

# Year in Review 2021



EducationQuest Foundation is a Nebraska-based nonprofit with a mission to improve access to higher education. In 2021, EducationQuest helped more than 50,500 Nebraskans prepare for college through our free services. Our offices are located in Lincoln, Kearney, Omaha, and Scottsbluff.



## COLLEGE PLANNING SERVICES

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### College Planning Appointments

Staff met with more than 5,500 clients to help them find the right college, learn how to pay for college, and file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Through these appointments, more than 3,300 FAFSAs were completed. We partner with school counselors, educators, and community-based agencies to provide our **free** services.

### Outreach Services

EducationQuest staff partners with nearly 100 community agencies statewide each year to reach Nebraskans whose circumstances make it difficult for them to pursue higher education. These can include low-income students, minority students, immigrants, students with disabilities, and adult learners.

### Virtual College Fairs

EducationQuest hosted Virtual College Fairs in the spring and fall in which students, family members, and counselors visited college booths, talked to college representatives, and watched live presentations. Each fair had more than 75 colleges participate and drew more than 6,500 registrants.

### Apply2College Campaign

During the annual EducationQuest-sponsored Apply2College Campaign, 153 Nebraska schools held college application events during which 4,137 seniors completed 9,032 college applications.

### Webinars and Presentations

EducationQuest hosted 312 webinars and programs in English and Spanish to help high school students plan for college. These events drew more than 12,700 attendees.

### Middle School Resources

We help middle school students prepare for college through the Look2College program for 6th grade students and KnowHow2GO for 7th and 8th grade students. Resources include publications, presentations, activities, and a new section of the EducationQuest website. There were 65 presentations that attracted more than 4,400 attendees.

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## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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### 8th Grade Campus Visit Grants

EducationQuest awarded 8th Grade Campus Visit Grants to 75 Nebraska schools. The grants will cover the cost of a college visits, along with related activities, to help students get on the path to college. Since the 2011-12 academic year, 513 grants totalling more than \$297,000 have been awarded.

### College Access Grants

EducationQuest awards College Access Grants every two years to help selected high schools develop and support college-access activities. Schools are funded for four years with annual awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000, depending on school enrollment. Since the program began in 2006, 155 College Access Grants have been awarded to 101 high schools totaling \$5.4 million.

### EducationQuest Scholarship Program

In fall 2021, EducationQuest granted \$1.57 million to Nebraska's 30 nonprofit colleges and universities for distribution to eligible undergraduate students who demonstrated financial need. Since 1999, the program has provided more than 25,000 scholarships worth over \$27 million.

### Reaching Your Potential Scholarship

The program awards renewable scholarships twice each year to low-income Nebraska students who face obstacles to college. Since the program began in 2000, EducationQuest has awarded more than \$7.4 million in scholarships to 584 Nebraskans. Of these, 81 percent have experienced success.



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