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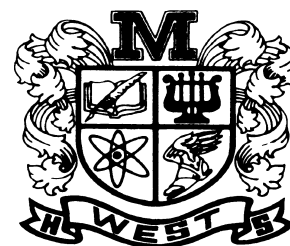
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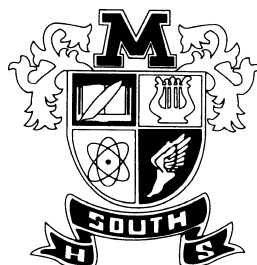
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*Post this sheet in a prominent place so you can refer to it all year.*

## **How to Get a Clear Connection if...**

### **You want to go into the MILITARY:**

Contact recruiters in the fall of the senior year.  
Recruiter phone numbers are located in the blue pages of the phone book under government listings.  
Take the ASVAB to determine your skill level in various areas.



### **You want to do an APPRENTICESHIP:**

Look up individual programs (electrical, carpentry, etc.) in the yellow pages of the phone book under Apprenticeship Programs and /or Labor Organizations.  
Call the appropriate program and make an appointment to investigate what they have to offer.

### **You want to go into the JOB MARKET:**

Investigate different careers available without post-secondary education.  
Make an appointment with your counselor to review your interest inventory.  
Visit web sites such as:

<http://www.omaha.com> (Omaha World Herald classifieds)  
<http://www.dol.state.ne.us> (Nebraska Workforce Development)  
<http://www.rileyguide.com> (Riley Guide - major job search sites and short description of each)  
<http://www.jobbank.com> (America's Job Bank - lists state job service job listings.)  
<http://www.careerlink.org> (Nebraska CareerLink)  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco> (Occupational Outlook Handbook)  
<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/planning> (Mapping Your Future)  
<http://www.career.missouri.edu> (Career Interest Game)  
<http://www.acinet.org> (America's Career Information Network)

### **You want to go to a 2-YEAR OR TECH SCHOOL:**

Investigate possible programs in the Career Center.  
Make an appointment and visit the institution. Attend the College Fair the last Sunday of October; attend the College Affaire in May.  
Fill out the FAFSA to see if you qualify for financial aid.  
Visit the EducationQuest Foundation at Rockbrook Village (108th and Center) for financial aid information.  
Log onto [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org).  
Attend the technology fair at your high school.  
Watch the guidance newsletter for 2-year college/vocational school scholarships.  
Acquaint yourself with computer resources in the Career Center.  
Turn in all applications to counselors and request transcripts. (see p. 12)  
Meet with college representatives at the high school whenever possible.

### **You want to go to a MILITARY ACADEMY:**

Begin your file with Nebraska senators and representative by contacting their offices.  
Submit cards to selected service academies to begin your file.  
Visit academy site if possible. Summer camps are offered for students between junior and senior year.  
Check on-line for applications.  
<http://www.usma.edu/> (United States Military Academy)  
<http://www.usafa.af.mil> (United States Air Force Academy)  
<http://www.usna.edu> (United States Naval Academy)  
Attend an All Academy Day to learn more about application process and visit with academy representatives.  
Take ACT and/or SAT and forward scores to senators and representative.  
Turn in all applications by deadlines. Selection committees will evaluate all applicants via personal interview and application.

## ....Continued

### You want to go to a 4 YEAR INSTITUTION/UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE:

Investigate career options.

Visit several college campuses. Attend the College Fair the last Sunday of October; attend the College Affaire in May.

Meet with college representatives at your high school whenever possible.

Talk to your counselor. Help him/her get to know you so he/she can write informed letters of recommendation.

Give teachers 2-3 weeks to write letters of recommendation. Give him/her your résumé.

Register for ACT and/or SAT. Plan to take the test at least twice and no later than December of your senior year.

Turn in all applications to counselors. (see p. 12)

Visit the EducationQuest Foundation at Rockbrook Village (108th and Center) for financial aid information.

Log onto [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org).

Fill out a preliminary FAFSA form and discuss finances with parents.

Volunteer in the community and keep an updated list of activities.

Read the guidance news for dates of college visits and for information on scholarships.

## Get Connected with Career Planning

Before you decide on a post-secondary setting you should investigate potential career options. Things to especially consider are **interest** in a specific career, **aptitude** for that career, and the **job market** for that career in the future. For instance, the U.S. Department of Labor predicts that only 20% of the careers in the first quarter of the 21st century will require a four year college degree and that 65% of the possible careers will require post secondary education of two years or less. You can prepare for this job marketplace in a variety of ways:

- Network with parents and adult friends to learn more about the current job market.
- Take interest inventories available in the counseling office.
- Participate in career shadowing experiences.
- Visit the reference section of the school's library.
- Attend the school technology fair and/or career fair.
- Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- Choose high school courses to investigate a variety of career possibilities.
- Seek employment in jobs which are potential career possibilities.
- Participate in volunteer experiences related to a possible career choice.
- Listen to career speakers in your building whenever possible.

### Web Sites

Nebraska Department of Labor

Bureau of Labor Statistics

America's Job Bank/Talent Bank

Nebraska Career Link

Hot Jobs

America's Career Information Network

America's Learning Exchange

O'NET

America's Service Locator

Nebraska Career Information System

[www.dol.state.ne.us](http://www.dol.state.ne.us)

<http://stats.bls.gov>

[www.ajb.dni.us/](http://www.ajb.dni.us/)

[www.careerlink.org](http://www.careerlink.org)

[www.hotjobs.com](http://www.hotjobs.com)

[www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)

[www.alx.org](http://www.alx.org)

<http://online.onetcenter.org>

[www.servicelocator.org](http://www.servicelocator.org)

<http://ncis.unl.edu>

Check with your counselor for user name and password



# College Planning Calendar

## Junior Year:

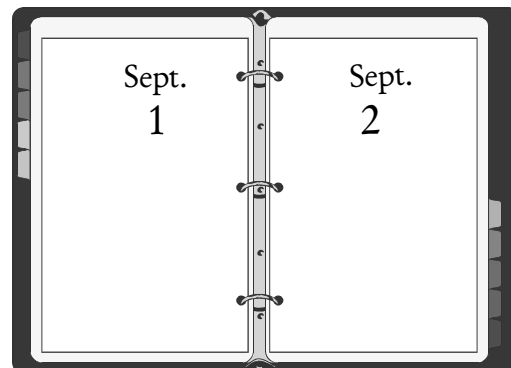
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### Fall



(September-October-November)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for and take PSAT in October.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with college representatives as they visit your school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determine whether your courses meet college admission requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend college planning meetings with parents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss college plans with parents, including financial needs, estimated costs, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write to colleges requesting catalogs and visit web sites.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Greater Omaha College Fair
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create/Update Résumé



### Winter



(December, January, February)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule individual parent conferences with your counselor to discuss future goals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Utilize resources in Guidance Office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for the ACT and/or SAT I and SAT II. See section on college entrance tests for more specific information.

### Spring



(March-April-May)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Investigate summer experiences, including summer school, and college sponsored workshops.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin scholarship search.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Select appropriate senior year courses to meet college requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend College Affaire
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit colleges you might want to attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take ACT/SAT
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for demanding courses

### Summer



(June-July-August)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit colleges of your choice.

## Senior Year:

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### Fall



(September-October-November)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule a conference with your counselor to discuss career goals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determine how you'll pay for college and what you can realistically afford.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for appropriate college entrance tests. (See the section on college entrance tests for more specific information.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review scholarship options and applications that have fall due dates. Enlist the help of your parents by sharing the guidance news.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Greater Omaha College Fair
- \_\_\_\_\_ Update your résumé.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit colleges you might want to attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with college representatives as they visit your high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain college applications in the Guidance Office or via Internet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Allow teachers and counselors 2-3 weeks prior to the deadline date to write your college and scholarship recommendations.

### Winter



(December, January, February)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain financial aid information from your counselor or the EducationQuest Foundation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) financial need analysis form as soon after January 1 as possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain scholarship applications each week in the counseling office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend the Financial Aid Planning and Information Night with your parents.

### Spring



(March-April-May)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to visit campuses if you're still undecided about a college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to apply for scholarships. Report to the Guidance Office **ALL** scholarships you have been offered, even those you will not accept.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for AP or CLEP tests if applicable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reply promptly to colleges. Be sure to meet acceptance deadlines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decide on the college to attend. Be sure to let other schools know that you will not attend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remember to write thank you notes.

# Making a Transition From High School



## Do You Have “Senioritis”?

“Senioritis” is a very real malady, characterized by the inability to make decisions and meet deadlines, disinterest in school and decline in academic achievements. Here are a few ideas to help you enjoy the end of a high school career while preparing for the next steps.

- Try a new hobby, sport, club or volunteer activity.
- Stay organized to meet important deadlines.
- Keep an optimistic outlook about the college admission process.
- Develop a good attitude toward your studies; try to see the reasons for taking each course.
- Set realistic and ambitious goals.

## The First Year Away from Home

It’s completely normal for college freshmen to be awed and even frightened by their new life-style and it’s just as normal for that alienation to snowball into loneliness and homesickness. Most homesickness stems from a simple lack of readiness to be independent. The most common traps and what you can do to prevent tripping over them:

- ✓ *Inability to manage finances, including budgeting, writing checks and overusing credit cards* — Learn to manage money while in high school. Consider taking Personal Finance or Adult Living Class. (Parents: allow your child to make more financial decisions for themselves. Caution them about indebtedness but give them responsibility for a portion of their educational expenses.)
- ✓ *Anticipation for a fresh start, yet comfort for the familiar* — Parents, don’t be too eager to convert your child’s bedroom for some other use, however, if they come home frequently, encourage them to stay on campus and get involved in activities. Recognize that the first year of college is an adjustment for parents as well.
- ✓ *Difficulty managing time* — Be realistic about what you can accomplish, eliminate dead time and do difficult tasks when you have the most energy.
- ✓ *Poor health habits* — Make time to exercise, avoid late night snacks and get a good night’s sleep.

# How To Connect For Information on Colleges

## Your High School Counselor

Counselors are here to assist students and parents in the decision-making process. They seek to provide students and parents with the best college and career information available to make informed decisions.

## Recommended Web Sites

<http://petersons.com/ugchannel/>  
[www.collegeboard.com/splash](http://www.collegeboard.com/splash)  
[www.Fastweb.com](http://www.Fastweb.com)  
[www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)  
[www.pricetonreview.com](http://www.pricetonreview.com)  
[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
[www.mycollegeoptions.com](http://www.mycollegeoptions.com)  
[www.utexas.edu/world/univ/](http://www.utexas.edu/world/univ/)  
[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)  
[www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25)



## College Reference Books

Your school's career center is an excellent resource for college information. College handbooks are available for checkout or can be purchased at local bookstores. Some resources include:

The Gourman Report  
American Trade School Directory  
Selective Guide to Colleges  
A Guide to Colleges for Learning Disabled Students  
Rugg's Recommendations on Colleges

National Directory of College Athletics  
Insiders Guide to Colleges  
A Guide to Colleges  
The Best Buys in College Education  
The College Handbook

## Contact a Specific College

Call or write to College Office of Admission to request an application packet, information on housing, financial aid, scholarships. Ask to be put on their mailing list. Most colleges also have websites where you can register your interest.

The Counseling Center maintains current catalogs and videos on several hundred colleges and universities. Information on art schools, nursing schools, vocational schools, scholarships and financial aid, and summer programs is also available.

# Connections for College Selection Information ....Continued

## Guidance Web Pages

Each Millard High School maintains its own guidance webpage. These web pages contain hotlinks that can be used to access career and college planning information.

You will also find a copy of your respective school's guidance newsletter. The newsletter contains information such as dates of visits from career and college representatives, available scholarships and their deadlines, workshops and open houses.

MILLARD NORTH - <http://www.mpsomaha.org/mnhs/index.html>

MILLARD SOUTH - <http://www.mpsomaha.org/mshs/index.html>

MILLARD WEST - <http://www.mpsomaha.org/mwhs/guidance>



## College Fair

Over 200 college representatives attend the Greater Omaha College Fair annually held on the last Sunday in October. Junior and Senior students and their parents are encouraged to participate. Sophomore and Junior parents and students are encouraged to attend.

College Affaire - Over 100 colleges are represented. Held in early May.

## College Applications

Applications can be obtained from the college, websites or from the counseling center. Many colleges will send an application if you sent them your ACT scores.

More and more colleges prefer on-line applications. Some will even waive application fees in return for on-line applications. Try to determine the best method of application for your school. See your counselor with any questions. A REMINDER: Your transcript cannot be sent on-line. Follow your school's procedures to have a transcript mailed to your college.

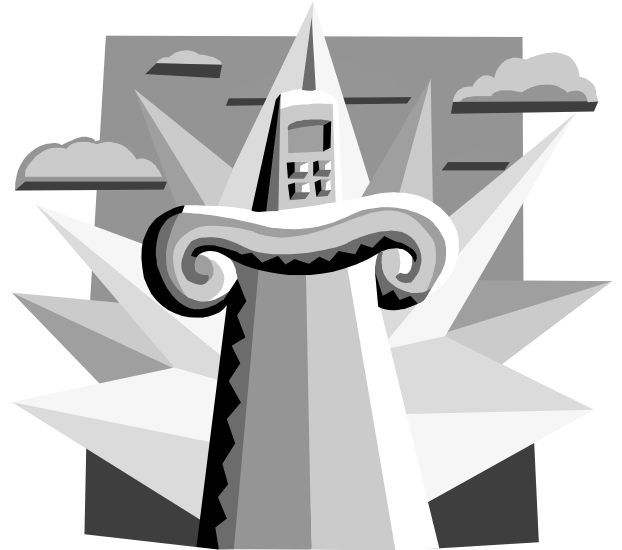
## Attention NCAA Division I and II Student-Athletes:

Student-athletes who wish to participate in NCAA Division I or Division II sports in college **MUST BE CERTIFIED** by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Obtain a copy of “**Making Sure You Are Eligible to Participate in College Sports**” in the counseling center early in the first semester of your senior year. Don't delay this process—if you are uncertain about participation in Division I or II it is best to complete this process anyway. Failure to be certified may affect visitations to colleges regarding athletics, and college coaches may be reluctant to make commitments to athletes who have not completed the NCAA Initial-Eligibility certification. You may register online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). Be sure to print two copies for your high school and bring them to your counselor. Failure to do so may make you ineligible for NCAA activities. Also, make sure to list the Clearinghouse (9999) on your ACT choices for reports sent.

# Connecting with the College That's Right For You

## Why do you want to go to college:

What do you hope to gain?  
What learning opportunities do you need?  
What are your goals?  
How will college help you achieve these goals?



## Factors to consider in choosing a college:

1. Type of college
  - Two or four-year college?
  - Residential or commuter?
  - Large or small?
  - College or university?
2. Location
  - What area(s) of the country can you realistically consider?
  - What about the relation between location and costs?
  - Are specific interests and goals tied to a specific location?
3. Admissions selectivity
  - What are the admission requirements
  - Are you eligible for admission?
  - How academically demanding is the school?
4. Costs
  - How much will it cost?
  - What kind of financial aid is available?
  - How do you apply for financial aid?
5. Majors and programs
  - Does the school offer the major you want?
  - Does the school offer you the chance to explore several areas of interest?
  - Does the school have internships? exchange programs? study abroad?
6. Social life
  - What is the campus atmosphere like?
  - What extracurricular activities are available?

# Admission Requirements for University of Nebraska-Lincoln

This sample is provided as a guide only. (There is no intent to promote the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.) Other universities in Nebraska may have similar requirements, and selective colleges and universities in other states may have more demanding high school requirements. Contact the colleges of your choice by sophomore or junior year of high school for up-to-date information on their requirements.

## Admission Requirements

Category	Units	Requirements
English	4	All units must include intensive reading and writing. Speech and journalism may be substituted if they include substantial amounts of reading and writing.
Mathematics	4	Must include Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, and one additional unit that builds on knowledge of algebra.
Social Studies	3	At least one unit of American and/or world history and one additional unit of history, American government, and/or Geography.
Natural Science	3	At least two units selected from biology, chemistry, or physics, earth sciences. One of the units must include laboratory instruction.
Foreign Language	2	Students who are unable to take two years of foreign language in high school may still qualify for admission. Such students will be required to take two semesters of foreign language at the University of Nebraska. These students are still required to complete 16 units of academic courses for admission.
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>16</b>	

## Performance Requirements (UNL)

In addition to meeting the above core course requirements, students applying for admission to the university should:

- be ranked in the upper one-half of their high school class or
- have received an ACT composite score of 20 or higher or
- have received an SAT total score of 950 or higher (Critical Reading and Math only)

Students who do not meet the above requirements for assured admission are sometimes admitted by review. Each application will receive individual review for demonstration of potential for success at university-level work.

# College Entrance Tests

Almost all colleges require tests for admission. Others may use the results for placement in courses or programs. Registration packets for all tests are available in the counseling office.

## Types of Tests and Which Test to Take

ACT (American College Test) is used by the vast majority of colleges in the Midwest. It is a primary test used to determine Regents Scholarship winners in the University of Nebraska system (UNL, UNO, and UNK).

SAT is used more extensively by East Coast, West Coast, some southern colleges, and the military academies. Some selective admission colleges may request the SAT II's which are specific tests in a certain curriculum area. If you are not sure about the appropriate test, ask your counselor or refer to the specific college catalog or a general college handbook.



## Important Notes:

1. Research has shown the scores increase in a high percentage of cases when a student retakes the test a second or even a third time. Colleges and scholarship will use your highest set of scores; so you have nothing to lose by retaking the test.
2. Register early to make it possible to schedule testing at your home high school. Check for schools that are SAT test centers.
3. Seniors - If you have not tested for the first time, register for the October date. Consider October through December as retake dates. Senior testing after December is too late for most purposes.
4. Juniors - You are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT in October, and the ACT and/or SAT in the spring.

## For College Credit

Advanced Placement (AP) tests are given in May at your high school. Tests are scored 1-5 (5 is highest). Policies for granting credit vary from college to college. Before you register, contact the college you plan to attend.

# 2007-2008 College Testing Schedule

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Location
ACT	Oct. 25, 2008	Sept. 19, 2008	Millard North, South and West
ACT	Dec. 13, 2008	Nov. 7, 2008	Millard North, South and West
ACT	Feb. 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2009	Millard West
ACT	April 4, 2009	Feb. 27, 2009	Millard North, South and West
ACT	June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	Millard North, South and West
SAT I & II	Oct. 4, 2008	Sept. 9, 2008	Metro Area
SAT I & II	Nov. 1, 2008	Sept. 26, 2008	Metro Area
SAT I & II	Dec. 6, 2008	Nov. 5, 2008	Metro Area
SAT I & II	Jan. 24, 2009	Dec. 26, 2008	Metro Area
SAT I	Mar. 14, 2009	Feb. 10, 2009	Metro Area
SAT I & II	May 2, 2009	Mar. 31, 2009	Metro Area
SAT I & II	June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009	Metro Area
PSAT* (Juniors)	Oct. 18, 2008	Check with the counseling department in your high school	Millard North, South and West

\*The PSAT is the qualifying test during the Junior year for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship Program is a very prestigious test and may influence Senior year college and scholarship decisions; the specific scores are not generally used for admissions purposes.

## Online Registration:

Students can register and pay test fees with a credit card by going on-line to:

ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

SAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## High School Code Number:

Use the following code number for the high school you attend regardless of where you take the test.

**Millard South—281505**

**Millard North—281506**

**Millard West—281723**

## Life Saving Hints for Testing:

- Enroll in a test preparation course. See school counseling office for information.
- Study the test preparation book provided in the application packet.
- Use computer software available in the counseling office to sharpen your skills.
- Get a good night's sleep before the test.
- Eat breakfast.
- Arrive early. Don't forget photo ID and admission ticket.



# Avoid the Static While Processing Your Application to a College or Vocational School

Unless you are sure you want to attend one specific college, it may be to your advantage to apply to several. When you decide on the colleges to which you wish to apply, follow the simple steps below.

## Five Easy Steps

STEP 1: Complete the college application form. If the application requires teacher or counselor recommendations, arrange for those immediately. Some colleges have early admission deadlines, as early as mid-November. Check to make sure of your college's application deadline.

STEP 2: Write a check for the application fee if a fee is required. Do not send cash!

STEP 3: Complete a "Release of Information" form in the counseling office which gives the school permission to send your high school transcripts. List all colleges you are considering.

STEP 4: Pay a "ONE TIME" \$5.00 Transcript Fee to your high school which pays postage and clerical costs for unlimited transcripts.

STEP 5: Bring all items in step 1 - 4 to your counselor. Be sure the address of the college admissions office is on your application form. An official transcript will be placed in the envelope and all material will be mailed to the college. This process reduces the chances of registration materials being lost or misfiled.

If you apply online you need to notify the counseling office in writing so they can send your transcript to the appropriate college or university.

## Important Note About Teacher or Counselor Recommendations:

If recommendations are needed, ask a counselor or teacher who knows you well **at least 2-3 weeks in advance of any deadlines**. Providing the teacher with information about yourself and ample time to write their letter can enhance the recommendation. Give them a copy of your resume. (see p. 14)

## Final Transcripts:

Most colleges and vocational schools require a final transcript. Counselors will give instructions on how to **request final transcripts in May**. Failure to do this will cause complications in the summer or during the fall semester when you register for college classes. ACT and SAT scores are not part of the official transcript. Check with your counselor.



## Online applications

If you apply online you need to notify the counseling office in writing so they can send your transcript to the appropriate college or university.

# Making Your Campus Visits Connect

## Before The Visit:

- Contact the college admissions office at least one to two weeks in advance to schedule a date and time. Selective colleges may require more advance notice since they may schedule an interview.
- Plan your visit. You should try to visit the campus when classes are in session.
- Read the college's catalogs and brochures. This will provide general information, so you don't waste time on these questions during your visit.
- Prepare a list of specific questions so you can learn as much as you can about the school (see p. 8 to help develop questions).
- If possible, bring an unofficial copy of your high school transcript and know your PSAT, SAT, or ACT scores. Consider bringing your portfolio or instrument for an audition.
- Bring your parents.
- Visit the college web site for current information.



## The Visit:

- Be on time. If you will be late or have to postpone your visit, call the college.
- Talk with as many people as you can to see a more complete picture of what a college is really like. An overnight stay and attending classes is highly recommended.
- Try to work some free time into your schedule. Use this time to wander around, perhaps drop into the campus snack bar, talk to students.

## After The Visit:

- On your way home, while your thoughts are still fresh, jot down some of your impressions of the college.
- If questions come up after the visit, don't hesitate to contact the people you have met.
- Send thank-you notes to those with whom you had appointments.

# Sample Student Resume

(Your resume should include this information in any format you choose)

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Educational Objective: Nursing

GPA 3.60  
Class Rank 62/450

## Test Scores

PSAT 178	SAT	V 620	ACT	Eng 25	Reading 26	Comp 25
		M 640		Math 24	Sci Rea 24	
		1260				

## Leader Positions and Offices Held

Activity	Office	Grade	Hours/month
Senior Class Board		12	
Junior/Class Board	Representative	11	15
Student Advisory Committee (forensics)	Committee Head	11	3

## Memberships and Other Activities

Club/Activity	Grade	Hours
Explorers Group Medical Division	11	4/mo.
Lighting Director of Fall 2002 Musical	11	20
Technical Crew - 2002 One-Act Play Contest	11	10
National Honor Society	11	4/mo.
2001 Fall Musical	10	35
Church Youth Group	9, 10, 11	6 mo.
Forensics (National and State League)	9, 10, 11	8/mo.
Junior Achievement	9	8/mo.
Environmental Club	9	4/mo.

## Honors and Awards

Awards	Place	Division	Grade
National Honor Society		Inducted	11
Nebraska Scholars Institute		Qualified	11
District Speech Competition	2nd	Persuasive Speaking	11
National Qualifying Tournament	2nd	Duo Interpretation	11
Greater Omaha Youth Council		Scholarship	11
Nebraska Student Congress		Speaker Award	10
District Speech Competition	1st	Entertainment Speaking	10
	2nd	Oral Interp. of Drama	10
State Speech Competition	4th	Entertainment Speaking	10
	2nd	Oral Interp. of Drama	10
National Qualifying Tournament	1st	Student Congress	10
District Speech Competition	5th	Entertainment Speaking	9
Academic Letter		G.P.A. of 4.0	9

## Volunteer

Organization	Activity	Grade	Hours
Food Bank	Stocker	11, 12	3/wk.
Salvation Army	Bell Ringer	11, 12	5

## Work Experience

Employer	Job Title	Hours per week	Length of Job
ITI	Telemarketer	18	9/mo.
Learning Center	Child Care	15	13/mo.

# Avoid Miscommunication...

## Know About General Scholarship Information

The cost of college education may be met in three primary ways: federal grants, loans and scholarships. Since financial aid packages are uncertain and are not announced until May of the senior year, it is best to focus attention upon scholarships throughout the senior year and not rely on financial aid.



### How to Avoid Scholarship Fraud:

- If you must pay money to get money, it might be a scam.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Spend the time, not the money.
- Never invest more than a postage stamp to get information about scholarships.
- Nobody can guarantee that you'll win a scholarship.
- If you're suspicious of an offer, it's usually with good reason.

Students and families who suspect that a scholarship program might be a fraud should contact their school's guidance counselor or financial aid office and/or the following resources:

- FTC Consumer Response Center: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or call (202)FTC-HELP
- National Fraud Information Center: [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org) or call (800)876-7060
- Better Business Bureau: [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or call (703)276-0100
- State Attorney General Office: Check for listing in your state

### Scholarship Types

Academic or merit-based scholarships are rewards for having certain abilities or talents. Examples include high grades and class rank, test scores at certain levels, or a demonstrated talent in art, music, athletics, drama, or other areas.

Need-based scholarships frequently have some criteria relative to abilities or talents above; however, the selection may be primarily based upon the financial need of the student.

### Four Major Sources of Scholarships

- Colleges and Universities (Best source)
- Civic, place of worship, parent-teacher, and other community groups
- Corporations, labor unions and professional organizations
- Military

Note: Never assume that college scholarship applications are automatic. Check with your counselor, or the college scholarship and financial office for application information.

# Connecting with Sources of Scholarship Financial Aid Information

**Web Sites:** A wealth of information regarding scholarships and financial aid is available via internet. Visit your high school's home pages for information on scholarships and financial aid, college selection, testing, careers, study skills, and several other helpful aids.

**Other sources of information are:**

www.finaid.org  
www.fastweb.com  
www.embark.com

**EducationQuest Planning Center:** Use a FREE local scholarship search available through the EducationQuest Foundation, Rockbrook Village, 11031 Elm St., Omaha, NE 68144, 391-4033.  
E-mail - [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)



## Specific Scholarship Information

The scholarship listings which follow are purposely skeletal in nature. Students and parents are encouraged to review more detailed scholarship listings in the weekly guidance newsletters issued by each high school counseling office. Additional copies are available in the counseling offices at all schools and are also posted regularly in The Guidance Web Page. *Students are strongly encouraged to take the newsletters home, and parents are encouraged to ask for them in order to fulfill their role described below.*

### Parental Role in the Scholarship Process

Parents can help in the scholarship process by:

- (1) reviewing the scholarship offerings in the guidance newsletter. Check your school's Guidance Web Page.
- (2) encouraging their student to pick up application forms.
- (3) urging the student to complete and return applications.
- (4) **Helping Meet Scholarship Due Dates.**

### Obtaining Scholarship Applications

Scholarship application forms are available in the counseling office at the time they are listed in the guidance newsletter.

Some scholarship applications are not distributed to the guidance office, especially those unique to individual colleges and those sponsored by national organizations. You'll need to write or call for these scholarship applications. The references in the general scholarship section will help with addresses or phone numbers.

**Note: Scholarships listed in the following pages are subject to change. It is not intended to be an all inclusive list.**

Abbreviation Used: Frat. (Fraternity or Fraternal), H & C (Hairstyling and Cosmetology), MPSF (Millard Public Schools Foundation), Prof. (Professional), P.T.O. (Patent-Teacher Organization), Relig. (Religious), See App. (See Application Form), Voc-Sch (Vocational School).

<b>Scholarship Source</b>	<b>Purpose, Restriction or Type</b>	<b>Scholarship Name</b>	<b>Approximate Value</b>	<b>Approximate Month of Availability</b>
MPSF	Attended Abbott	Abbott P.T.O.	\$500	Dec.
Frat.	Few or no restrictions	Acacia Leadership (UNL)	Varies	May
MPSF	Attended Ackerman	(Ackerman PTO) Debbie Turpen Mem. Schl.	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Ackerman	(Ackerman)/Boettner Young Leader	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Ackerman	(Ackerman)/Jim Porter Scholarship	\$500	Feb.
Civic	See Application	Aerospace Education Foundation	\$500	Jan.
Civic	Info Tech	AITP	\$1,000	Jan.
Assoc.	Air Force	Aksarben Air Force Assc.	\$1,000	Dec.
Prof.	Business	Aksarben Asso. of Office Prof.	\$500	Jan.
Civic	Administrative	Aksarben - Administrative Prof.	\$1,500	Jan.
Civic	See Application	Aksarben Leadership College Scholarship	\$10,000	Jan.
Civic	Vocational	Aksarben Comm. College Schol. Program	\$1,000	Mar.
MPSF	Attended Aldrich.	Aldrich PTA	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	Few or no restrictions	Alpha Delta Kappa	\$500	Dec.
Frat.	Academic/leadership	Alpha Gamma Nu (UNL)	\$500	Apr.
Prof.	Bus./Fin.	Am. Society of Military Comptrollers	\$2,000 - 1,000	Dec.
Civic	Teach Social Studies	American Legion Aux. - Keriakedes Mem.	Varies	Feb.
Civic	Attend Nebr. Institute	American Legion - Maynard Jensen	\$500	Jan.
Civic	See Application	American Legion - Aux. - Natnl. Pres.	Varies	Jan.
Civic	Nursing	American Legion Aux. - Nurse gift	Tuition	Feb.
Civic	Nursing	American Legion Aux. - Practical Nursing	Varies	Dec.
Civic	See Application	American Legion Aux. - Ruby Lorraine Paul	Varies	Feb.
Civic	See Application	American Legion Aux. - Ruby Paul	Varies	Feb.

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Civic	Few or no restrictions	American Legion Aux. - Presidents	Varies	Dec.
Civic	See Application	American Legion Aux. - Spirit of Youth	Varies	Jan.
Civic	See Application	American Legion Aux. - Stretch Men	Varies	Feb.
Civic	Vocational	American Legion Aux. - Vol. Tech	\$300	Dec.
Civic	Information Tech.	Assoc. of Scholarships Inf. Tech. (AITP)	\$1,000	Mar.
MPSF	See application	Harry & Elizabeth Memorial Scholarship	\$400	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Andersen	Anderson Middle School	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Anderson	AMS Tyler Scott Kovar Memorial Schl.	\$500	Dec.
Prof.	See Application	AXA Achievement Community Schl.	Varies	Jan.
Prof.	See Application	AXA Achievement Scholarship	Varies	Sept.
MPSF	See Application	Bartels Memorial	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	Attended BMS	Beadle Middle School	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Bernie Vanis Memorial Schol.	\$300	Dec.
Prof.	Comm. Serv.	Best Buy	Varies	Jan.
Frat.	See Application	Beta Upsilon Chapter/Omega PSIPHI	Varies	Mar.
MPSF	Attended Black Elk	Black Elk PTO Scholarship	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Pamela K. Brecki Memorial Scholarship	\$1000	Dec.
MPSF	MSHS grad.	Beth Ann Brooks Memorial	\$325	Dec.
MPSF	MSHS grad.	Brown Memorial	\$1,000	Dec.
College	Few or no restrictions	Board of Trustees (Wayne-Peru-Chadron)	4 year	Dec.
MPSF	Engineering (MSHS grad.)	Brian J. McEwen Memorial	\$350	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Bryan	Bryan P.T.O. Scholarship	\$750	Dec.
MPSF	Few or no restrictions	Buell-Jipp Memorial	\$450	Dec.
Prof.	See Application	Burger King	\$1,000	Oct.

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Gov.	ACT 32	Byrd Honors Program	\$1,500	Jan.
Found.	Automotive	Carriage House Foundation	\$1,000	Feb.
MPSF	Attended Cather	Cather P.T.O.	\$500	Dec.
College	College	Central Comm. College/Caterpillar Schl.	\$8,000	Nov.
Civic	Automotive	Chevrolet Classic Club	\$500	Apr.
Corp.	Female Athlete	Chevrolet/Michelle Kwan R.E.W.A.R.D.S.	\$5,000	Feb.
Civic	Highly Competitive	Coca-Cola Scholarship	Varies	Sept.
MPSF	Attended Cody	Cody P.T.O.	\$1,500	Dec.
Civic	Minority	Con Agra Urban League	Varies	Feb.
MPSF	Attended Cottonwood	Cottonwood P.T.A.	\$600	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Cottonwood/Teacher	Cottonwood PTA Future Teacher Schl.	\$600	Dec.
Corp.	See application	Cox Communications/Runza	\$1,000	Mar.
College	Minority	Creighton U. Omaha Metro Area Diversity Schl.	Tuition, Fees, Room & Board	Dec.
MPSF	MNHS graduate	Sue Cropper Memorial Scholarship	\$600	Dec.
Frat.	GPA over 3.0	Delta Tau Delta UNL	\$250	Feb.
Sorority	Women/Lib. Arts	Delta Theta Chi Sorority Schol.	\$1,000	Jan.
MPSF	Attended Disney	Disney Community Association	\$600	Dec.
Civic	Auto Technology	Dodge Motorsports AutoTech Scholarship	Varies	Feb.
MPSF	Education(MNHS/MSHS) Grad.	Don Stroh Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	Dec.
Corp.	See Application	Douglas Co. Farm Bureau	\$2,000	Mar.
Council	Automotive	Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Coun.	\$300	Mar.
College	Math	Eastman Memorial Scholarships in Math (UNL)	\$3,000	Jan.
Civic	See Application	Elks Natn'l Found.-Most Valuable Student Schl.	Varies	Oct.
Civic	See Application	Elks JB Ferguson Golf	\$500	Oct.

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Civic	See Application	Elks Past Exalt. Ruler	\$500	Oct.
MPSF	Attended Ezra	Ezra Millard PTO Scholarship	\$1,000	Dec.
Frat.	Leadership/academic	Farmhouse Fraternity (UNL)	\$200	Mar.
Corp.	See app.	Gallup Organization	\$500	Jan.
MPSF	Business	G.E. Nelson Memorial	\$700	Dec.
Civic	See Application	George L. Watters Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Jan.
MPSF	MWHS grad.	Gerhardt Memorial	\$2,000	Dec.
Civic	See Application	GLSEN	\$1,000	Jan.
Civic	See Application	GPACAC-Great Plains Scholarship	\$1,000	Jan.
MPSF	MSHS Grad.	Grove E. Nelson	\$1,000	Dec.
Civic	See application	Gus Swanson Communication	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Hagge, Pat Memorial	\$500	Dec.
Civic	Automotive	H&H Cheverolet	\$1,000	Mar.
College	Few or no restrictions	Hamilton College	Varies	Varies
MPSF	MNHS grad.	Hampton Memorial	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Harvey Oaks	Harvey Oaks Officer Memorial	\$350	Dec.
Found.	Serving on elected pos.	Hearst Foundation Schol.	\$2,000	Oct.
MPSF	Business	Helme Memorial	\$300	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Hitchcock	Hitchcock P.T.O. Scholarship	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	MWHS grad.	Hofmeister Memorial	\$2,000	Dec.
Sch.-PTA	Attended Holling Heights	Holling Heights PTA Scholarship	\$500	Jan.
Civic	See Application	Horatio Alger	Varies	Oct.
Assoc.	See Application	Human Resource Assn. of Midl. Diversity(HRAM)	\$500	Jan.
Assoc.	Agriculture/Agribusiness	Husker Harvest Days Schol.	\$400	Feb.

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Found.	See Application	Imagine America	\$1,000	Oct.
Found.	Health	Immauel Schl. Hans M. Link	\$1,000	April
Found.	Nursing	Immanuel Schl. Henry/Marie Wieble	\$500-\$2,000	May
Found.	Few or no restrictions	Independent Insurance Agents of Neb.	\$500	Mar.
Found.	Business	Independent Insur. Agents Schl./Chet Linder	Varies	Mar.
Assoc.	Health Career	Internal Medicine Asso./George Loomis	\$1,000	Jan.
Civic	Office Tech./ Ad. Asst.	International Asso. Of Admin. Profess.	\$500	Nov.
Found.	ACT 25/Financial Need	Iowa West Foundation	\$5,000	Jan.
College	See Applications	Iowa Western Comm.College (several scholarsh)	Varies	Oct.
College	Minority	Isaacson Incentive Scholarship (UNO)	\$1,000	Jan.
Found.	Financial Need	James M. Cox Foundation	\$1,000	Mar.
College	See Application	J.D. Edwards Honors Program (UNL)	\$10,000-15,000	Oct.
Civic	See Application	Jerry Parks Memorial	Varies	Oct.
MPSF	Attended Neihardt	John G Neihardt PTO Scholarship	\$700	Dec.
MPSF	Attend Montclair/Ackerman/	Joy Glover Memorial Scholarship	\$200	Dec.
Civic	Leadership/Volunteer	Junior League of Omaha	\$1,000	Jan.
MPSF	Attended Kiewit	Kiewit Middle School	\$1,000	Dec.
Corp.	See Application	KFC Colonel's Scholarship	Varies	Feb.
Civic	See Application	Knights of Aksarben Ike Friedman	Varies	Dec.
Civic	See Application	Knights of Aksarben Leadership	\$10,000	Oct.
Corp.	See application	Kohls Kids Who Care	Varies	Jan.
MPSF	Automotive	LaMay (Douglas) Memorial Schol.	\$500	Dec.
Civic	Latina	Lambda Theta Nu	\$250	Mar.
MPSF	MSHS grad.	Lamberty (Kam) Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500	Dec.

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MPSF	See Application	Legacy Eye Care	\$500	Dec.
Civic	See Application	Liz Karnes Memorial Schol. for a Drug Free Youth	\$1,000	Jan.
Found.	See Applications	Lincoln Comm. Found. (Several Schol. Opportun.)	Varies	Dec.
Found.	See Application	Lucent Technolgies Foundation	\$5,000	Feb.
Civic	See Application	Lutheran Metro Ministries	Varies	Mar.
MPSF	MSHS/Education	Bob & Mary Lykke	\$1,000	Dec.
College	Education/Minority	MacAllister Scholars in Education-UNO	\$1,000	Dec.
College	UNL (MSHS Grad)	Marymee Family Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	Jan.
Found.	Relative of MAT per.	Metro Area Transit Transport Workers	\$1,000	Feb.
College	Few or no restrictions	Metro. Comm. Col. - Board of Governors	Full Tuit.	Feb.
College	See Applications	Metro Comm. Coll. - Metro Found. Priv. Schol.	Varies	Varies
Civic	See Application	Metro Omaha Softball/LLC	2/\$500	Jan.
Assoc.	Marketing	Mid-America DMA (Direct Marketing Asso.)	\$1,000	Dec.
Corp.	Most Improved (MNHS grad.)	Mid-City Bank	\$1,000	Mar.
Corp.	Business (MNHS grad.)	Mid-City Bank	\$1,000	Mar.
Corp.	Education (MNHS grad.)	Mid-City Bank	\$1,000	Mar.
Corp.	Information Technology	Midwest Information System	Varies	Jan.
Assoc.	See Application	Millard Athletic Assoc./Oltragge Memorial	Varies	Feb.
Assoc.	Business	Millard Business Association	\$500	Mar.
Civic	See Application	Millard Days, Inc.	\$500	Nov.
MPSF	Attended Central Middle	Millard Central Middle School Scholarship	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	Education	Millard Ed. Asso. Schol.	\$1000	Dec.
Civic	Few or no restrictions	Millard Ed. Paraprofessional Asso. Schol.	\$350	Feb.
MPSF	See Application	Millard Learning Center	\$500	Dec.

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Civic	Med., Bus., Eng.	Millard Lioness Club	\$500	Feb.
Civic	See Applications	Millard Lions Club (Several Scholarships)	\$500	Oct.
MPSF	Former Student	Millard North Middle School	\$2,000	Dec.
MPSF	Methodist College	MNMS/NE Methodist Scholarship	\$2,000	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Millard North Parent Assoc.	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	Fine Arts	Millard North Parent Assoc. Trade	\$1500	Dec.
MPSF	MNHS Grad.	Millard North Career Builders	\$1000	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Millard Retired Educators	\$200	Dec.
Civic	Leadership, Upper 1/4	Millard Rotary Club - Focus on Youth	\$1,250	May
Civic	Vocational	Millard Rotary Club	\$500	May
MWHS	See Application	MWHS Boster Club Scholarship	\$1,000	Jan.
MWHS	See Application	MWHS Cross Country Scholarship	\$500	Feb.
MWHS	College Soccer	MWHS Soccer Scholarship	\$500	Feb.
MPSF	Attend Montclair	Montclair-Birkel Scholarship	\$500	Dec.
College	Leadership	Mortar Board UNL	\$250	Feb.
MPSF	Attended Morton	Morton/Bob Lykke PTO Scholarship	\$500	Dec.
Assoc.	Business	NAPM	\$1,000	Dec.
Civic	See Application	Nat'l Assoc. for Women in Construction(NAWIC)	Varies	Jan.
MPSF	MSHS Grad.	Mutual of Omaha	\$1,000	Dec.
Civic	See Application	National Assoc. of Ins. & Fin. Advisors (NAIFA)	\$500	Jan
Civic	See Application	Nat'n'l Assoc. of Postmasters Harry/Lenara Rich.Schl.	Varies	Feb.
Assoc.	See Application	Nat'n'l Assoc. Second. Sch./Princ./Herf Jones, Inc.	\$1,000	Sept.
Civic	See Application	Nat'n'l Restaurant Assoc. ProStart Scholarships	Varies	Varies
Navy	See Application	Navy ROTC	Varies	Sept.

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Assoc.	See Application	NEOPA	\$1,000	Dec.
Civic	26 ACT	Neb. Roping Horse Asso.	\$500	Jan.
Prof.	Engineering	Neb. Society of Prof. Engineers	Varies	Nov.
Civic	Actuarial or Math Field	Nebraska Actuaries Club	\$1,000	Oct.
Civic	Aviation	NATA - NE Aviation Trades Assoc. Scholarship	\$500-\$1,000	Jan.
Assoc.	ACT 24/Athlete	Nebraska Coaches Assoc.	\$500	Feb.
Corp.	See application	Nebraska Legal Professionals Assoc.	\$1,000	Feb.
Corp.	See Application	NELNET	\$1,000	Sept.
Corp.	See Application	NFIB/Entrepreneur	\$1,000	Nov.
MPSF	Attended Norris	Norris P.T.O.	\$500	Dec.
College	Profess./Applied Studies	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	Varies	Jan.
MPSF	See Application	Offerjost Memorial	\$400	Dec.
Civic	See Application	Offutt AFB Officers' Spouses	\$1,000	Dec.
Civic	See Application	Offutt Chiefs' Group	\$500	Feb.
Civic	See Application	Elk's National Foundation - Most Valuable Student	Varies	Dec.
Civic	See Application	Offutt Enlisted Spouse's Club	Varies	Feb.
Civic	Female	Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women	\$500	Feb.
Civic	See Application	Omaha Chamber of Commerce Allen Pirsch Mem.	Varies	Feb.
Civic	Black, Female	Omaha Chapter of the Links	\$1,000	Feb.
Prof.	See Application	Omaha Education Asso. Foundation	Varies	Feb.
Prof.	Legal Field	Omaha Legal Professionals Asso.	\$500	Jan.
MPSF	See Application	Omaha Primary Eye Care	\$1,000	Dec.
Soc.	Nursing	Oncology Nursing Society	\$500	Mar.
Corp.	Leadership	Phillip Schragger (Formerly Pacesetters )	\$1,800	Dec.

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Corp.	See Application	Peak Interests LLC/Pizza Hut	Varies	Jan
College	See Application	Peru State College Coop.	Varies	Jan.
Corp.	See Application	Peter Kiewit - Legacy	\$7,500	Oct.
Prof.	Education Preferred	Phi Delta Kappa	\$500	Dec.
Frat.	Few or no restrictions	Pi Kappa Alpha	\$100	Feb.
Frat.	UNL	Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity	\$100	Feb.
Frat.	Leadership	Pi Kappa Phi Iowa State	\$250	Mar.
Corp.	See Application	Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program	Varies	Oct.
College	Few or No Restrictions	Regents Scholarship (UNK, UNO, & UNL)	Up to Full Tuit.	Oct.
MPSF	MSHS Grad.	Carleen J. Richeson Memorial	\$1,000	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Rockwell	Rockwell P.T.O.	\$200	Dec.
Civic	Verified Special Ed.	Suburban Rotary	Varies	Jan.
MPSF	Attended Rohwer	Rohwer PTO	\$750	Dec.
Civic	Honor Roll/Leadership	Rotary Club of Omaha	Varies	Jan.
MPSF	Attend Russell	Russell Middle School	\$1,500	Dec.
Prof.	Engineering	SAE	Varies	Sept.
Corp.	See application	Sam Walton Community Scholarship	\$1,000	Jan.
MPSF	Attended Sandoz	Sandoz/PTO Scholarship	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	Attend Sandoz	Sandoz /Spangler	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	Attend Sandoz	Sandoz/Witt	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Schlichtemeier Nursing Scholarship	\$500	Dec.
Corp.	Scholar Athlete	Scholar Athlete Milk - Mustache Sammy Scholar	\$7,500	Mar.
MPSF	Top 10% Rank, ACT 26	Scholarship of Excellence	\$1,000	Dec.
Civic	Nursing	Sertoma Club	\$1,000	Mar.

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Frat.	Few or no restrictions	Sigma Pi Epsilon UNK - Balanced Man	\$500	Feb.
Frat.	Academic/leadership	Sigma Pi Epsilon UNL - Balanced Man	Varies	Mar.
Found.	Community	Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship	Varies	Nov.
MPSF	See Application	Singleton Memorial	\$500	Dec.
Assoc.	See application	Society of Automotive Engineers	Varies	Sept.
College	Top 50%	Southeast Comm. College-Educ. Found.	\$500	Dec.
MPSF	See Application	Southwest Omaha Kiwanis	\$500	Dec.
Prof.	EE, Comp. Sci, Physics	STRAT ROOST Asso. of Old Crows	\$1,000	Feb.
MPSF	MNHS/MSHS Grad	Stroh Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	Dec.
Found	See Application	Susan Komen/Breast Cancer Found.	\$500	Oct.
Found.	See Application	Susan Thompson - Bufett Foundation	Varies	March
Corp.	See Application	Target Scholarship	Varies	Oct.
MPSF	See Application	Teammates	\$500	Dec.
Frat.	Theatre Arts	Theatre Arts Guild, Inc.	\$1,000	Feb.
Family	Disability	Tom Pierce Memorial	\$300	Jan.
Civic	Comm. Serv.	Toyo Teens		Jan.
Corp.	Top 10%/leadership	Toyota Community Scholars Program	Varies	Sept.
Civic	See Applications	Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship	\$1,500	Jan.
Corp.	ACT 24/Upper 1/4	Union Bank & Trust Co.	\$500	Oct.
College	ACT 24/ Upper 1/4	UNK Coop. School	\$750	Jan.
College	Business	UNK College of Business and Tech.	\$200	Feb.
College	Few or no restrictions	UNL Teachers College	\$200/Books	Jan.
College	Alumni	UNO Alumni	\$1,000	Oct.
College	Business	UNO College of Business Ad. School	Varies	Dec.
College	Financial need	UNO Goodrich Scholarship	Varies	Feb.

<b>Scholarship Source</b>	<b>Purpose, Restriction or Type</b>	<b>Scholarship Name</b>	<b><u>Approximate Value</u></b>	<b><u>Approximate Month of Availability</u></b>
College	Education/Minority	UNO MacAllaster Scholars In Ed.	Varies	Nov.
College	Minority	UNO Minority Scholarship	Varies	Dec.
College	See Application	UNO STEP	Varies	Nov.
Corp.	Nomination	USA Today		Jan.
Corp.	Academic/leadership	US Bank	\$1,000	Nov.
Corp.	See Application	Wal-Mart Competitive Edge Scholarship	\$5,000	Jan.
College	Academic/leadership	Walter Scott Scholarship - Hastings College	Varies	Sept.
College	Engineering/Tech.	Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship	Varies	Dec.
Gov.	Government service	Washington Crossings Foundation	Varies	Nov.
College	Varies	Wayne State College Coop.	Half Tuit.	Feb.
Corp.	See Application	Wells Fargo Educational Fin. Serv. College Steps	\$1,000	Oct.
MPSF	MHS grad.	Wennstedt/Swimming	\$250	Dec.
MPSF	Attended Wheeler	Wheeler PTA	\$500	Dec.
Found.	English	Willa Cather Foundation	\$2,000	Nov.
MPSF	Attended Willowdale	Willowdale PTO	\$1000	Dec.
MPSF	Education career(MWHS grad.)	Witt Educator	\$1,000	Dec.
Corp.	Broadcasting	WOWT/Broadcasting	\$1,000	Nov.
MPSF	Teacher	Yaley (Nancy) Memorial	\$1,000	Dec.

# Companies in the Metropolitan Area That Offer Scholarships



The following scholarships are available from corporations. DEADLINE OR DUE DATE shown in the right hand column is approximate. For accurate scholarship information, check with the personnel, human resources, or public relations department of the company.

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Name or Description of Scholarship</b>	<b>Eligibility or Scholarship Criteria</b>	<b>Approx. Value of Scholarship</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
First Data Resources	CSSA	Dependent of a First Data Resources Employee	Varies	February
H & R Block	H & R Block Foundation	Dependent of H & R Block Employee	\$2,000	October
Hy-Vee	Hy-Vee Foundation	Contact Hy-Vee Inc., 1801 Osceola Avenue, Chariton, Iowa 50049	\$500+	January
I.B.M.	Thomas Watson Memorial Scholarship	Dependent of I.B.M. Employee	\$600+	October
Metro Area Transit (Union)	Metro Area Transit and Transport Workers Union	Dependent of a Metro Area Transport Worker Employee	\$1,000	February
Mutual of Omaha	V.J. Skutt Scholarship	Dependent of a Mutual of Omaha Employee	\$1,500	February
Proctor and Gamble	Proctor and Gamble Fund	Dependent of a Proctor and Gamble Employee or of the subsidiaries of P & G	Varies	October
St. Paul Companies	St. Paul Companies Scholarship Programs	Dependent of a St. Paul Company Employee, either active or retired obtain App. from: CSFA, P.O. Box 297 St. Peter, MN 56082	Varies	March
Shering/Plough	Drug, Chemical & Allied Trade's Assoc. Inc. Prog.	Sons/Daughters of Employees whose company is a member of Assoc. at left	\$4,000	March 15
Union Pacific	Employee Dependent School Program	Dependent of Current Employee or Retired or Deceased Employee	\$750	January
Union Pacific	Union Pacific Agriculture School Obtain App. from County Extension Agent	Top 25% Rank - 4H or FHA experience	\$500	December 1
Union Pacific	Union Pacific Merit Scholarship	Dependent of a Union Pacific Employee. <b>Must Take PSAT as a Junior and be a National Merit Finalist</b>	Varies	October
U.P.S. Foundation	George D. Smith or James E. Casey Scholarship	Dependent of a full-time UPS employee, or deceased UPS employee. Need PSAT as a junior for Casey Scholarship	up to \$2000	February 15
Wendy's	Wendy's Scholarship	Be an Employee of Wendy's	Varies	Open
Xerox	Xerox Merit Scholarship	Dependent of Xerox Employee. Must take PSAT as a Junior and be a National Merit Finalist	Varies	October

**Reminder: Ask your employer or your parents' employers if they offer scholarship assistance.**

# Don't Lose Your Connection Get Connected with Financial Aid

## How Do I Know If I Qualify? Or if I should Apply?

Determining financial aid eligibility is not easy. The financial aid application forms are fairly comprehensive and take considerable time to process.

A free "College Funding Estimator", available in the counseling center, will determine whether you might qualify for federal financial aid. The EducationQuest Foundation will process your worksheet and provide the results to you. You may also process your own form "online". They are very knowledgeable about all aspects of financial aid, and will assist you in filling out an official financial aid form if you wish. Also see internet options to determine financial aid eligibility.



Remember, WHEN IN DOUBT- APPLY!!

## How To Apply for Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available in November will put you into consideration for FEDERAL financial aid and college aid. Occasionally certain colleges will request a supplemental form in addition to the FAFSA. If so, the college will supply the form.

Mail the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. Every year you attend college, you may file a paper copy but electronic filing is preferable. Access the FAFSA at <http://www.educationquest.org> and <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. *Do not mail it to the processing center before January 1.* If your parents do not file tax information until late March, you should file estimated tax information. Do NOT wait until March or April to process a financial aid application. Late applications are the #1 reason for receiving a reduced financial aid package or, quite frequently, receiving NO aid at all.

When you file the FAFSA, you have the option of indicating which colleges are to receive the analysis. Send the analysis to all colleges you are considering, because it is difficult to add colleges later. Be sure to sign the application! **COLLEGES WILL NOT BEGIN ANY FINANCIAL AID CONSIDERATIONS FOR A STUDENT UNLESS THEY HAVE AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION ON FILE!**

Approximately eight to ten weeks, or sooner if submitted electronically, after you send in your application, you will receive the Student Aid Report (S.A.R.). Save this form (all pages) because you will need to submit it to the college of your choice.

College financial aid directors have some discretion and options for the financial aid awarded by their institution. If you have any unusual or unique financial situations, or if you wish to appeal the financial aid decision, contact the financial aid department of the college.

# Kinds of State and Federal Financial Aid to Help You Stay Connected

## Grants (funds that do not need to be paid back)

Federal Pell Grant is the grant that provides assistance to the neediest college students. Renewal is based upon continued eligibility as determined by a federal eligibility formula and maintenance of satisfactory academic performance. It is necessary to apply each year for the Pell Grant with the FAFSA.

## Federal

Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant is awarded to students with high financial need. Renewal standards are similar to the Pell Grant. Each college determines the amount of the grant based on students' need and availability of money.

## Federal College Work Study

Part of your financial aid package may include work study. The hourly pay will be at least minimum wage for five to twenty hours per week. In most cases, the jobs are arranged by the college although you may have some choice in the job you select.



## Low Interest Loans

*The Federal Perkins Loan* is a low interest loan, approximately 5%, that varies with each college. You need to repay this loan; however, no interest accrues on the loan while you are in college. Your repayment period does not begin until nine months after you graduate, leave college, or drop below half time. You may borrow \$3,000 yearly and a total of \$15,000 as an undergraduate.

A second loan program called the *Federal Stafford Loan* has two segments—(1) “subsidized” which means that the federal government pays the interest (2) “unsubsidized” which means that you will be immediately responsible for the interest payments. Both are relatively low-interest loans; Interest rates change annually. The Federal Stafford Loan may require a separate application. If you qualify for the Stafford Loan you will be notified via your financial aid package from the college. Refer questions to your intended college regarding application procedures.

## PLUS Loans

Parents who do not have a bad credit history can borrow a PLUS Loan to pay the education expenses of a child who is a dependent student enrolled at least half time in an eligible program at an eligible school. Repayment begins immediately.

## **Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997**

Under the “**HOPE**” Scholarship” tax credit, students will receive a 100% tax credit for the first \$1,000 of tuition and required fees and a 50% credit on the second \$1,000. This credit is available for tuition and required fees less grants, scholarships, and other tax-free educational assistance. Contact the Educational Planning Center for more information.

**The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit.** This tax credit is designed for adults who want to go back to school, change careers, or take a course or two to upgrade their skills and to college juniors, seniors, graduate, and professional degree students. A family will receive a 20% tax credit for the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees paid each year through 2002, and for the first \$10,000 thereafter.

**Parents and grandparents can create education IRAs and make penalty-free withdrawals from other IRAs** for their own higher education expenses or those of their spouse, child, or even grandchild. In addition, for each child under age 18, families may deposit \$500 per year into an Education IRA in the child’s name. Earnings in the Education IRA will accumulate tax-free and no taxes will be due upon withdrawal if the money is used to pay for post-secondary tuition.

## **Nebraska College Savings Plan**

The Nebraska College Savings Plan offers many advantages: federal and state tax benefits, multiple investment options and the flexibility to attend public or private schools nationwide. Additionally, effective January 1, 2002 earnings on all qualified education withdrawals are exempt from federal taxes. There are also no age, income or residency restrictions. Call 1-888-993-3746 or visit the website at [www.PlanForCollegeNow.com](http://www.PlanForCollegeNow.com).

## **Other Aid Programs**

Parents and students are encouraged to investigate other resources for financial assistance. This may require contact with other federal, state, and other agencies, such as Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Vocational Rehabilitation, and others.

## **ROTC Scholarships**

The Reserve Officer Training Corps of the Army, Air Force and Navy (including the Marine option) offer an excellent scholarship program to the college-bound student willing to make a commitment to several years of active duty with the military after college. The ROTC scholarship provides an opportunity to attend a civilian college or university while studying officer training as part of the total undergraduate program. The scholarships may be for two to four years. After the first year, the student may choose to discontinue the scholarship without any obligations or pay backs of any kind.

The scholarship pays full tuition fees and textbooks, plus a \$150 monthly allowance.

Early application for an ROTC scholarship is critical, either at the end of the junior year or by early October of the senior year. The application process is detailed and takes somewhat more time than most scholarships.

## **Active Military Service**

Active service personnel can contribute to their own college fund and receive a considerable amount in benefits to help defray college costs.

## **Tuition Assistance Plans**

Students who do not want to commit to a full time active military involvement may want to consider the Army Reserve (or other Reserve components), Nebraska (or other state) Air Guard Programs. The Army “Star” program is especially attractive for students interested in the health medical related areas. The Nebraska Air Guard provides significant tuition assistance at any state supported college, university, vocational or trade school in Nebraska. Your commitment is only one weekend of training per month plus 15 additional days usually in the summer. See your counselor for more information.

# Glossary of College Terms

- Advanced Standing:** Credit or advanced placement for freshmen who have done previous high-level high school or college work or scored high on advanced placement tests.
- Associate Degree:** Degree granted for completion of a course of study, usually two to three years at a community college or junior college.
- Audit:** Attending a course without getting credit for it.
- Baccalaureate Degree:** Bachelor's degree awarded for completion of an undergraduate curriculum, usually four years in length.
- College Work Study:** A federal financial aid program providing on and off campus employment.
- Credit Hour:** A three-credit course usually represents three credit hours per week or three one-hour classes. The system of assigning a given number of credits to a college course.
- Doctorate:** Highest academic degree awarded by a college or university of advanced graduate study.
- Early Decision:** A student applies to first-choice college early in their senior year and agrees to withdraw all other applications to enroll at that college if accepted.
- Early Action:** Used primarily in highly selective colleges. Same time table as early decision, but allows accepted candidates until May 1 to accept or decline offer of admission.
- Financial Aid Director:** The person in charge of determining monetary assistance for college expense. This person usually has some discretion to adjust a financial aid package or make other decisions relative to a student's financial aid.
- Full-time Student:** A student who enrolls in at least 12 credit hours per semester.
- Liberal Arts:** Courses in humanities, social sciences, and the abstract sciences as opposed to technical or professional subjects.
- Major:** Subject in which a student takes the greatest concentration of courses.
- Master's Degree:** Degree conferred for completion of a program of postgraduate work, usually lasting for one or two years.
- Minor:** Subject in which a student takes the second greatest concentration of courses.
- Registrar:** University official who keeps records of enrollment and academic standings.
- Rolling Admission:** Policy adopted by colleges under which students can be accepted throughout the school year rather than only in the spring.
- Undergraduate:** A student who is attending college who has not yet earned a degree.