

AGC of North Dakota offers scholarships to high school seniors

The Associated General Contractors of North Dakota has scholarships available for high school seniors pursuing careers in the field of construction. These scholarships are for the 2026-27 school year. The application deadline is April 22. Scholarship details and applications are available at <https://www.agcnd.org/scholarship>.

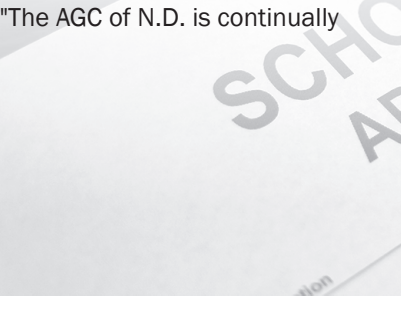
\$1,500 scholarships are available at North Dakota State University and the University of Mary for construction management or construction engineering.

\$1,500 scholarships are available at Minnesota State University, Moorhead, for construction management.

A \$1,500 scholarship is available at Bismarck State College for heavy equipment operator.

\$750 scholarships are available at Bismarck State College for construction technology, welding technology, heavy equipment operator, engineering technology, HVAC, diesel technology, or other construction related majors.

\$750 scholarships are available at North Dakota State College of Science for construction management technology, civil engineering and land surveying technology, building construction technology, architectural drafting and estimating technology, diesel technology, or welding technology.



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looking to partner with the next generation of industry professionals and is proud to assist with the financial aspect with our scholarship program," stated Russ Hanson, executive vice president of AGC of ND.

The AGC of N.D., an association of more than 400 contractors, suppliers, and construction-related companies, has awarded more than \$1.4 million in scholarships since 1964.

For more information, contact Russ Hanson at 701-223-2770 or rhanson@agcnd.org.

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winner. Fedorchak won in the June primary, with Balazs placing fourth out of five candidates.

Participants in the 2024 state convention also voted to give a letter of support to Jim Bartlett for state school superintendent, who advocated for the Ten Commandments in public schools. Incumbent Kirsten Baesler overwhelmingly won in the June primary without the party's support, with Bartlett coming in third.

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"I don't need the state party," Nathe said.

A competing bill from Rep. Koppelman would have eliminated the signature-gathering option and only allowed candidates endorsed by political parties into the primary election. Koppelman, who does plan to attend the state convention, said candidates who represent an organization should carry its values and principles.

Both bills failed in the North Dakota House. Koppelman ultimately voted against his own bill and urged his colleagues to do the same, advocating instead for working to get more people involved in the process.

It's unclear if Fedorchak will participate in the convention. Kate Roberts, spokesperson for Fedorchak's campaign, said the team is working on the schedule.

Balazs, who is attempting another run for House, said he plans to attend the state convention but he is also gathering signatures to appear on the primary ballot if he is not endorsed.

One person who won't be at the convention is Gov. Armstrong, who will instead be serving as a best man in a wedding that weekend. Armstrong was not consulted by the state party about the convention date, said spokesman Mike Nowatzki.

Jacob Odermann, chair of NDGOP District 39 in southwest North Dakota, said getting selected as a delegate to the state convention was considered a "hot ticket" in 2022, when he first became district chair. That year, the district brought 84 delegates.

When District 39 held its endorsing convention at the end of January, 14 people signed up, though the district is continuing to recruit, Odermann said.

"Fast forward four years, and I think the state party really has to look hard and do some serious soul searching on how they are managing things," he said. "Obviously, something has been lost since 2022."

Bobcat Zone 2 closed immediately

North Dakota Game and Fish has closed bobcat hunting and trapping in Zone 2, effective Feb. 13.

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