

NEED-BASED AID ACTION ALERT FOR APRIL 28th

Dear ND ASPIRE Members,

In the e-mail that I sent out on Friday, April 24th, I asked you to contact members of the conference committee for Senate Bill 2003, the higher education funding bill, asking them to restore need-based aid to the \$27 million level. Now is the time to take this message to all the House members. All North Dakota students who meet the income guidelines, including those attending tribal and private colleges, could benefit from this increase. Our collective efforts can make a difference!

Please contact your House members and tell them that in order to make college affordable for all students, we need a substantial allocation of new money for state need-based aid. Ask them to support the conference committee report **ONLY IF IT INCLUDES SUCH AN INCREASE**. Here is the link to the House website to help you locate contact information on your House members: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/61-2009/house/members/>

If you are not sure who your ND House members are, click on this link and put in your zip code: <http://capwiz.com/nea/nd/state/main/?state=ND> You will then go to another screen where you will be asked to type in your address. The names of your ND House members and links to their contact information will be displayed under "My Elected Officials" in the right-hand column.

Have a great week!

Mary