

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ATHLETE
TO GET FREE TUITION.**

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Admissions, University of Nebraska–Lincoln:
admissions.unl.edu
800-742-8800 or 402-472-2023

Admissions, University of Nebraska at Omaha:
ses.unomaha.edu/admissions
877-884-MAVS (6287) or
402-554-MAV1 (6281)

Admissions, University of Nebraska at Kearney:
unk.edu/admissions
800-KEARNEY (532-7639)

University of Nebraska Medical Center:
unmcfinaid@unmc.edu
402-559-4199

COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

EducationQuest Foundation:
educationquest.org

U.S. Department of Education:
studentaid.ed.gov

Find us at:
CollegeboundNebraska.com



Prince Amukamara
Super Bowl Champion

UNIVERSITY OF
Nebraska

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You don't have to be a standout cornerback, an awesome setter or a fantastic three-point shooter to qualify for free tuition at the University of Nebraska. But you do have to be a hard worker and want to make something of yourself. Thanks to Collegebound Nebraska, thousands of Nebraska students have their tuition paid each year.

YOU WILL PAY NO TUITION AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA IF YOU:

- Are admitted as a Nebraska resident undergraduate student
- Qualify for the Federal Pell Grant Program
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR COLLEGEBOUND NEBRASKA, YOU MUST FILE YOUR FAFSA BY APRIL 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR PRIOR TO FALL ENROLLMENT.



“I chose UNMC because I had heard of their reputation and it was highly talked about in the community. And I'm getting such a great experience at the University and with all of the instructors. I'm building kind of a family here.”

Easton Galindo
Nursing Student at UNMC



QUALIFYING FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT

Eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant is based on your family's "expected family contribution" (EFC) toward the cost of college. This is determined by a formula that considers family income and assets, family size and number of children in college, the cost of attendance, and your enrollment status (full- or part-time).

To determine your EFC, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which you can complete online at [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). For assistance, contact the admissions or financial aid office on the NU campus of your choice, your high school counselor or an educational planning center like EducationQuest.

After you submit the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report that will tell you if you're eligible for the Federal Pell Grant and the amount of your expected family contribution. If you are eligible for a Pell Grant, you will qualify for free tuition through Collegebound Nebraska.

Financial aid funds are available on a "first come, first served" basis. So, don't wait! The sooner you submit your information, the better.

YOU MAY ALSO QUALIFY FOR COLLEGEBOUND NEBRASKA EVEN IF YOU AREN'T ELIGIBLE FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT

Tuition assistance may be available even if your family income is a little too high to qualify for a Pell Grant. There is no set income level to qualify, but a general guideline is that a typical family of four with one student in college and an annual family income of \$53,000 or less, or an EFC of \$5,300 or less, may qualify for Collegebound Nebraska assistance. Ask your campus financial aid advisor for more information. (*Note: This amount is subject to change each year.*)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

- ❑ **Academic standing: upper ½ of class or ACT score of at least 20 or SAT score of at least 950**
- ❑ **English – 4 units**
All must include intensive reading and writing. Some speech and journalism courses may qualify.
- ❑ **Mathematics – 3 units (UNL requires 4)**
Must include algebra 1 & 2 and geometry. UNL also requires an additional unit that builds on algebra.
- ❑ **Social Sciences – 3 units**
One in American or world history; one in history, American government or geography; one in any social science discipline or subject.
- ❑ **Natural Sciences – 3 units**
At least two from biology, chemistry, physics and earth sciences. One of these must include laboratory instruction.
- ❑ **Foreign Language – 2 units**
Two units of the same foreign language. Students who are unable to take two years of foreign language in high school may still qualify for admission but must take one or two semesters of foreign language at the University of Nebraska and complete 16 academic units for admission.
- ❑ **UNO and UNK require one additional unit from any of the above academic disciplines.**

THE COLLEGEBOUND NEBRASKA PROGRAM BEGINS WHERE OTHER ASSISTANCE ENDS

Collegebound Nebraska will cover up to 30 credit hours per academic year of tuition after Pell Grants and any other grants or scholarships are taken into account. Students with expected family contributions above \$5,300 may qualify for grant assistance but for amounts less than full tuition.

APPLYING FOR COLLEGEBOUND NEBRASKA

You do not have to apply separately for Collegebound Nebraska tuition assistance. When you file your FAFSA, the University will automatically review your Student Aid Report to determine whether you are eligible.

Be sure to complete your FAFSA by April 1 and your financial aid process by June 1 of the calendar year prior to fall enrollment.



“It was really important for me to go to college because I had the opportunity to make something of myself.”



Casey Wilson
Speech Communications Major at UNO



“If I wouldn’t have gone to college, I don’t think I would be as successful as I am right now. I’m pretty confident and happy with what I have going on here.”



Freddy Gomez
Industrial Distribution Major at UNK

YOUR TUITION CAN BE PAID UNTIL YOU EARN YOUR DEGREE

You can continue to receive Collegebound Nebraska assistance throughout your undergraduate education as long as you:

- Remain eligible for the Pell Grant
- Meet the annual April 1 FAFSA application deadline
- Remain a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours per semester)
- Maintain satisfactory academic performance as determined by your campus financial aid office (make progress toward a degree and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA)

COVERING COSTS BEYOND TUITION

The Collegebound Nebraska program does not cover fees, books, room and board, or transportation. However, your financial aid office may be able to offer other financial aid resources to help you cover these additional costs.



“I’m first in my family to go to college. It was a big thing. I have many different classes to take; I have people to help me with a career path. I have experience. There’s no limit to what I can do here. So, I’m proud to be here.”

Donovon Allen
Psychology Major at UNL 

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

Fall

- Check requirements and deadlines at the University of Nebraska campus(es) where you plan to apply.
- Make sure you have all of the credits needed to meet admission requirements.
- Take the ACT or SAT if you have not already done so or to try to improve your score.
- Gather test scores and transcripts.
- Make a list of your high school and extracurricular activities, honors and awards.
- Talk to your counselor, parents, friends, teachers and admissions counselors.
- Visit as many campuses as possible to find the best fit.

Winter

- Finish and submit your college admission and scholarship applications.
- Ask your counselor to send first semester transcripts to schools you’ve applied to.
- Gather tax and other family financial information needed for the FAFSA.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA as early as possible. The earlier you request financial aid, the better your chances of receiving it.
- If you need help filling out the free FAFSA, go to [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) or EducationQuest.org.

Spring

- Submit your FAFSA by April 1.
- Respond to letters inviting you to enroll. Observe deadlines for fees and other paperwork required by the school of your choice.
- Watch for your Student Aid Report about 4 weeks after you submit your FAFSA.