

College Access Grants Program

Helping Nebraska high schools increase their college-going rate

The EducationQuest *College Access Grants* program provides funding to Nebraska high schools that seek to increase their college-going rate. Grants are awarded every two years through a competitive application process. Eighty-nine Nebraska high schools have received grants since the program began in 2006.

Funding Amounts

High schools are funded for four years with a goal to increase their college-going rate by 10 percentage points. Awards range from \$2,500 to \$20,000 per year based on the high school's 9th through 12th grade enrollment.

Number of Students	Annual Funding Amount	Number of Awards	Minimum Student Target Population
125 or less	\$2,500	Up to 8	100%
126 to 300	\$5,000	TBD*	20%
301 to 600	\$7,500	TBD*	15%
601 to 1,300	\$10,000	TBD*	10%
1,301 and up	\$20,000	Up to 4	10%

*Number of awards will be determined based on the number of applications received in each category.

Required Activities

High schools selected to receive a *College Access Grant* use the funding to coordinate college access activities including:

- visiting a college campus
- attending a College Fair or Educational Planning Program
- attending a Financial Aid Presentation
- completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- finding and applying for scholarships
- applying to at least one college
- providing information about dual enrollment courses
- encouraging family involvement
- developing business partnerships

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College Access Grants to be awarded in 2020

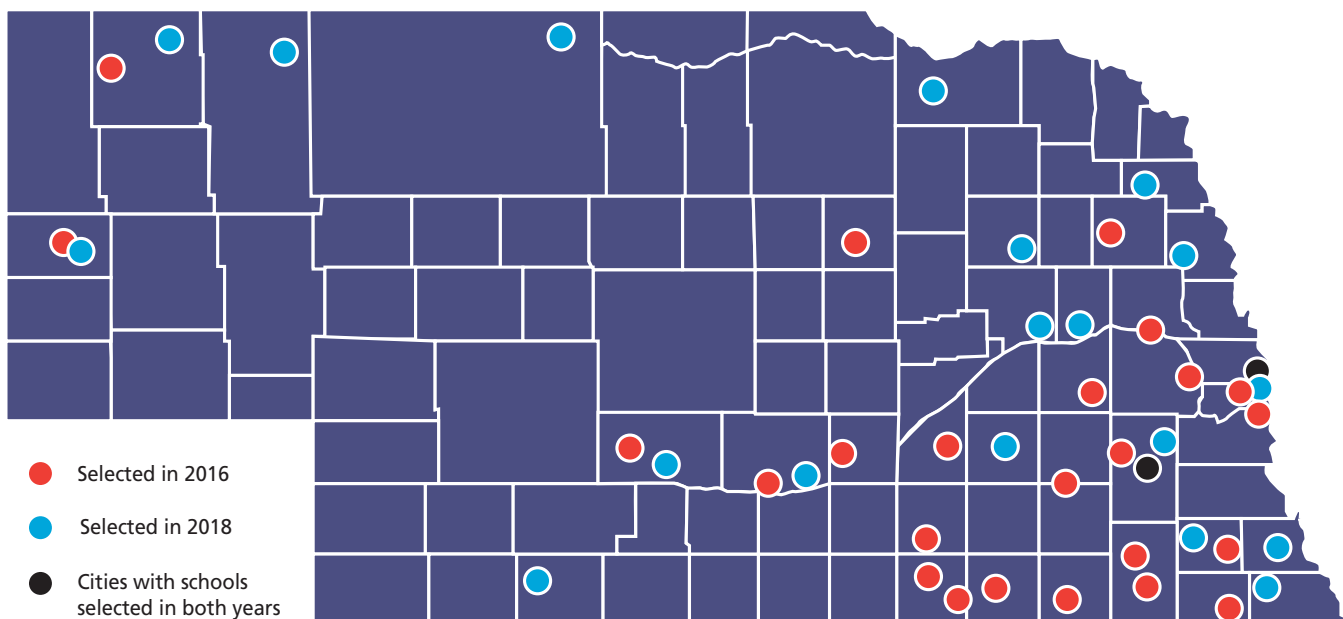
EducationQuest will next award *College Access Grants* during the summer of 2020. High schools interested in applying must have a representative attend our *College Access Symposium* **April 16** in Lincoln, and must submit a Letter of Intent by **May 1**. Applications are due **June 15**.

EducationQuest will host webinars during the 2019-20 academic year about the program and application process.

See *College Access Grants* in the Professionals section (under High School Resources) of **EducationQuest.org** to submit a Letter of Intent and to find program details including current and past recipients.

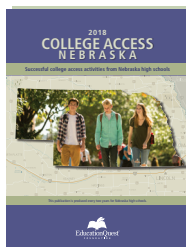
Statewide representation of high schools that received *College Access Grants* in 2016 and 2018

See the "Professionals" section at **EducationQuest.org** for a list of recipients.



Questions?

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For an overview of college access activities developed by grant-funded high schools, view EducationQuest's *College Access Nebraska* publication. It is available in the "Publications" section at **EducationQuest.org**.