EducationQuest Foundation
Do The FAFSA Nebraska Scholarship

Rules

No purchase necessary

Sponsor information
This contest is sponsored and operated by EducationQuest Foundation, 1300 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508.

Prize
A total of seventy-five (75) one-time (non-renewable) one-thousand-dollar ($1,000) scholarships will be provided to Nebraska high school seniors who attend any public or independent Nebraska college or university. Twenty-five (25) awards will be allocated per congressional district based on the student's reported home address. Twelve (12) awards will be offered each month starting in November 2026 and ending in March 2027. Fifteen (15) awards will be offered in April. Applicants who are not selected will automatically be entered into the next selection cycle.

Recipient colleges must participate in the federal Title IV student aid programs and offer regular in-person on-site coursework in Nebraska.

The student must attend college full-time in the fall immediately following high school graduation. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis if the student graduates early, plans to attend a course of study that does not start until a winter or spring term, or provides a reasonable explanation of why enrollment must be delayed. Under no circumstances will the fund be held for a 'gap year' or any other delay in enrollment. If the student is unable to use the award, it will be withdrawn and awarded to an alternate recipient.

The awards will be paid directly to the Nebraska college or university on the student's behalf once eligibility requirements, enrollment, FAFSA completion, and ability to use the funds are confirmed by the college or university in August 2027 for the 2027-28 academic year. The awards may be used for any eligible expenses as defined by the *cost of attendance*. The funds must be applied to the first-term expenses.

The award will be the last to pay, cannot displace or supplant other federal, state, institutional, or private gift aid, and cannot exceed the cost of attendance. If these conditions are not met, the college will notify EducationQuest, and the award offer will be withdrawn and awarded to another applicant. The college will refund any unused funds to EducationQuest.

Odds of winning
The odds of winning will depend on the number of entries received. However, in no case will the award be made if the sponsor does not receive at least 100 entries per congressional district.

Participant eligibility requirements
In order to be eligible for the award, the participant must:

- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident,
- Be a Nebraska resident,
- Be currently enrolled in grade 12 at a Nebraska high school with plans to graduate by August 15 of their senior year,

- Plan to attend and be enrolled at an eligible Nebraska college or university in the fall of 2027,
- Have filed a 2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which must be fully processed with a valid Student Aid Index (SAI) and have no outstanding verification requests at the time of payment, and
- Have not met their full cost of attendance as defined by the college or university they plan to attend.

EducationQuest Foundation's employees and Board of Directors, as well as their immediate relatives, or any EducationQuest-affiliated company's employees or Boards of Directors, as well as their immediate relatives, are **not** eligible to participate.

Contest dates
The contest will open on October 1, 2026, and close on April 16, 2027.

Registration Requirements:

Applicants must complete one online application that captures directory information (name, address, phone number, email), educational information (high school attended, college they plan to attend), and FAFSA filing confirmation information. Multiple applications will not be considered.

Selection process
With the exception of April, selection will generally occur around the start of each month, starting in November and ending in March. April's selection will take place after the program closes.

Each applicant is assigned a number based on the date the application is submitted. At the close of each award period, EducationQuest will select recipients using a random number generator. Other data points, such as community FAFSA completion rates and school representation, may be considered.

The applicant will be notified by one (1) email and one (1) phone call of their selection status within ten (10) days of the stated deadline. They have ten (10) days to respond with their signed scholarship agreement, photo, and month/year of birth (used for identification with the college or university). If the applicant does not respond within ten (10) days, they will forfeit their award. EducationQuest will repeat the process until all funds are awarded.

The recipient's name, photo, hometown, and other information may be released for promotional purposes. However, the recipient may request to be anonymous.

A list of winners can be obtained by contacting EducationQuest following the close of the award.

Release
Each Participant, or the Participant's legal parent or guardian on such individual's behalf, agrees (except where prohibited by law) to release and discharge, hold harmless and indemnify EducationQuest and all others associated with the development and execution of this Award Program, from any and all tax liability that may be imposed or associated with receipt or use of the awards or prizes, and from and against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, and liability for any damages, expenses, fees, injury, or losses sustained in connection with the Award Program or acceptance, possession, use, misuse or nonuse of an award or prize.

Publicity
Except where prohibited by law, by entering the Award Program, or by winning, Participants, or such individual's parents or legal guardians on their behalf, grant to EducationQuest and its designees the right to publicize the Participant's name, photograph, image, likeness, voice, statements, submission and certain biographical information in all manner and media, worldwide and in perpetuity, for advertising, trade and promotion purposes, worldwide and in perpetuity, in any and all forms of media, now known or hereafter devised (including, without limitation, the Internet), without additional compensation, and without opportunity for review.
Parents/guardians may be required to sign a release at the sole discretion of EducationQuest.

Limitations of Liability
By entering the Award Program, Participants, as well as the Participant's parents and legal guardians, hereby agree that EducationQuest is not responsible for technical, computer, mechanical, printing, typographical, human or other errors relating to, or in connection with the Award Program, including, without limitation, errors which may occur in connection with the administration of the Award Program, the processing of entries, the announcement of the awards or prizes or in any Award Program-related materials; or for stolen, lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, inaccurate, undelivered, delayed or illegible entries or postage due entries or mail; or for electronic, computer, or telephonic malfunction or error, failure to enter into the processing system, or are processed, reported, or transmitted late or incorrectly, or are lost for any reason, including computer, telephone, paper transfer, or human or other error. If, in the opinion of EducationQuest, there is any suspected or actual evidence of tampering with any portion of the Award Program, EducationQuest, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any individual who tampers with the Award Program, and/or void any entries submitted fraudulently, to modify or suspend the Award Program, or to terminate the Award Program and conduct a random drawing to award the awards and/or prizes using all eligible, non-suspect entries received as of the termination date. As a condition of entering the Award Program, Participants agree that: (i) under no circumstances will Participants be permitted to obtain awards for, and Participants hereby waive all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, consequential, or any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses; (ii) all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Award Program or the awards/prizes so awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and (iii) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred and, in no event, shall Participant be entitled to receive attorneys' fees or other legal costs. EducationQuest reserves the right to modify the prize and award procedures. This Award Program and these Official Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, without regard to its principles of conflicts of law and jurisdiction, and venue shall be solely within the State of Nebraska.

Participant's Personal Information
Information collected from Participants will be maintained by EducationQuest and its representatives in accordance with applicable federal and state consumer privacy laws, rules, and regulations.