



North Dakota Mensa

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NORTH DAKOTA MENSA ANNOUNCES **2019** SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mensa has named its **2019** scholarship winners. For the first time, three people from North Dakota have won Mensa Scholarships. Lynn Martell from Grand Forks, ND, won the \$500 North Dakota Mensa Scholarship, Isaiah Germolus of Bismarck, ND, won the \$600 Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship, and Peyton Bush of Fargo, ND, won the \$600 Grosswirth-Salny Scholarship.

Lynn is studying for her PhD in clinical psychology with the long-term goal of developing a new substance abuse treatment for Native Americans.

Isaiah is a veterinary student with a passion for shelter medicine aiming to keep our furry friends healthy for a long time.

Peyton is completing his undergraduate degree in biology with plans to continue in medical school, working to find a cure for elderly dementia.

The Mensa Foundation conducts annual essay contests awarding college scholarships. The Foundation college scholarship program bases its awards entirely on the applicants' essays. The judges do not consider grades, academic program, financial need, or Mensa membership. The Foundation program relies on approximately 400 volunteers around the country to read and judge the essays.

Winners may apply the award towards undergraduate, graduate, and non-traditional programs.

Lynn's \$500 scholarship was funded through the North Dakota Scholarship Fund by North Dakota Mensa members and friends. Isaiah's \$600 Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship funded entirely through the Mensa Foundation but limited to North Dakota applicants. Peyton's \$600 Grosswirth-Salny Scholarship is awarded to only one applicant from Mensa's Heartland Region that covers parts of eight states and is funded by the Foundation.

Donations to the North Dakota Mensa Scholarship fund can be made at www.mensafoundation.org/support-my-foundation. Be sure to name "North Dakota Scholarship."

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