


**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - SCOTTSBLUFF HIGH SCHOOL
October 1, 2023**


Make sure to read which ones are ONLINE and those that are SUBMITTED to the Counseling Office!!!

| SCHOLARSHIP | OPEN TO: | DUE DATE | AMOUNT |
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| OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER→→→→ | Be in the know with monthly newsletters to your email address through StudentScholarships.org. Sign up and/or download the newsletter in PDF format here: https://studentscholarships.org/newsletters | Multiple throughout 2023-24 school year | Varies |
| EDQUEST https://educationquest.org/ | <i>Sign up to receive newsletters and reminders throughout the year. Great information!</i> | | |
| Nebraska Dept. of Education | Scholarship Opportunities can be found here: Scholarship Opportunities – Nebraska Department of Education | | |
| SkillsUSA Nebraska | Scholarship Opportunities can be found here: Scholarships – Nebraska Skills USA | | |
| Lincoln Community Foundation | Scholarship Opportunities can be found here: Student Scholarships | Opens 12-1-23 | Varies |
| AES Engineering Scholarship | Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post secondary educational facility. You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. Submit an essay between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey? Submit essay to scholarships@aesengineers.com There is no application packet for this award. Please do not include your resume at this time. Be sure to include your full name as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year. | Submitted by 10-8-23 | \$500 |
| *NEW The American Legion HS Oratorical Scholarship Program | All high school students are eligible to compete in two parts: an 8-10 min. memorized oration on the US Constitution and 3-5 min.oration on one of four assigned topics assigned by National Headquarters. Contest rules and submission information are available at www.legion.org/oratorical or www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/Oratorical.html | Submit by 10-15-23 | Varies \$2000 - \$25,000 |
| P.E.O Star Scholarship | Applicant must be a woman that exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extra curricular activities and community service: minimum GPA of 3.0; must be recommended by and receive the vote of a local P.E.O. chapter ET; reference letters and essay required; Contact Brandi McCaslin brandenjane74@gmail.com for information on setting up an account to apply online . Brochures can be picked up in the Counseling Office. | Submit by 10-15-23 | \$2,500 |
| Heisman High School Scholarship | High school seniors who have at least a weighted “B” grade average (3.0 GPA) during grades 9, 10, and 11. Students who participate in at least one sport; participated in volunteer service, community involvement or leadership within his/her community. ONLINE APPLICATION/ PROCESS Heisman High School Scholarship | Submit by 10-17-23 4:00 PM MST | State Winners \$1000 National Finalists \$2000 National Winners \$10,000 |

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| US Bank Internet Scholarship | ONLINE. Enter for a chance to win up to \$20,000 in scholarships. Fill out registration and follow instructions to start completing financial education lessons. U.S. Bank Student Scholarship U.S. Bank | Submit by 10-30-23 | Varies \$1000-\$20,000 |
| VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Competition "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" | Open to students grades 9-12 enrolled in public, private or homeschool study programs. Must record an original 3-5 minute audio essay, submit entry form and a typed essay. PICK UP ENTRY FORM IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE and email required submissions to local VFW post mmeyers@scottsbuff county.org Youth Scholarships - VFW | Submit by 10-31-23 | \$30,000 National Varying amounts, Local, District & State |
| *NEW Nebraska Softball Foundation/Pat Scharzt Scholarship | Applicant must have been a member of the USA Softball of Nebraska the past three years as a player, team manager, umpire or USA Softball of Nebraska official or for the Pat Scharzt Scholarship applicant must have been a registered official or family member (wife, child, etc.) of baseball, softball, or football; Minimum grade point average equivalent of 3.0; Applicant must be at least a senior in high school or a freshman in college to apply; Three letters of references; An official transcript is mandatory with an Official seal. Applications must be typed, all sections must be complete, and no faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted. Application is ONLINE at Forms/Docs at www.nebraskasoftball.org Send completed materials to: 4103 Osborne Drive East, Hastings NE 68901 | Submit by 11-1-23 | \$1000 |
| *NEW McKnight Scholars Leadership Program Oklahoma State University | Those interested in attending Oklahoma State University. Eligible students chosen according to leadership and extracurricular activities. Students must be from out of state with preference given to students from rural communities. ONLINE https://leadershipinstitute.okstate.edu/mcknight.html | Submit by 11-1-23 | Full out of state tuition for four years;\$5000 for first two years |
| *NEW NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing | Female; demonstrated interest and achievements in computing; proven leadership ability; academic performance; plans for post-secondary education. Apply ONLINE ONLY at https://www.aspirations.org/award-programs/apply-for-the-award-for-aic | Submit by 11-06-23 | Varies |
| Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship <i>Sponsored by the Elks National Foundation</i> | Leadership, academic achievement and records, community involvement, and financial need; must pursue a four-year degree (but can start at two-year college); must have ACT or SAT score; Apply ONLINE ONLY at www.enf.elks.org/mvs Follow directions closely!! | Submit by 11-13-23 | Local and National competitions; amount varies \$1,000 - \$12,500 |
| RLOP– Rural Law Opportunities Program <u>CHADRON STATE</u> Kate Pope Project Coordinator Telephone: 308-432-7079 Email: rlop@csc.edu | Applied and accepted at Chadron OR Wayne State College; interested in legal career; demonstrate strong academic potential; be a rural NE resident with willingness to practice in rural NE; online at: Chadron <input type="checkbox"/> https://www.csc.edu/rlop/ | CHADRON - Received by 11-15-23 | Full tuition @ CSC or WSC, Guaranteed admission to Nebraska College of Law |

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| <p>RLOP– Rural Law Opportunities Program <u>WAYNE STATE COLLEGE</u> <i>Ronald Loggins, Dean</i> <i>Connell Hall 101B</i> <i>Telephone: 402-375-7030</i> <i>Email: rologgi1@wsc.edu</i></p> | <p>Applied and accepted at Chadron OR Wayne State College; interested in legal career; demonstrate strong academic potential; be a rural NE resident with willingness to practice in rural NE; online at: Wayne <input type="checkbox"/> https://www.wsc.edu/rop See sites for further details and guidelines.</p> | <p>WAYNE – Received by 12-1-23</p> | <p>Full tuition @ CSC or WSC, Guaranteed admission to Nebraska College of Law</p> |
| <p>KLOP – Kearney Law Opportunities Program <i>Any questions about KLOP, please contact Dr. Chuck Rowling, rolwingcm@unk.edu</i> <i>Email: rolwingcm@unk.edu</i> <i>Telephone: 308-865-8171</i></p> | <p>Attend UNK; apply and be accepted; interested in a legal career; demonstrate strong academic achievement; minimum GPA of 3.5; preferred ACT of 27 and above must be a rural NE resident with willingness to practice in rural NE; apply online at Kearney Law Opportunities Program Admissions</p> | <p>Submit by 11-15-23</p> | <p>Full tuition @ UNK, guaranteed admission to NE College of Law</p> |
| <p>*NEW Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Program</p> | <p>To be eligible: high achieving seniors with financial need and plan to attend a four year college with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Applications ONLINE by going to: https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/</p> | <p>Submit by 11-16-23</p> | <p>40 Awards Cooke Scholars receive up to \$55,000 per year</p> |
| <p>*NEW National Honor Society Scholarship</p> | <p>Must be a current high school senior; an active member in good standing of a National Honor Society chapter meeting all membership requirements; an NHS account holder verified by chapter advisor; planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. college or university. Apply ONLINE The NHS Scholarship</p> | <p>Submit by 11-30-23 by 5:00 PM ET</p> | <p>Varies \$3200 - 25,000 semi-finalists and finalists.</p> |
| <p>Hagan Scholarship Foundation Hagan Scholarship Foundation</p> | <p>Attended jr/sr years at rural high school; 3.75 GPA; must apply for eligible Federal and State grants; FAFSA Expected Family Contribution less than \$6,500; must not have been convicted of a felony; must work minimum of 240 hrs. in 12 mos. prior to start of college; must create a UN and PW Password to access application ONLINE at https://haganscholarships.org/application/ Follow directions closely.</p> | <p>Submit by 12-1-23</p> | <p>Up to \$6,000 per semester + \$15,000 investment account + up to \$8,000 study abroad opportunity</p> |

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| <p>RHOP – Rural Health Opportunities Program</p> <p><u>CAN ONLY APPLY TO ONE FIELD AT ONE COLLEGE!</u></p> | <p>Attend Chadron; sincere interest in becoming a health care provider and willingness to practice in rural NE; preferred minimum ACT of 24; programs in Medical Lab Science, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant and Radiography; VERY competitive—apply early! Apply online at www.csc.edu/sci/rhop/agree.csc FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CLOSELY.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP)</p> <p><small>RHOP is a cooperative program between Chadron State College (CSC) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). A brochure on this program is enclosed. Additional brochures and information can be obtained from the Health Professions Office or by visiting the website listed below. Applications for RHOP are available to rural Nebraska residents only and can be found on the Health Professions website. Application deadline is DECEMBER 1.</small></p> </div> | <p>Received by 12-1-23</p> | <p>Full tuition @ CSC, early admission to UNMC</p> |
| <p>Attend Wayne; sincere interest in becoming a health care provider and willingness to practice in rural NE; programs in Medical Lab Science, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant and Radiography; VERY competitive—apply early! Apply online at www.wsc.edu/rhop See sites for further details and guidelines. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CLOSELY.</p> | <p>Received by 12-1-23</p> | <p>Full tuition @ WSC, guaranteed admission to UNMC</p> | |
| <p>Attend Kearney; sincere interest in becoming a health care provider and willingness to practice in rural NE, programs in Medical Lab Science, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant and Radiography; VERY competitive—apply early! Apply online at https://www.unk.edu/academics/health_sciences/scholarshipprograms.php See sites for further details and guidelines. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CLOSELY.</p> | <p>Received by 12-1-23</p> | <p>Full tuition @ UNK, guaranteed admission to UNMC</p> | |

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| <p>Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY Scott Scholars University of Nebraska Omaha</p>  | <p>The Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship program is now accepting applications for first year students starting classes at UNO in Fall 2024. Must apply to UNO, obtain NUID and password. Access the online Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship Application. To prepare, gather and create the following required application materials before starting the form: Resume, Unofficial or official high school and college transcripts, ACT Scores, Portrait or headshot, Link to a 1-minute video. <i>In your video, you should introduce yourself to your future classmates, tell us about your past experiences, and touch on why the Scott Scholars program is the best place for you to pursue your degree. Videos should adhere to the following guidelines: (1) No more than 1 minute (60 seconds) in length; (2) Single take (no editing); (3) You should speak directly to the camera; and (4) Do not include background music or subtitles.</i> You will also be asked to answer five essay questions. Be sure to give yourself enough time to construct thoughtful responses. If you have any questions as you complete the application, please email unoscottscholars@unomaha.edu.</p> | <p>Submit by 12-31-23</p> | <p>Tuition, room and board @ UNO. Areas of study include majors in UNL College of Engineering, UNO College of IST and STEM related programs.</p> |
| <p>*NEW Big Future Scholarships</p> | <p>Earn entries in monthly drawings for \$500 and \$40,000 scholarships by completing steps to plan for college. The sooner you start and the more steps you complete, the more chances you'll have to win. Every month, BigFuture selects two \$40,000 winners and hundreds of \$500 winners who complete one or more steps. https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships ONLINE</p> | <p>Monthly Drawing Held Until February 2024</p> | <p>\$500 - \$40,000</p> |

Some free scholarship search websites to try: www.scholarships.com www.collegeboard.com www.educationquest.org www.collegeaffordabilityguide.org
studentscholarships.org

Be aware that some sites may sell your info - use best judgment when researching national sites that link to third party designations.

Mr. Harvey's email address for applications: scharvey@sbps.net

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SENIORS:

- *Scholarship Lists updated bi-weekly and can also be found on the Counseling webpage at sbps.net. Hard copies are in the Counseling Office on the wall; a different color indicates a new list. Hint: you can see them from the hallway! 🙄*
- *Transcript requests can be made in our office by the student. Do not wait until the last minute, please.*
- *Know your deadlines, plan ahead, use reminder apps.*
- *As a courtesy, ask for letters of recommendation in advance - do not wait until the last minute to ask someone you value to write one on your behalf.*
- *Keep track of your logins and passwords for online scholarship accounts, and even admissions/school accounts.*
- *Know your application for admission deadlines to various schools. Every school is different. Pay attention to their general scholarship application deadlines too!*
- *Sign up for newsletters of outside, national scholarship offerings. Be wary of third party sites. Use our recommended sites listed by our office if you're not sure.*
- *Take advantage of EdQuest meetings, parent meetings and FAFSA assistance this Fall and Winter. Pay attention to REMIND or social media advertising these events.*
- *Organization is key!*



HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Now that you know how to find the right college and how much college will cost, it's time to figure out how to pay for it. We'll walk you through the steps to apply for scholarships and financial aid.

1) APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Follow these tips for scholarship success:

- Research potential awards by using free scholarship search resources, including your school counselor, the college you plan to attend, *ScholarshipQuest* at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org), and other free internet-based scholarship searches.
- Complete an *Activities Resume* at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org) so you will have a list of your activities, honors, and awards handy when completing applications.
- Create a list of scholarships you're eligible to apply for. Tackle the most difficult applications first. Pay attention to deadlines; if you miss one, your application will not be considered.
- Request letters of recommendation from adults who know you well. Give them plenty of notice, a deadline, information about the scholarship, and a copy of your *Activities Resume*.

2) CREATE AN FSA ID

To begin the process of applying for financial aid, you and a parent must each create an FSA ID at studentaid.gov.

Your account must be verified before you can complete the FAFSA. This can take 3-5 days, so be sure to apply early.

SENIORS...

A GUIDE FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE

FALL

- Take dual-credit courses to earn college credit – if available at your school.
- Visit your top college choices.
- Use *ScholarshipQuest* to look for scholarships.
- Attend a virtual College Fair to meet with college representatives.
- Attend a virtual Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
- Apply to your top colleges. If your school has an *Apply2College* event, you'll get help during the school day.
- Prepare for the FAFSA by creating an account at studentaid.gov (one for you and one for a parent).
- Complete the FAFSA at studentaid.gov – or via the **myStudentAid app** – on or after October 1 to apply for financial aid.
- Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) indicating your FAFSA was processed.
- Retake the ACT and/or SAT.