



North Dakota Mensa

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Three North Dakotans Win Mensa Scholarships

Mensa has named its **2021** scholarship winners. For the third year in a row, three people from North Dakota have won Mensa Scholarships. Brooklyn Klein from Fargo, N.D., won the \$500 North Dakota Mensa Scholarship; Julia Davis from Belcourt, N.D., won the \$600 Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship; and Paige Haakenson from Aneta, N.D., won the \$500 Kuhnel Scholarship.

Brooklyn is completing her registered nursing degree at NDSU and has logged many volunteer hours along with working at Sanford Health. The North Dakota Mensa Scholarship is funded by North Dakota Mensa members and is awarded to one student in North Dakota.

Julia is working on her Master's Degree in Elementary Education at the University of Mary. She has already worked as a teacher in Belcourt and has the goal of becoming an administrator improving Native American education. The Diana Mossip Scholarship is funded by the Mensa Foundation and goes to one winner in North Dakota.

Paige is completing her Bachelor's in Human Biology and plans to continue to get a Doctorate of Chiropractic. Her extensive volunteer work has given her a particular interest in pain management and alleviating opioid addiction. The Mensa Foundation awards the Kuhnel Scholarship to only one recipient in each of Mensa's ten U.S. regions and is funded by the Foundation.

North Dakota Mensa congratulates all the winners. 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, but only how the candidates have shown progress toward achieving their goals. The Foundation program relies on approximately 500 volunteers around the country to read and judge the essays.

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

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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