

# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA'S TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

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The **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** is a college financing commitment between the University of Nebraska and low-income youth from across the state, encouraging all young people to consider the path of higher education. The Program guarantees that any Nebraska resident undergraduate student who qualifies financially, and who maintains satisfactory academic progress, will have his or her full tuition covered for up to 30 credit hours per year – for the duration of attendance at the university – through grants in aid from state, federal and university resources.

**To qualify:** A student must be a Nebraska resident, be enrolled full time (minimum 12 hours) and be financially eligible. The student also must apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## **Qualifications:**

- Financially eligible
- Nebraska resident
- Undergraduate student
- FAFSA submitted by appropriate deadline (April 1st of each year)
- Enrolled full time (minimum 12 hours)
- Maintains satisfactory academic progress

**To apply:** A student must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 1<sup>st</sup>. No other paperwork is necessary unless campuses request additional information.

**Awarded:** Campus financial aid offices identify TAP recipients from information on the FAFSA forms, and will put together an appropriate financial aid package for eligible students.

**Available:** To students from all four University of Nebraska campuses: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, University of Nebraska at Kearney, and the University of Nebraska medical Center.

**Latest changes:** University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken has announced the university's intention to expand eligibility for TAP in the coming years to provide need-based financial aid to more middle class families.

Currently the university will make sure all tuition costs are covered for students whose families earn about \$38,500 or less, and who meet eligibility requirements. However, in the 2008-09 school year TAP will cover tuition costs for a typical family of four with one child in college with an income of around \$45,000 or less.

**For more information:** Contact financial aid offices at the individual campuses.