



North Dakota Mensa

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Three North Dakotans Win Mensa Scholarships

North Dakota Mensa has named its **2022** scholarship winners. For the fourth year in a row, three people from North Dakota have won Mensa Scholarships.

- Megan Larson of Northwood won the \$500 North Dakota scholarship. North Dakota Mensa funds this scholarship with its own donations.
- Alayna Dressler of Richardton won the Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship of \$600. This one is guaranteed to go to an entrant from the North Dakota local group of applicants and is funded by the national Mensa Foundation.
- Rachel Ruff of Fredonia won a \$500 Kuhnel Scholarship, which goes to only one applicant in the eight state (13 local groups) Mensa Region 7.

All three winners were still high school seniors when they applied.

Megan is headed toward a Doctorate in Pharmacy from NDSU via its Early Admissions Pharmacy Program.

Alayna wants to open her own engineering firm after obtaining a Bachelor of Sciences in Engineering. At the time of her application, she hadn't decided on a college yet.

Rachel is going to pursue a career as a Registered Nurse, starting with an Associates Degree in Nursing. She also had not selected her college at the time of the application.

The Mensa Foundation verifies that all students are enrolled in a degree program before releasing the final awards.

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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