

COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

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WHAT IS COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH?

College Application Month is part of a national initiative known as the American College Application Campaign. The American Council on Education started this initiative in 2005 with a single high school in North Carolina. Today, it reaches more than 250,000 schools in all 50 states. North Dakota was the final state to join the initiative in 2014.

The goal of College Application Month is to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. In addition to applying for college, College Application Month also helps students and their parents learn about the FAFSA and begin that process. With the changes to the FAFSA guidelines that were implemented in 2016, October is a perfect time of the year to conduct these events.

What happens at the school's event?

Students are able to complete a college application during the school day. For all students, it is a gentle nudge to help them start the college preparation process earlier. As an added bonus, Bank of North Dakota (BND) will cover the \$35 application fee for one North Dakota college or university per student when the student applies during a College Application Month event at their school.

How do you participate?

Volunteers help high school seniors complete a college application during their school's College Application Month event. During the event, volunteers will help students submit their applications by answering application and admissions questions and sometimes troubleshooting technical application issues. Volunteers are not responsible for running the event.

Volunteer resources from BND have been provided in the last pages of this document. These resources include an FAQ sheet, list of phone numbers to admission and enrollment offices, and admissions guidelines for colleges and universities across the state to use when helping the students.

Benefits of College Application Month

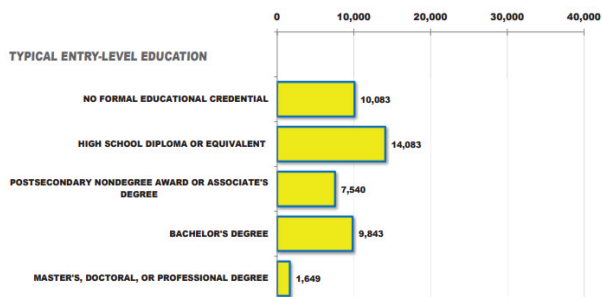
The goal of College Application Month is to increase the number of North Dakota students applying to North Dakota colleges, with an emphasis on first-generation students and students from low-income families. Over the past seven years, more than 21,000 students have taken advantage of the \$35 application fee that BND pays when a student attends a College Application Month event and applies to a North Dakota college or university!

In North Dakota, [Job Service's Labor Market Information projects](#) that entry level jobs in North Dakota across all education paths will increase through 2031, including those that require on the job training. Recent data also shows that North Dakota students have one of the highest high school graduation rates in the nation and below average rates for on-time college completion.

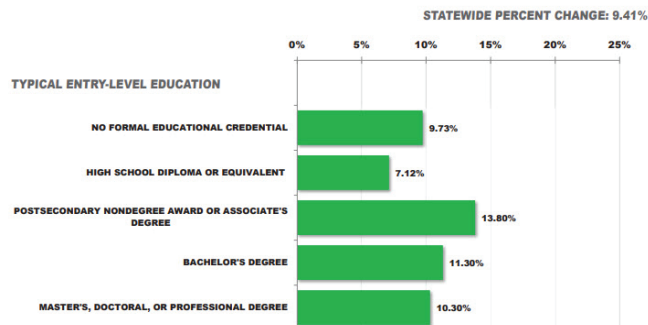
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College Application Month partners

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Volunteer resources

Thank you for volunteering to help with College Application Month. The following are resources you can use as you prepare for and attend the College Application Month event(s).

North Dakota College and University Hotline Numbers

Institution	Contact	Phone
Bismarck State College	BSC Admission	701-224-2625
Dakota College at Bottineau	Admissions	800-542-6866
Dickinson State University	Admissions	701-483-2175
Lake Region State College	Admission	701-662-1514
Mayville State University	Admissions	701-788-4842
Minot State University	Admissions	701-858-3350
North Dakota State College of Science	Admissions Office	701-671-2521 #2
North Dakota State University	Admission	701-231-8643
University of North Dakota	Admission	701-777-3000
Valley City State University	Enrollment Services	701-845-7101
Williston State College	Enrollment Services	701-774-4210
University of Mary	Admissions	701-355-8210
University of Jamestown	Admissions	701-252-3467 ext:5562
Sitting Bull College	Admissions	701-854-8000
Turtle Mountain Community College	Joni LaFontaine	701-477-7885
United Tribes Technical College	Admissions	701-221-1851
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	Peggy Burckhard	701-766-1334
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College	Admissions	701-627-8049

Frequently asked questions about college applications

Q: Do I have to create an account to submit an application?

A: There are actually a few ways to submit a college application! Most applications can be accessed directly on each college's website. In that case, you will need to create an account and verify your email before you can begin the application. Instructions on how to create an account to apply for admissions are listed on each institution's website. If you wish to apply to more than one North Dakota college, you should create an account and submit an application for each school.

Any student attending a high school that utilizes PowerSchool will be required to use the college application tab if they are applying to University of North Dakota (UND).

Any applications submitted on the Common Application will not be accepted as part of College Application Month.

Q: Why did I get the message "There is an account similar to yours already" when trying to create an account?

A: If you visited with a college representative at your high school, a college fair or other event your information may have been entered in the college's student database, which generates usernames for students to access their applications for admissions and personalized webpages. You can either:

1. Click 'Forgot Username and/or Password' on the login screen to have a link sent to your email with your username
2. Create a new account with a different email address
3. If it still doesn't work, call the college using the hotline numbers to help troubleshoot the problem.

Q: I've taken dual credit classes at the college I want to attend, do I need to apply again?

A: Yes, you will need to submit a new application as first-time or first-year student. Please enter the code provided.

Q: What if I'm applying to a ND college/university where I've already paid an application fee for dual credit coursework?

A: If you are applying to a school at which you've taken dual credit, you may not be required to pay the application fee again. Please check with the college to which you're applying.

Q: How do I know what type of applicant I am?

A: If you are applying as part of College Application Month, you are most likely a first-year or first-time student, even if you have taken dual credit classes in the past. First-year students have not attended a college or university after high school graduation.

Q: Is there an application fee?

A: Yes, but as part of College Application Month, North Dakota high school seniors will have one application fee to a North Dakota college or university paid for by Bank of North Dakota. Please see the tutorial on the College Application Month page of the Career Compass site at <https://www.careercompass.nd.gov/> for the unique code.

Q: What if I want to apply to multiple schools or to a school that is not in North Dakota?

A: You should apply to the college that YOU want to apply to. You are welcome to apply to more than one ND college or university or to a school that is not in North Dakota, but your College Application Month code is only valid for one in-state application.

Q: What are the admission guidelines?

A: Students should review admission requirements for each college/university in advance of applying. If you are applying to a North Dakota college or university, check the ND Admissions Guidelines document to view the criteria for admission.

Q: What if I entered my application code and I'm still prompted to pay?

A: Go back to the application waiver field and be sure you entered in the code. If this still does not work, ask a volunteer for help.

Q: I'm an international student. Can I use the College Application Month code?

A: If you will graduate from a North Dakota high school, you may use the code. Your application may look a little different from your peers.

General Tips and Advice

Ensure that you complete all sections of the application entirely and accurately. Incomplete sections or inaccurate information may result in delays with your file. Verify that all information is correct before submitting the application.

If you have specific questions about admission requirements review the ND College and University Admission Guideline resource, check with a college/university representative or contact the school directly by calling the number list on the North Dakota College and University Hotline Numbers resource.

ND College and University Admission Guidelines Fall 2023

These schools have core coursework and minimum GPA and ACT guidelines. If your score is higher for one of them, the other requirement may be adjusted at some of the schools.

School	City	Minimum GPA	Minimum ACT
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	2.0	Test optional
Mayville State University	Mayville	2.0	Test optional
Minot State University	Minot	2.0	Test optional
North Dakota State University	Fargo	2.75	Test optional
Trinity Bible College	Ellendale	2.0	18
University of Jamestown	Jamestown	2.5	Test optional
University of Mary	Bismarck	2.5	Test optional
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	2.75	Test optional
Valley City State University	Valley City	2.0	Test optional

High School Core Coursework:

4 units of English

3 units of mathematics (algebra 1 or higher)

3 units of laboratory science

3 units of social science

1 unit of above category or world languages (if attending NDSU or UND)

These schools do not have minimum GPA or ACT/SAT guidelines. It's recommended that students review individual program requirements.

School	City
Bismarck State College	Bismarck
Cankdeska Cikana Community College	Fort Totten
Dakota College at Bottineau	Bottineau
Nueta Hidatsa Sahanish College	New Town
Josef's School of Hair Design	Grand Forks and Fargo
Lake Region State College	Devils Lake
Lynnes Welding Training, Inc.	Fargo or Bismarck
Moler Barber College of Hair Styling	Fargo
North Dakota State College of Science	Wahpeton
The Salon Professional Academy	Fargo
Sitting Bull College	Fort Yates
Turtle Mountain Community College	Belcourt
United Tribes Technical College	Bismarck
Williston State College	Williston