



Know Your State

58th Annual Competition

Sponsored by Bismarck State College and the North Dakota Masonic Foundation

When: April 27, 2015

Where: Bismarck State College Campus

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North Dakota is a beautiful state with a variety of geographic features, political agendas, abundant agricultural products, a growing energy base, great educational opportunities, and a rich cultural heritage. The **Know Your State** contest has been designed with the intent to encourage North Dakota students to gain a greater understanding and interest in North Dakota – and through this knowledge become a better educated citizen, voter, and leader for the state.

2014 Know Your State winners came from high schools across North Dakota: New Rockford-Sheyenne, Valley-Edinburg, Wishek, Powers Lake, Valley City, Bismarck Century, and Williston.

Prizes:

Preliminary test winners will be invited to BSC for the final test and eligible for the following prizes:

1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Prize
Two \$1000 cash prizes	Two \$750 cash prizes	Two \$500 cash prizes	Two \$200 cash prizes



	Preliminary Test	Final Test
Who is eligible?	North Dakota 11th & 12th Grade Students	The top 2 students from each county with the highest scores on the preliminary test will be invited to take the final test at BSC. In the event that some counties elect not to participate or have a single finalist, other individuals may be invited to participate. A total of 106 students can qualify.
Competition topics?	North Dakota history, current events, literature, economics, government, and the arts	
Test registration?	February 16 – 20, 2015	
Test dates?	March 9 – 13, 2015 Finalists will be announced April 1, 2015	April 27, 2015 Registration: 9:30 am-10:00 am (CT) Test: 10:15 am – 11:45 am (CT)
Test site?	High School – online testing Must be supervised	Bismarck State College Campus





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Possible Sources for Competition Questions:

<http://ndstudies.gov/>

This website includes resources for grades 4, 8, and high school North Dakota Studies.

http://ndstudies.gov/4th_grade_curriculum

Grade 4 curriculum:

- o Geology, Geography, and Climate – student text
- o American Indians of North Dakota – student text
- o Citizenship – student text
- o Frontier Era of North Dakota – student text
- o Early Settlement of North Dakota – student text
- o North Dakota Agriculture – student text
- o Habitats of North Dakota – student text

http://ndstudies.gov/8th_grade_curriculum

Grade 8 curriculum:

- o North Dakota Legendary – student text
- o North Dakota: People Living on the Land – online at <http://ndstudies.gov/gr8/>

http://ndstudies.gov/high_school_curriculum

High School curriculum:

- o North Dakota History: Readings about the Northern Plains State – student text
- o Governing North Dakota, 2013-2015 – student text
- o North Dakota Indian Studies – online at http://ndstudies.gov/nd_indian_studies

<http://ndstudies.gov/>

Other Sources:

- o Robinson, Elwyn B. *History of North Dakota*. Fargo: Institute for Regional Studies, 1995.
- o *North Dakota Blue Book, 2011-2013*. Bismarck: North Dakota Secretary of State, 2011.
Online at: <http://ndstudies.gov/content/north-dakota-blue-book-0>
Online at: <http://history.nd.gov/bluebook/index.html>
- o *North Dakota Blue Book, 2013-2015*. Bismarck: North Dakota Secretary of State, 2013.
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In addition, a number of questions will cover current event topics that are found in newspapers and other current news sources.

