



NEBRASKA'S
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FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Door to College Scholarship Program

Who:

- Undergraduate students attending an approved, accredited public or private postsecondary educational institution located in Nebraska who:
- Graduated from an accredited education program at a Nebraska youth rehabilitation and treatment center (YRTC), or
- Graduated from an approved or accredited public, private, denominational or parochial school after being discharged from a Nebraska youth rehabilitation and treatment center (YRTC), or
- Received a diploma of high school equivalency (GED) issued by the Commissioner of Education after being discharged from a Nebraska youth rehabilitation and treatment center (YRTC).

What:

- Grants for educational expenses up to \$5,000 per year for full-time students taking 24 or more credit hours in an award year. Grants for students taking less than 24 credit hours will be prorated based on enrolled credits. Students must enroll in at least 6 credit hours per term to be eligible for a scholarship.
- Eligible educational expenses include student costs for tuition, mandatory fees, other education-related fees, room and board, books, and other costs related to a student's education.

How:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Download and complete the [Door to College Scholarship application](#) available on the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) website or request it from your postsecondary institution's financial aid office or your guidance counselor.
- Submit the completed application to the financial aid office at your postsecondary institution. Your guidance counselor, institutional financial aid office, or the staff at the CCPE can assist you and answer questions for you.

- By submitting a Door to College Scholarship application, you are agreeing to the conditions contained in the application.

Award Process:

- Your postsecondary institution's financial aid office will review your application and make a grant recommendation to the CCPE based on your eligibility and the number of credit hours you are enrolled in. For the 2025-26 award year, annual and term award amounts are:

Annual Basis	Enrolled Hours	Semester Award	Quarter Award
\$5,000	12 or more	\$2,500	\$1,666.66
\$4,500	11	\$2,250	\$1,500
\$4,000	9 or 10	\$2,000	\$1,333.33
\$3,500	8	\$1,750	\$1,166.66
\$3,000	6 or 7	\$1,500	\$1,000

- The CCPE will confirm your eligibility to your postsecondary institution and send your scholarship funds to your postsecondary institution at the beginning of each term. The financial aid office at your postsecondary institution will apply the funds to your account or refund them to you based on their policies.
- Additional details concerning the program can be found in the Door to College Scholarship Guidelines available on the CCPE's website.

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