

SENIOR INFORMATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE BOUND NEBRASKA PROGRAM

If you are a Nebraska resident who meets admission requirements for the University of Nebraska, and if you are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, you can attend the University of Nebraska and pay NO tuition. This fall, the program has been expanded to cover students who are just beyond PELL eligibility – eligibility varies depending upon a number of factors, as a general rule a student from a typical family of four with one child going to college, having a family income of \$50,000 or less, will meet the guidelines for Collegebound Nebraska funding. There is no scholarship application beyond the FAFSA form. Visit www.collegeboundnebraska.com, for information.

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Priority deadline is June 1.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY CENTERS

If you are planning to participate in athletics at the college level, you must register with the eligibility center.

For NAIA schools register at: www.playnaia.org/page/students.php

The NAIA has nearly 300 college campuses. A list of participating colleges at the NAIA level is available on their website.

For NCAA schools register at: <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

FOR A MORE COMPLETE LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, CHECK THE EDUCATIONQUEST WEBSITE AT WWW.EDUCATIONQUEST.ORG

***NOTE: MANY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND MAY EITHER BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR PRINTED OFF AND BROUGHT TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE. IF AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OR A SIGNATURE OF A COUNSELOR IS REQUIRED, PLEASE BRING IN THE SCHOLARSHIP AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DEADLINE.**

TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF EARNING SCHOLARSHIPS (Provided by EducationQuest)

- **Don't pay for scholarship searches.** Use free search sites including *ScholarshipQuest* at www.educationquest.org with over 1800 state and local awards.
- **Visit the counseling office weekly** for information about scholarships.
- **Get organized.** Place scholarship applications in deadline order and prioritize each award. Local and college-specific scholarships deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.
- **Continually update your activities, honors and volunteer or paid jobs** using the *Activities Resume* at www.educationquest.org
- **Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores.**
- **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.
- **Get an early start on essays.** Describe your interests, hopes for the future, and leadership abilities – but be sure to tailor your essay to the scholarship topic.
- **Pay close attention to grammar, spelling and neatness.** Ask at least two people to proofread your application.

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Questbridge Scholarship Program – This National College Match Program connects high-achieving, low income students with admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's best colleges. Partner colleges include Stanford, Yale, MIT, Vanderbilt, Colorado College plus 30 other colleges and universities. Information and applications materials can be found at www.questbridge.org
Deadline: September 27

Heartland Latino Leadership Conference and Expo Scholarship – Fifteen \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to Latino/Hispanic students planning to enroll in a Nebraska post-secondary institution. Apply online at: www.heartlandlatino.org.
Deadline: September 30

AES Engineers Scholarship - This \$500 scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character as determined by the essays that are submitted. You are not required to take engineering courses to be eligible. Apply online at: www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm.
Deadline: October 4

P.E.O.Star Scholarship – Four \$2500 scholarships will be awarded to **female** high school graduates in the Fremont area. Criteria for this scholarship: exhibits excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and may attend any accredited post-secondary institution.
Deadline: October 10

Horatio Alger Scholarship – Scholarships will be awarded nationwide to seniors who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Applicants must be active in their community and participate in extracurricular activities. Applicants must have a 2.0 GPA and be involved in extracurricular and community service activities. Apply online at: www.horatioalger.com/scholarships.
Deadline: October 25

Coca-Cola Scholarship – Scholarships will be awarded to 250 seniors nationwide. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, demonstrate leadership, academic achievement and commitment to their community. You must apply online at: www.coca-colascholars.org.
Deadline: October 31

The Hagan Scholarship Foundation – Sixteen scholarships will be awarded in Nebraska to high achieving graduates in need of financial assistance to attend a college or university. Applicants must authenticate an unmet financial need in order to attend college. Scholarships recipients will be selected based upon character, academic ability, achievement in and out of school and future promise. Applicants must have a 3.50 GPA or above, ACT score of 23 or above and FAFSA expected family contribution must be less than \$7500. Scholarships are worth up to \$5000 per semester dependent upon unmet financial need.
Apply online at: www.hsfmo.org
Deadline: November 15

University of Nebraska-Kearney Health Science Scholars Program – This program is a cooperative program between UNK and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The purpose of the program is to recruit and educate students from rural Nebraska who are committed to returning to rural Nebraska to practice healthcare. Applicants must have a minimum ACT composite score of 22 or SAT of 1050 or higher, rank in the upper ½ of their graduating class and have a 3.0 GPA. Apply online at: www.unk.edu/healthsciencescholarships
Deadline: November 15

Peru State College Scholarships – The following scholarships are available to graduates who will attend Peru State College. Applications are available on their website:
www.peru.edu/admissions

- 1) **Campus Citizen Award** - \$2,000 tuition waiver per year for two years 2.75 GPA, ACT of 20 or higher.
- 2) **Rural Health Opportunities Program** - This is a cooperative program between Peru State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Applicants must be from a rural area, demonstrate academic potential and have a desire to practice pharmacy in rural Nebraska.

Deadline: November 28

Chadron State College Scholarships – The following scholarships are available to students applying to Chadron State College. Applications are available on their website:

www.csc.edu/scholarships

- 1) **Gold Presidential Scholarship** – Full-tuition; renewable; GPA of 3.0 or higher, ACT of 25 or higher; class rank in top half of graduating class
 - 2) **Nebraska State Four-Year Scholarship** – Full-tuition; renewable, GPA of 3.0 or higher, ACT of 25 or higher; class rank in top half of graduating class
 - 3) **Eagle Presidential Scholarship** – half tuition; renewable, GPA of 3.0 or higher, ACT of 22 or higher; class rank in top half of graduating class
 - 4) **Silver Presidential Scholarship** – One-quarter tuition; renewable, GPA of 3.0 or higher, ACT of 22 or higher, class rank in top half of graduating class
 - 5) **Nebraska State Quarter Scholarship** – One-quarter tuition; renewable, GPA of 3.0 or higher, ACT of 22 or higher, class rank in top half of graduating class.
- Deadline: November 28

Wayne State College Scholarships – The following scholarships are available to students applying to Wayne State using the general scholarship application on their website:

www.wsc.edu/scholarships

- 1) **John G. Neihardt Scholars Program** – Student must have an ACT composite score of 25 or above and a 3.5 GPA. Full tuition award renewable for four years, renewable room waiver and \$500 annual stipend.
 - 2) **Education Matters Scholarship** – This \$2,000 tuition award is for students who have demonstrated academic success, have made a commitment to extensive high school involvement, and other significant leadership and volunteer opportunities will be considered. Renewable for four years.
 - 3) **Leadership Award** – Recipients must be very active in high school leadership roles and plan to continue that level of involvement at Wayne State. Renewable for four years with room waiver for two years.
 - 4) **Presidential Scholarship** – Renewable full tuition for students with an ACT of 30 or above.
 - 5) **Annual & Endowed Scholarships** – Individual scholarships are available to students who meet the scholarship criteria.
 - 6) **Omaha World-Herald Scholarship** – Full tuition award; renewable for four years. Must have an ACT score of 25 or above and a 3.5 GPA.
- Deadline: November 28

Wayne State College Rural Health Opportunities Program – This is a cooperative program between Wayne State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The purpose of this program is to recruit and educate students from rural Nebraska who will return to practice in the rural areas of the state. Applications may be downloaded at: www.wsc.edu/rhop/application
Deadline: November 28

Chadron State College Rural Health Opportunities Program – This is a cooperative program between Chadron State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The purpose of this program is to recruit and educate students from rural Nebraska who will return to practice in rural areas of the state. Apply online at: www.csc.edu/mathsci/healthprofessions
Deadline: November 28

AXA Achievement Scholarship – Scholarships worth \$10,000 will be awarded to a graduate from each state nationwide. Criteria includes: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, ability to succeed in college and personal accomplishments. Apply online at: www.axa-achievement.com
Deadline: December 1

Nebraska State College System Scholarships – The following scholarships are available to graduates who will attend one of the state colleges – Peru State, Wayne State or Chadron State. Apply online at www.nscs.edu and click on the SCHOLARSHIP tab to apply.

- 1) **Board of Trustees' Scholarship** – This full tuition renewable scholarship is available to graduates with a minimum ACT score of 25 or SAT score of 1170.
Deadline: January 15
- 2) **Governor's Opportunity Award** – This half tuition renewable scholarship is available to graduates with a minimum ACT score of 21-24 or SAT of 1500-1650.
Deadline: December 1

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Scholarships – To be considered for most University scholarships, students must apply by January 15, 2014. Nearly all University scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis (periodically as students are admitted.) Apply online at: www.admissions/unl.edu/apply

University of Nebraska-Omaha Scholarships – Scholarships to UNO are available at www.unoomaha.edu/finaid/scholarshipinfo. Deadline to apply is January 15, 2014.

Willa Cather Foundation Norma Ross Walter Scholarship – Three scholarships worth \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 will be awarded to **female** graduates of Nebraska high schools who plan to enroll as an English major at accredited colleges or universities. Selection is based upon intellectual promise, creativity and character. Apply online at: www.willacather.org.
Deadline: January 31

University of Nebraska-Kearney Scholarships – Scholarships to UNK are available at www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid
Deadline: February 1

Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarships – Forty scholarships worth \$1000 each will be awarded to graduates who are employed or have parents employed at Hy-Vee for a minimum of six months. Applicants may attend any post-secondary institution that will lead to a four-year degree. Criteria for the scholarship include extracurricular activities and accomplishments and a written statement regarding future goals and why you should receive this scholarship. Program guidelines and application form is available at www.hy-vee.com
Deadline: February 10

Willa Cather Foundation Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship – This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of a Nebraska high school who is planning to enroll as an English or History major at an accredited college or university. Selection is based upon intellectual promise, creativity and character.
Apply online at: www.willacather.org
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NSCS Month in October – The month of October is Nebraska State College System Month. Students who visit Chadron, Wayne or Peru in October and take a campus tour will be eligible for bookstore gift certificates worth \$800. In addition, students who visit these colleges, take a campus tour and enroll in the college in the fall of 2014 will be eligible to win a new iPad.