QUALIFYING FOR THE NEBRASKA PROMISE

Q: How do I qualify for the Nebraska Promise?
A: If you meet the following criteria, you automatically qualify for the Nebraska Promise.

• Family income of $60,000 or less (Adjusted Gross Income or AGI) or Pell Grant recipient. Family income will be measured as parent plus student AGI on the FAFSA.
• Nebraska resident
• Full-time (12 credits or more) undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska
• Maintain a 2.5 grade point average
• Annually complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the University’s deadline (June 1)

Q: When does the Nebraska Promise take effect?
A: The Nebraska Promise takes effect in fall 2020 and applies to both returning and new undergraduate students at the University of Nebraska.

Q: Do transfer students qualify?
A: Yes, a full-time undergraduate Nebraska resident transfer student with a family income of $60k or less (AGI) or recipient of the Federal Pell Grant who maintains a 2.5 GPA qualifies for this program.

Q: Do non-Nebraska residents qualify?
A: No. The program is designed for University of Nebraska students who are Nebraska residents.

Q: Can I receive Nebraska Promise funding if I’m taking all of my classes online?
A: Yes, except for UNMC online classes. Please check with your campus financial aid office for details. If online tuition is covered by the Nebraska Promise, students are still responsible for any distance education fees.

Q: Am I eligible for Nebraska Promise funding as a graduate student?
A: No. The program is designed for undergraduate University of Nebraska students.
Q: Can I utilize Nebraska Promise for multiple undergraduate degrees?
A: The program is designed for undergraduates pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Check with your campus financial aid office for more details.

Q: Will a household income threshold higher than $60k be considered if a family has multiple children?
A: Yes, because qualification for the Nebraska Promise is based on either a family income of $60,000 (AGI) or being a Pell Grant recipient. Eligibility for a Pell Grant is based on your family’s expected family contribution toward the cost of college. This is determined by a formula that considers your family financial situation, family size and the number of children in college, and your enrollment status.

Q: How many credit hours can I take each semester or each year? If I wanted to take 18 hours per semester, would the Nebraska Promise cover it?
A: Yes, there is a limit. The Nebraska Promise will cover up to 30 credit hours per academic year or 15 credit hours a semester. And the Promise is not applicable over the summer. (up to the 30 credit hours per academic year). You must take at least 12 credit hours per fall/spring semester, but you may take up to 15 credit hours each semester.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Q: I am considering applying to the University of Nebraska this fall. Will it be open if we are still doing social distancing due to COVID-19?
A: The University of Nebraska will be open and operating this fall, so please apply if you are interested in attending. If we are still in the midst of social distancing, we may be delivering classes via distance, but we will still be serving our students and the state.

Q: I am interested in applying to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Will the Nebraska Promise apply to me?
A: Yes. First-time and transfer students who would like to attend NCTA—a two-year technical college within the University of Nebraska, with programs focused on agriculture and veterinary technology—are eligible for the Nebraska Promise if they meet the requirements. Please contact the NCTA financial aid office for more details.

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You can request more information on the college here, and you may apply to NCTA here.

Q: I am interested in applying to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Will the Nebraska Promise apply to me?
A: Undergraduate students meeting the Pell Grant or adjusted gross income criteria—who are seeking their first
bachelors degree—are eligible for the Nebraska Promise regardless of their UNMC campus location. There are several undergraduate degree options available at UNMC, including nursing, dental hygiene and several allied health fields. Graduate and professional students are not eligible for the Nebraska Promise program.

Please contact the UNMC financial aid office for more details.

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Q: Do you need to apply for the Nebraska Promise?
A: No. There is no separate application. Eligible students are identified automatically through the annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.

Q: What are the admission requirements to be accepted at the University of Nebraska?
A: The University of Nebraska admissions requirements for UNK, UNL and UNO are as follows:

- 20 or higher on the ACT or ranking in the top 50 percent of the graduating class or have a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- 16 core units must be completed:
  - 4 units English
  - 3 units math (Alg I and II and Geometry); UNL requires 4 units; the fourth unit must build upon concepts learned in Algebra II
  - 3 units of natural science
  - 3 units of social science
  - 2 units of the same foreign language
  - 1 academic elective from anything within the core area (UNK & UNO)

Students that do not meet the assured admission requirements may still be eligible for admission by review. Please contact the appropriate admissions office for more information.

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**Q:** Are the application process and admission requirements for undergraduate programs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center different than the requirements for undergraduate programs at UNK, UNL and UNO?

**A:** All undergraduates admitted to UNMC are transfer students and have admission criteria that are specific to the academic program. The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) application process varies by academic program. All applications made to UNMC academic programs are made through national application services and they differ by program. For more information, please review UNMC’s undergraduate program admissions requirements [here](#); for assistance, please contact the appropriate college as listed.

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**Q:** What is the undergraduate application fee for the University of Nebraska?

**A:** You can apply to any of our three undergraduate institutions—UNK, UNL and UNO—using one application. The application fee is $45. You will only need to pay the application fee once, regardless if you apply to multiple campuses.

UNK, UNL and UNO application fees may be waived for students eligible for free/reduced lunch, or active military status and their dependents. Students should complete the applicable questions regarding their free/reduced lunch or military/dependent status.

The application fees for UNMC undergraduate programs vary. Please visit the website of the [program](#) you are interested in for more information. UNMC does not waive applications fees.

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**CONTINUING TO QUALIFY**

**Q:** If I take longer than four years to graduate, will I still be eligible for Nebraska Promise funding?

**A:** Nebraska Promise is renewable provided eligibility and renewal criteria are met. Students must meet income requirements, maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Recipients will receive full eligibility and renewal policies and expectations when offered the funding.

**Q:** Do I need to reapply each year for the Nebraska Promise?

**A:** You need to file a FAFSA each year, remain a full-time (12 credit hours or more) undergraduate student, maintain a 2.5 grade point average, and continue to have a family income of $60,000 or less (AGI) or remain eligible for the Federal Pell Grant.
Q: Does the Nebraska Promise program cover additional expenses outside of tuition?

A: The Nebraska Promise is just one of many financial aid options available for students. Those who receive Federal Pell Grants and Nebraska Promise funding may receive more than just tuition paid. For more details, contact the financial aid office at the campus you are interested in.

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Q: What scholarships do you offer? What are the requirements?

A: Scholarships vary by campus. Please see each institution’s scholarship website for more information and deadlines.

- UNK scholarship [site]
- UNL scholarship [site]
- UNMC scholarship [site]
- UNO scholarship [site]

FINANCIAL AID

Q: Where can I find financial aid information specific to the University of Nebraska’s four campuses?

A: The financial aid office at each University of Nebraska campus can provide you with information on scholarships and other aid specific to that campus.
Q: Why should I fill out the FAFSA?

A: The FAFSA stands for “Free Application for Federal Student Aid.” It determines a student’s eligibility for need-based federal financial aid for college, which may include grants, scholarships, work-study and loans. If you don’t fill out the FAFSA, you are likely leaving money on the table that you may have qualified for.

Every year, the U.S. Department of Education gives over $120 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study funds to more than 13 million college students, making it the largest provider of student financial aid in the country. About two-thirds of all full-time undergraduate college students receive grant aid, or money you don’t have to repay.

Q: When does the FAFSA need to be completed and filed?

A: The FAFSA application deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year has been extended to June 1. In prior years (and likely in the future), the deadline has been April 1, with students having until June 1 to complete follow-up paperwork.

Q: What happens after I fill out the FAFSA?

A: After you complete the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report which will tell you if you’re eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and the amount of your expected family contribution.
Q: How do I know if I qualify for a Pell Grant?
A: After you complete the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report which will tell you if you’re eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and the amount of your expected family contribution.

Q: What if I fill out the FAFSA and I’m not eligible for a Pell Grant?
A: If you file the FAFSA and are told you are not eligible for a Pell Grant, the university will automatically review your FAFSA to determine if you qualify for the Nebraska Promise. If your family income is $60,000 or less, you will qualify.

Q: Should I still apply to the University of Nebraska if I’m not sure if I qualify for a Pell Grant?
A: Yes. You should also fill out the FAFSA. If your family income is $60,000 or less, you will qualify for the Nebraska Promise.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Q: I have seen a similar program called “Collegebound Nebraska.” Is that something different?
A: The Nebraska Promise program was previously named Collegebound Nebraska. The program is continuing, but under a different name and with expanded criteria.