

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?

To be eligible to apply for the Susan T. Buffett Scholarship, you must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska
- Graduate from a Nebraska high school or earn a Nebraska GED
- Earn at least a 2.5 cumulative unweighted GPA in high school (or 80 on a 100 point scale)
- Be a first-time freshman when entering college
 - Students obtaining dual enrollment credits in high school are still eligible
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend college
 - Students do not need to be Pell Grant eligible to qualify
 - Students must have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below \$10,000 in order to apply
 - To determine your EFC visit www.educationquest.org and click on College Funding Estimator

2. Where can I use the scholarship?

You can use the scholarship at any of the following Nebraska public institutions:

Nebraska Community Colleges- Central, Metropolitan, Mid-Plains, Northeast, Southeast, or Western Nebraska

Nebraska State College System- Chadron State, Peru State, or Wayne State

University of Nebraska- NCTA, UNK, UNL, UNMC, or UNO

3. When should I apply for the scholarship?

Applications are available online on November 1st at www.buffettscholarships.org. All materials are due on February 1st at 5:00 pm CST/4:00 pm MST.

Application Requirements:

- Online Application Forms and Signed Consent
- Personal Essay
- High School Transcript
- Two Recommendations
- FAFSA Student Aid Report

4. How are students selected for the scholarship?

All eligible applications will be reviewed and awards will be determined based on the following criteria:

- 1) Financial need
- 2) Academic merit
- 3) Personal essay
- 4) Strength of recommendations

5. Do I need to submit an official high school transcript?

Yes. The high school transcript must be official and uploaded to the online application. It must include the following information:

- Full name, DOB, & high school name
- Cumulative unweighted GPA
- All high school coursework with grades
- Current work in progress (if provided by high school)

6. Am I required to file a FAFSA?

Yes. Financial need is one of the criteria for the scholarship and is determined by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submitting a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). Please go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information on filing for federal student aid.

7. How do I submit the two recommendations?

Recommendations are submitted online and you will need the full name, title, email address, and phone number for each Recommender.

8. When do applicants find out if they have received the scholarship?

Every applicant who completes an application will receive a decision notification via email by May 1st.

9. If I receive the scholarship, do I need to reapply each year?

No. The scholarship will automatically renew each semester for up to five years at a four-year college or up to three years at a two-year college if you continue to meet the scholarship requirements, or until you graduate or obtain your bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

10. What costs are covered with this scholarship?

Scholarship funds can be applied to any part of a student’s cost of attendance (COA) at any of the eligible Nebraska public institutions. This includes: resident tuition, fees, books, room and board, personal expenses and transportation. A student must be considered a Nebraska resident at the institution where s/he enrolls. Any unused portion of this award does not accrue and may not be applied to subsequent terms. The table below indicates the maximum value of a Susan T. Buffett Scholarship each term (semester or quarter) at each public institution in Nebraska for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Maximum Term Awards for 2016-2017

Institutions	Full Time (12+hours)	Three-Quarter Time (9-11 hours)	Half Time (6-8 hours)	Quarter Time (3-5 hours)	Less than Quarter Time (1-2 hours)
Community Colleges					
MCC and SECC	\$1,450.00	\$1,087.50	\$725.00	\$362.50	\$181.25
CCC and MPCC	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
NECC and WNCC	\$2,150.00	\$1,612.50	\$1,075.00	\$537.50	\$268.75
Nebraska State Colleges					
Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State	\$3,900.00	\$2,925.00	\$1,950.00	\$975.00	\$487.50
University of Nebraska					
UNK	\$4,350.00	\$3,262.50	\$2,175.00	\$1,087.50	\$543.75
UNO	\$4,500.00	\$3,375.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,125.00	\$562.50
UNL and UNMC	\$4,800.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00
NCTA	\$2,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,400.00	\$700.00	\$350.00

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