



2025-26 Gateway Scholarship Facts and Figures

Gateway Scholarship dollars awarded to all NDP students (K to 12).....	\$1,013,020
# of NDP upper school (9 to 12) applicants.....	107
Applicants awarded.....	97
Dollars awarded.....	\$753,105
Average award.....	\$7,764
# of NDP upper school applicants, non-Building Bridges*.....	83
Applicants awarded.....	73
Dollars awarded.....	\$496,777
Largest award.....	\$10,725
Smallest award.....	\$1,000
Average award.....	\$6,805

*The Building Bridges scholarship program is a partnership between NDP and a local philanthropic organization. Building Bridges Scholars receive half-off tuition from NDP, and Building Bridges provides the other half. Students eligible for this award typically come from the Pontiac School District. In 2025-26, the average household income for Building Bridges scholar families is \$48,470.

Historical Data: Five-Year 9 to 12 Snapshot[^]

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Gateway Dollars Awarded	\$753,105	\$663,616	\$476,205	\$476,516	\$461,510	\$349,421
Gateway Applicants (9-12)	107	102	77	83	82	84
Awarded-Income \$0-\$24,999	7/7	10/10	2/2	5/5	8/8	20/20
Awarded-Income \$25k-\$49,999	11/11	15/15	12/12	11/11	13/13	16/16
Awarded-Income \$50k-\$74,999	10/10	7/7	10/10	12/12	13/13	13/13
Awarded-Income \$75k-\$99,999	8/8	8/8	8/8	6/6	8/8	7/7
Awarded-Income \$100k-\$124,999	10/10	9/9	4/4	13/13	9/10	2/4
Awarded-Income \$125k-\$149,999	16/16	8/11	9/9	8/8	10/10	6/7
Awarded-Income \$150k-\$199,999	16/17	18/18	12/13	15/17	5/5	4/7
Awarded-Income \$200k-\$349,999	18/24	14/19	13/16	5/11	10/15	1/7
Awarded-Income \$350k-+	0/3	2/5	3/3	0/0	0/0	0/3

Historical Data: Five-Year K to 12 Snapshot[^]

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Gateway Dollars Awarded	\$1,013,020	\$977,116	\$663,705	\$654,541	\$597,699	\$382,501
Gateway Applicants (K-12)	182	172	118	122	126	111
Awarded-Income \$0-\$24,999	10/10	15/15	2/2	5/5	9/9	20/20
Awarded-Income \$25k-\$49,999	12/12	21/21	16/16	14/14	16/16	17/17
Awarded-Income \$50k-\$74,999	11/12	8/8	14/14	17/17	14/14	18/18
Awarded-Income \$75k-\$99,999	13/13	11/11	15/15	13/13	12/12	11/12
Awarded-Income \$100k-\$124,999	17/17	21/21	10/10	14/14	12/13	6/10
Awarded-Income \$125k-\$149,999	29/29	15/18	13/13	11/11	17/18	9/10
Awarded-Income \$150k-\$199,999	27/29	30/30	18/19	27/31	13/16	6/12
Awarded-Income \$200k-\$349,999	26/47	28/37	18/24	11/17	17/25	1/7
Awarded-Income \$350k-+	0/13	4/11	3/5	0/0	0/3	0/5

[^]The above snapshots show how many students were awarded and how many applied at every income level over the previous five years, with 2016-17 numbers serving as a comparison point. Note that students who elected not to enroll at NDP are not included in these numbers.



GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP CASE STUDIES

A Look at Real Applicants and Outcomes



**Notre Dame
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Considering applying for a Gateway Scholarship but not sure if you'll qualify? We hope these case studies of actual NDP families who applied for awards last year will help guide your decision. Although this document is designed to be transparent and informative, NDP cannot predict an award decision or the size of any award, as each family's circumstance is unique.

Family 1 - Modest Income + Older Child in College / AWARD

Our first family applied for their one child who currently attends NDP upper school. The parents are married, with an older child—an NDP graduate—attending an out-of-state private college. Both parents are employed full-time—one as a public school teacher—and they have a verified income of \$156,626. In addition, the family had modest income from a distribution of dividends/interest. Their biggest asset is their home, valued at just more than \$200,000. The parents reported spending close to regional expectations for housing, food/clothing, transportation, and healthcare. Clarity's calculation determined that the parents could spend \$11,000 on tuition. NDP met the difference. The student is enrolled at NDP.

Family 2 - Modest Income + Assets / NO AWARD

Our second family applied for a child entering 9th grade. The parents are divorced, with a younger child attending a local Catholic parish school. Both parents are employed full-time and have a combined verified income of \$158,678. In addition, the family had income from capital gains, dividends, and pensions/annuities. The parents also had significant additional investment assets, and the children had sizable 529 accounts. While the parents reported spending modestly on housing and food/clothing, their costs for transportation and healthcare were high. Ultimately, Clarity's calculation determined that the parents could afford full tuition at NDP. The student is enrolled at NDP.

Family 3 - Good Income + Additional School Tuitions / AWARD

Our third family applied for their child who currently attends NDP middle school. The parents are married, and also have a child in college and another at a local private high school. Both parents are employed full-time and have a combined verified income of \$224,812. The parents reported spending close to regional expectations for housing, food/clothing, transportation, and healthcare. The family's lone reported asset was their home valued at \$250,000. Clarity's calculation determined that the family qualified for \$12,000 in tuition remission. NDP closed the gap between tuition and need with an award of \$7,000. The student is enrolled at NDP.

Family 4 - Low Income + Single Parent / AWARD

Our fourth family applied for their one child who currently attends NDP upper school. The parent is single, earning an income of \$46,263. The parent reported spending close to regional expectations for food/clothing, transportation, and healthcare, while spending for housing was especially low. Besides a home valued at \$99,000, the family had assets totaling less than \$13,000. Clarity's calculation determined that the family qualified for full tuition remission. NDP met this significant need with the help of Building Bridges. The student is enrolled at NDP.

Family 5 - Significant Income + Larger Family / NO AWARD

Our fifth family applied for two children entering middle school, and one entering lower school. (Because a fourth child and beyond receives free tuition at NDP, their youngest child was not included in the Clarity application.) The father is the sole earner, with the mother serving as a homemaker. The household's verified income is \$370,325. In addition, the family had income from dividends/interest and pensions/annuities. The parents reported spending close to regional expectations for housing, food/clothing, transportation, and healthcare. However, their out-of-pocket expenses for travel, sports, vacations, and vehicles was much higher than expected. Furthermore, their assets totaled more than \$2 million. Clarity's calculation determined that the family had the means to afford three full tuitions. All four children enrolled at NDP.

