their student status with the Office of Registration and Records and notify the Office of Admission. Every semester a student is not enrolled at NDSU still counts toward the original time limit of three years or nine semesters.
ADDITIONAL DETAILS
• Undergraduate students will receive the award for five consecutive years or 15 semesters, graduate students with new awards pursuing a master’s degree will receive the award for two consecutive years or six semesters, and graduate students with new awards pursuing a doctoral program will receive the award for three consecutive years or nine semesters.

• Once the first semester at NDSU has been completed, students will continue to automatically receive the discount each semester they are enrolled and eligible or until the time limit of the award is reached.

• If planning to use the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount for a summer session, students must contact the coordinator in the NDSU Office of Admission prior to summer enrollment.

• The Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount covers the North Dakota undergraduate base tuition rate, regardless of student status. Graduate students will receive a per-credit-hour discount rate less student fees. Differential tuition is not covered under the discount. Students who are residents of a state other than North Dakota, are responsible for the remaining tuition cost.

• If a student receives the discount as an undergraduate student and it does not expire before completing his or her degree, the student will have the option of taking additional undergraduate classes at NDSU, or continuing the discount into a graduate program at NDSU for up to two consecutive years or six semesters.

• Students are strongly encouraged, but not required to take a full-time credit load. However, the time limit remains in effect no matter how many credits they are enrolled in.

• Students may not use any other type of waiver, assistantship or fellowship with the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.

• The discount does not cover transportation, fees, books, room, board or other costs of attendance. Students may use other forms of financial aid to cover these costs.

• You are only allowed one Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount while attending NDSU.

LOSING ELIGIBILITY
Under some circumstances students may lose eligibility to receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount. Those who may lose eligibility to receive the award are:
• Students on financial aid disqualification. For the discount to be reinstated, students must successfully appeal their financial aid disqualification. The Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress appeal form can be found at www.ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/forms. Students on financial aid warning, probation or plan of study are still eligible to receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.

• Students who fail to meet with the Office of Multicultural Programs each semester.

MANDATORY PROGRESS MEETING WITH THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS:
The staff of the Office of Multicultural Programs is committed to helping students achieve academic success while attending NDSU. After the first 2 weeks of classes, students will be required to begin meeting with their Office of Multicultural Programs coordinator. The meeting will provide students with the opportunity to learn about programs and services available, including free tutorial services, laptop lending program, student leadership and involvement opportunities. Additional progress meetings will be required each semester the student receives the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount. The Office of Multicultural Programs is located in the Memorial Union, room 178. Students can schedule their first appointment once classes have begun by calling 701-231-1029 or by emailing ndsu.multicultural@ndsu.edu. New students and transfer students are required to enroll in AHSS 188 during the fall semester. There are no exceptions to enrollment in this course. Students may contact the Office of Multicultural Programs for more information.
STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS:
As mentioned earlier, students are required to meet the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester at NDSU. Basic standards are maintaining a 2.0 grade-point average each semester, and over the course of their program (cumulative), while also completing 66.667 (2/3) percent of the credits registered for each semester and over the course of their program. Transfer students are encouraged to visit the max credit hour limitations. Student can find a complete explanation of Student Academic Progress guidelines by visiting www.ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/finaid/sap. Any appeal to Student Academic Progress needs to be turned in at Bison Connection or Student Financial Services.

PROGRAM BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS:
Certain programs have special restrictions under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.
• Pharmacy students will receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount for six years or 18 semesters. This applies to students who start at NDSU pre-pharmacy and complete the program as written. While the required pre-professional pharmacy course may be completed in four academic semesters, many students choose to spread out their course work over additional semesters to reduce course loads. Since the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount covers six academic years or 18 semesters, students planning to complete the pre-professional course work over more than four semesters should plan to either attend NDSU during the summer semesters or finance the final year of the professional pharmacy program through other means. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their academic plan of study with their advisor to ensure they make optimal use of their Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.
• Nursing students taking courses through the NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health program are eligible to receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount for classes taken on campus in Bismarck, North Dakota; however, they may not receive the discount for any online courses that may be required while studying in Bismarck.
• Medical Lab Science students receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount for the three years of academic work students need for their major. The Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount does not cover the 12-month internship required by the Clinical Lab Science program.
• Radiological Science students receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount for the two years of academic work on campus but it does not cover the two-year internship required by the Radiological Science program.
• Respiratory Care students will receive the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount for the academic work on campus but it does not cover the 15-month internship required by the Respiratory Care program.
• Elementary Education/Child Development Family Science students receive the discount for all of their academic classes billed through NDSU. Any education classes that are billed through Valley City State University are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.
• Social Work/Child Development Family Science students receive the discount for all of their academic classes billed through NDSU. Any social work classes that are billed through Minot State University are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.
• Differential Tuition for specific programs is not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount. Students enrolled in programs which require differential tuition need to use other financial aid to make up the difference in cost.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES:
Some classes are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount:
• Classes offered through Distance and Continuing Education or any class identified as self-supporting are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount. To find out if a specific class is self-supporting, refer to the “class notes” section in Campus Connection. It will state “Credits for this course count toward totals for financial aid, but are not covered under tuition cap and are not eligible for NDSU tuition discounts. May not be taken via Tri-College registration. North Dakota resident per credit tuition/fees apply unless otherwise noted.”
• Intensive English Language Classes are not covered under the Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount.
• The Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount does not cover a Cooperative Education Experience or internships through the Career Center.
• If you decide to study abroad, you can use your Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount if NDSU has an exchange agreement with the institution you are planning to attend. If an agreement does not exist between NDSU and the other institution, you may not use your Cultural Diversity Tuition Discount. This should be discussed with the Office of International Programs prior to your study abroad experience.
RESOURCES

Office of Admission
701-231-8643
nds.admission@ndsu.edu

Office of Multicultural Programs
To schedule a progress meeting, call 701-231-1029.

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One Stop
701-231-6200
www.ndsu.edu/onestop

Academic Collegiate Enhancement (ACE)
This free academic support program is available to all enrolled undergraduate students. Whether you would like help with homework, tips on studying for an exam or strategies for taking notes, ACE can help you achieve your academic goals. Visit ndsu.edu/studentsuccess/about_ace for more information.

Student Support Services
The Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities as they progress through their academic experience from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs. Call 701-231-8028 or visit ndsu.edu/trio for more information.

NDSU does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of age, color, gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, participation in lawful off-campus activity, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, public assistance status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, spousal relationship to current employee, or veteran status, as applicable. Direct inquiries to: Vice Provost, Title IX/ADA Coordinator, Old Main 201, 701-231-7708, ndsu.eoaa@ndsu.edu. 08/17