OVERVIEW

True to our land-grant heritage, the University of Nebraska’s highest priority is to provide students and families with affordable access to an excellent education. With higher education increasingly linked to individual and economic success, our commitment to ensuring both affordability and quality has never been more important.

**Making sure students have access to higher education is critical to Nebraska’s future. We need to work together with our state and federal representatives to ensure that all students in this state who want a college degree have the opportunity to get one.**

_Hank Bounds, Ph.D._  |  President, University of Nebraska

Students apply to college in the fall and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). A student’s financial aid package is customized by the financial aid office based on their unique financial and academic circumstances and available resources.

A Pell Grant is awarded to a specific student if they qualify, regardless of demand. Institutions award some campus-based federal financial aid, like Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, to qualified low-income students. The earlier a student applies, the more resources are available.

More than half of all University of Nebraska undergraduate students receive financial aid; over 25 percent receive a Pell Grant. The federal government provides the majority of need-based financial aid, most of it through Pell Grants and student loans.