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(LINCOLN, Nebraska, February 5, 2018) – EducationQuest Foundation has awarded nearly \$50,000 in renewable *Reaching Your Potential* scholarships to nine Nebraskans who have overcome obstacles to attend college.

The recipients and the colleges they attend are:

**Malik Clay**, Omaha, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
**Rodney Edwards**, Omaha, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**Katrina Kroeze**, LaVista, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
**Megan Leasure**, Verdigre, Southeast Community College in Lincoln  
**Cornelius Levering**, Omaha, Nebraska Methodist College  
**Courtney Leydig**, Omaha, Nebraska Methodist College  
**Khadiya Mengelkamp**, Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**Senajid Omerovic**, Omaha, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
**Ivy Williams**, Omaha, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

EducationQuest awards *Reaching Your Potential* scholarships twice a year to Nebraska students who have overcome significant obstacles to attend college. Applicants are referred by community agencies and schools statewide. Since the program was developed in 2000, EducationQuest has awarded approximately \$4.9 million in scholarships to 465 Nebraskans.

*EducationQuest Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to improve access to higher education in Nebraska. Headquartered in Lincoln, EducationQuest provides free college planning services, need-based scholarship programs, college access grants for high schools, college access resources for middle schools, and outreach services for community agencies. For more information, visit [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) or call 800.303.3745.*

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