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Scholarship Checklist

WHAT IS "POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION?"

Post-secondary education is any additional education or training after high school that is needed to attain a career that fits your talents and skill set. Institutions of post-secondary education include not only four-year colleges and universities but also two-year community colleges, 12-18 month programs, cosmetology, and trade schools. At the end of a prescribed course of study or program, a degree or certificate is awarded.

Examples of post-secondary education include:

- *4-year Bachelor's degree (UNL, UNO, UNK, Wayne State, Hastings College, Creighton University, etc.)*
- *2-year Associate's degree (Metro Community College, Central Community College, Northeast Community College, etc.)*
- *Certification (Cosmetology or Barber school, Computer technology school, Trade school, Welding, Auto mechanics, etc.)*
- *Military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard)*

In America, **more education/training = being more likely to be employed**. Let's look at how recent college graduates stack up to high school graduates:

- *44% are employed without a high school diploma*
- *57% are employed with a high school diploma*
- *66% are employed with some college or associate's degree*
- *74% are employed with a Bachelor's degree or higher*

But most importantly, the more education/training you receive the more money you will make! Let's take a look at the average annual earnings in respect to the different education levels:

Education attained	Average weekly earnings in 2018-19	Average monthly earnings in 2018-19	Average annual earnings in 2018-19
Doctoral degree	*$1,743.00*	*$6,972.00*	*$83,664.00*
Professional degree	*$1,836.00*	*$7,344.00*	*$88,128.00*
Master's degree	*$1,401.00*	*$5,604.00*	*$67,248.00*
Bachelor's degree	*$1,173.00*	*$4,692.00*	*$56,304.00*
Associate's degree	*$836.00*	*$3,344.00*	*$40,128.00*
Some additional post-secondary education or training, no degree	*$774.00*	*$3,096.00*	*$37,152.00*
High school diploma	*$712.00*	*$2,848.00*	*$34,176.00*
Less than a high school diploma	*$520.00*	*$2,080.00*	*$24,960.00*
Note: Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.			
Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018-19)			

WHERE DO I GET STARTED?

1. ***Create a personal e-mail account.*** *This is how schools and scholarships that you apply for will communicate with you, and vice versa.*
   a. *Good examples: dadams@hotmail.com, demoineadams@gmail.com*
   b. *Bad examples: Igotswag2017@hotmail.com, prettyprincess92@gmail.com*

2. ***Set a goal to attain and maintain a MINIMUM 2.5 cumulative GPA****. Your cumulative GPA determines your admission to certain colleges, scholarship opportunities, and class rank. Most scholarship opportunities require at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.*

3. ***Take the ACT exam****. Most four-year colleges require that you take the ACT. To be admitted into most four-year colleges, you need to score at least a* ***20*** (UNL, UNO, UNK, etc.). *Please see below the upcoming ACT test dates and talk to your counselor about signing up OR visit* ***www.actstudent.org****.*

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 17-30, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	September 21-October 4, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 9-22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 11-17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29-March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020

4. ***Draft your Personal essay/Statement****. Many college and scholarship applications request students to submit a personal essay/statement so the sooner you get started on this, the easier your college and scholarship application process will be in the fall. Your personal essay/statement gives you an opportunity to communicate your career aspirations, post-secondary education goals, family background, any obstacles or challenges you had to face, and why it's important for you to be considered for acceptance or this particular scholarship.*

5. ***Identify up to 3 references****. When applying for colleges and scholarships, you will be asked to provide up to 3 letters of recommendations from individuals who will be able to highlight your potential, talk about your strong attributes, and express a strong case why you should be considered for their school or scholarship.*

EDUCATIONQUEST

EducationQuest is a **FREE** resource for students to give them access to higher education in Nebraska by providing great online college-planning services, financial aid assistance, outreach services, need-based scholarship programs, and college access grants. ***EducationQuest*** has four main locations in *Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, and Scottsbluff* where they have staff to work directly with students and parents with FAFSA filing and other areas such as:

- ✓ *Research post-secondary schools*
- ✓ *Explore career options*
- ✓ *Access thousands of local, state, and national scholarships*
- ✓ ***Complete and file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)***
- ✓ *Learn about federal student loans*

All services are ***FREE*** and most are by appointment to provide families with one-on-one assistance. Students and parents also learn about college planning and financial aid through our statewide college fairs, educational planning programs and financial aid programs. ***EducationQuest*** creates college planning handbooks, newsletters and brochures and distribute them to students and parents across the state. You may order their materials online at no charge. ****Some of their materials are also available in Spanish. To get access to these materials, please visit their website at www.educationquest.org.***

SCHOLARSHIPQUEST

ScholarshipQuest is a ***FREE*** database that contains ***OVER 2,000*** Nebraska-based scholarships. Once a student creates their *MyEducationQuest* login profile, they will receive a list of scholarships that match their profile. Scholarships might include awards through their school, community or the college(s) they are interested in. *ScholarshipQuest* will save the student's profile if they log into MyEducationQuest at least every nine months. For more details about *ScholarshipQuest*, go to ***www.educationquest.org/scholarshipquest***

For more details on how EducationQuest can prepare students and their family for post-secondary education, feel free to visit their website at ***www.educationquest.org***.

COST TO ATTEND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

	Two-year Community College	Four-year Public College/University	Four-year Private College/University	Career or Trade school (Cosmetology, Computer Tech School, etc.)
COSTS PER YEAR				
Tuition & Fees	*$2,400 - $3,200*	*$5,500 - $8,100*	*$21,000 - $33,000*	*$3,500 - $18,000*
Books	*$1,000 - $1,600*	*$1,000 - $1,300*	*$900 - $1,500*	*$800 - $1,900*
***Room and Board**	*$5,400 - $7,800*	*$5,600 - $9,200*	*$6,400 - $9,500*	*No campus housing*

School	Location	# of Students	Web Address	Tuition and fees per year
Bellevue University	Bellevue, NE	9,208	**www.bellevue.edu**	$10,620
Capitol School of Hairstyling	Omaha, NE	120	**www.capitallook.com**	$18,595
Central Community College	Columbus, NE	3,420	**www.cccneb.edu**	$90 per credit hour
Central Community College	Grand Island, NE	4,225	**www.cccneb.edu**	$90 per credit hour
Central Community College	Hastings, NE	3,978	**www.cccneb.edu**	$90 per credit hour
Chadron State College	Chadron, NE	1,400	**www.csc.edu**	$7,112
Clarkson College	Omaha, NE	892	**www.clarksoncollege.edu**	$16,229
College of Hair Design	Lincoln, NE	225	**www.collegeofhairdesign.com**	$20,405
College of Saint Mary	Omaha, NE	654	**www.csm.edu**	$19,950
Concordia University	Seward, NE	1,130	**www.cune.edu**	$31,000
Creative Center	Omaha, NE	110	**www.creativecenter.edu**	Contact college for more details
Creighton University	Omaha, NE	4,153	**www.creighton.edu**	$34,330
Doane University	Crete, NE	1,138	**www.doane.edu**	$32,250
Hastings College	Hastings, NE	1,112	**www.hastings.edu**	$29,200
ITT Technical Institute	Omaha, NE	300	**www.itt-tech.edu**	Contact college for more details
Joseph's College of Beauty and Barbering	Lincoln, NE	223	**www.josephscollege.edu**	$19,000
Kaplan University	Lincoln, NE	434	**www.lincoln.kaplanuniversity.edu**	$15,352
Kaplan University	Omaha, NE	609	**www.omaha.kaplanuniversity.edu**	$15,352
La'James International College	Fremont, NE	25	**www.lajames.net**	$19,600
Little Priest Tribal College	Winnebago, NE	113	**www.littlepriest.edu**	$100 per credit hour
Metropolitan Community College	Omaha, NE	31,903	**www.mccneb.edu**	$66 per credit hour
Midland University	Fremont, NE	1,097	**www.midlandu.edu**	$31,630
Mid-Plains Community College	North Platte, NE	1,249	**www.mpcc.edu**	$92 per credit hour
Mid-Plains Community College	McCook, NE	624	**www.mpcc.edu**	$92 per credit hour
Nebraska Christian College	Papillion, NE	151	**www.nechristian.edu**	$11,300
Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture	Curtis, NE	331	**www.ncta.unl.edu**	$116 per credit hour
Nebraska Indian Community College	Macy, NE	150	**www.thenicc.edu**	$170 per credit hour
Nebraska Methodist College	Omaha, NE	951	**www.methodistcollege.edu**	$17,720
Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln, NE	1,500	**www.nebrwesleyan.edu**	$32,774
Northeast Community College	Norfolk, NE	5,251	**www.northeast.edu**	$114 per credit hour

Omaha School of Massage	Omaha, NE	153	**www.osmhc.com**	$15,120
Peru State College	Peru, NE	2,084	**www.peru.edu**	$7,260
Southeast Community College	Beatrice, NE	1,302	**www.southeast.edu**	$68 per credit hour
Southeast Community College	Lincoln, NE	8,186	**www.southeast.edu**	$68 per credit hour
Southeast Community College	Milford, NE	776	**www.southeast.edu**	$68 per credit hour
Union College	Lincoln, NE	800	**www.ucollege.edu**	$23,070
University of Nebraska	Kearney, NE	5,648	**www.unk.edu**	$7,245
University of Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	19,103	**www.unl.edu**	$8,979
University of Nebraska	Omaha, NE	12,500	**www.unomaha.edu**	$8,152
Wayne State College	Wayne, NE	3,020	**www.wsc.edu**	$6,848
Western Nebraska Community College	Scottsbluff, NE	7,626	**www.wncc.edu**	$99 per credit hour
Xenon International Academy	Omaha, NE	120	**www.xenonacademy.net**	$17,800
York College	York, NE	508	**www.york.edu**	$23,070

WAYS TO PAY FOR YOUR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

There are four ways that mentees can pay for their post-secondary education without using their own money:

1. ***Financial Aid Pell-grants*** – *Pell-grants are funds by the U.S Department of Education as determined after the filing of the FAFSA, which is to help students of low-income families in receiving additional funding to pay for their post-secondary education. Students **DO NOT** have to pay back these funds and are usually awarded based on financial need.*

2. ***Scholarships*** - *a grant or payment made to support a student's post-secondary education. Students **DO NOT** have to pay back these funds and are usually based off their academics, financial need, involvement, athletics, and other specific criteria.*

3. ***Financial Aid Work-Study Programs*** – *a federally funded program that assists students with the costs of post-secondary education as determined after the filing of the FAFSA. It helps students earn extra financial funding through a **part-time job** on campus.*

4. ***Financial Aid Federal Student Loans*** – *a Federal Student loan is offered and provided by the federal government as determined after the filing of the FAFSA. Students **DO** have to pay back these funds with interest, but not until AFTER they complete their post-secondary education.*

FINANCIAL AID PELL-GRANTS

A ***Federal Pell Grant***, unlike a loan, DOES NOT have to be repaid. ***Federal Pell Grants*** usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree. ***Federal Pell Grants*** are need-based funds provided to low-income undergraduate to promote access to post-secondary education. Amounts can change yearly. For the ***2019–2020*** award year *(July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021),* the maximum award is **$6,195**. The amount you receive will depend on 1) *your financial need (expected family contribution), 2) your status as a full-time or part-time student, and 3) your plans to attend school for a full academic year.*

Students may not receive ***Federal Pell Grant*** funds from more than one school at a time. If you are eligible for ***Federal Pell Grant*** funding, you will receive the full amount you qualify for—each school participating in the program receives enough funds each year from the U.S. Department of Education to pay the ***Federal Pell Grant*** amounts for all its eligible students.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)

The maximum Pell Grant award for the ***2019-2020*** award year is **$6,195**, and the corresponding maximum Pell Grant eligible *Expected Family Contribution (EFC)* is *$5,576*. The ***Expected Family Contribution (EFC)*** estimates the expected contribution of a student's family for the year and helps gain insight into the student's financial aid eligibility. It is a measure of a student's family financial strength and is calculated according to a formula established by law. The family's taxed and untaxed income, assets, and benefits (such as unemployment or Social Security) are all considered in the formula. Also considered are the family size and the number of family members who will attend college during the year. The information you report on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to calculate your EFC. Schools use the EFC to determine a student's federal student aid eligibility and financial aid award.

PLEASE NOTE: *A student's **EFC** is **NOT** the amount of money the family will have to pay for college **nor** is it the amount of federal student aid a student will receive. It is a number used by the school to calculate the amount of federal student aid they are eligible to receive.*

2017-2018 Federal EFC Quick Reference Table

AGI	Number of Dependent children 1	2	3	4
$30,000	$998	$0	$0	$0
$32,500	$1,435	$582	$0	$0
$35,000	$1,871	$1,018	$0	$0
$37,500	$2,307	$1,455	$666	$0
$40,000	$2,733	$1,891	$1,103	$0
$42,500	$3,142	$2,328	$1,539	$625
$45,000	$3,074	$2,739	$1,975	$1,061
$47,500	$3,539	$3,148	$2,399	$1,498
$50,000	$4,004	$3,081	$2,808	$1,934
$52,500	$4,412	$3,545	$3,217	$2,343
$55,000	$4,951	$4,010	$3,159	$2,752
$57,500	$5,383	$4,419	$3,624	$3,161
$60,000	$6,015	$4,958	$3,972	$3,096
$62,500	$6,500	$5,391	$4,511	$3,560
$65,000	$7,244	$6,023	$5,050	$4,025
$67,500	$7,834	$6,510	$5,499	$4,437
$70,000	$8,708	$7,253	$6,131	$4,976
$72,500	$9,581	$7,846	$6,636	$5,412
$75,000	$10,455	$8,719	$7,380	$6,044
$80,000	$12,202	$10,466	$8,867	$7,277
$85,000	$13,949	$12,214	$10,615	$8,747
$90,000	$15,697	$13,961	$12,362	$10,495
$95,000	$17,219	$15,655	$14,109	$12,242
$100,000	$18,731	$17,168	$15,740	$13,989
$105,000	$20,244	$18,680	$17,252	$15,557
$110,000	$21,756	$20,192	$18,764	$17,069
$115,000	$23,268	$21,587	$20,159	$18,464
$120,000	$24,016	$22,218	$20,790	$19,095

2017-2018 Federal EFC Quick Reference Table

AGI	Number of Dependent Children 1	2	3	4
$125,000	$25,677	$24,165	$22,330	$20,635
$130,000	$27,335	$25,301	$23,874	$22,175
$135,000	$28,993	$26,959	$25,414	$23,719
$140,000	$30,651	$28,617	$26,954	$25,259
$145,000	$32,309	$30,275	$28,495	$26,800
$150,000	$33,967	$31,933	$30,035	$28,340
$155,000	$35,578	$33,544	$31,646	$29,833
$160,000	$37,180	$35,155	$33,257	$31,327
$165,000	$38,721	$36,738	$34,868	$32,760
$170,000	$40,261	$38,279	$36,432	$34,077
$175,000	$41,802	$39,819	$37,973	$35,512
$180,000	$43,342	$41,359	$39,513	$36,947
$185,000	$44,882	$42,900	$40,976	$38,381
$190,000	$46,423	$44,440	$42,410	$39,816
$195,000	$48,010	$46,028	$43,892	$41,298
$200,000	$49,598	$47,615	$45,374	$42,779
$205,000	$51,185	$49,182	$46,855	$44,261
$210,000	$52,772	$50,664	$48,337	$45,743
$215,000	$54,360	$52,145	$49,819	$47,224
$220,000	$55,947	$53,627	$51,300	$48,706
$225,000	$57,535	$55,109	$52,782	$50,188
$230,000	$59,015	$56,552	$54,226	$51,631
$235,000	$60,438	$57,975	$55,649	$53,054
$240,000	$61,861	$59,398	$57,072	$54,477
$245,000	$63,284	$60,821	$58,494	$55,900
$250,000	$64,707	$62,244	$59,917	$57,323
$275,000	$71,821	$69,359	$67,032	$64,438

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NEED-BASED AID ELIGIBILITY at 2 yr public, 4 yr public, 4 yr private, elite 4 yr colleges

NEED-BASED AID ELIGIBILITY at 4 yr public, 4 yr private and elite 4 yr colleges

NEED-BASED AID ELIGIBILITY at 4 yr private and elite 4 yr colleges

NEED-BASED AID ELIGIBILITY at elite 4 yr colleges

NO NEED-BASED AID ELIGIBILITY

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Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at **fafsa.gov** to apply for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

Dependent students must include both student and parent data on the FAFSA. Determine your dependency status by answering the questions on the back.

Required information	Where to find it
❑ Student and parent 2017 Federal Income Tax Forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Personal records or visit **www.irs.gov/transcript**
❑ Student and parent 2017 W-2 Forms	Personal records or contact your employer(s) or visit **www.irs.gov/transcript**
❑ Student and parent FSA IDs (serve as electronic signatures)	Create FSA IDs at **fsaid.ed.gov**
❑ Student's driver's license number	Personal records
❑ Student and parent email addresses	Student: _____ Parent: _____
❑ Student and parent Social Security numbers	Personal records or call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213
❑ Student and parent dates of birth	Parent 1: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year) Parent 2: ___/___/_____ (Month Day Year)
❑ Date parents were married, separated, divorced, or widowed	___/_____ (Month Year)
❑ Student and parent savings/checking account balances	Student: $_____ Parent: $_____
❑ Student and parent investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.) excluding home and retirement accounts	Student: $_____ Parent: $_____
❑ Current business value	$_____ or contact your accountant
❑ Current value of investment farm and/or rental properties	$_____ or contact your accountant
❑ 2017 Child support paid or received	$_____ or contact Nebraska Payment Center at 877-631-9973 or **https://childsupport.nebraska.gov/**
❑ 2017 Workers' compensation benefits	$_____ or contact your employer
❑ 2017 Housing/food/living allowance for military and clergy	$_____ or reference Leave and Earnings Statement (military) or W-2 form (clergy)
❑ Veteran's noneducation benefits	$_____ or contact Department of Veterans Affairs toll free at 800-827-1000 or **www.va.gov**
❑ Student Alien Registration Number/USCIS Number for eligible non-citizens	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at **www.uscis.gov**

Dependency Status Questions

Answer the following questions to determine if parental data is needed on your FAFSA.

❑ Yes ❑ No Were you born before January 1, 1996?

❑ Yes ❑ No Are you married?

❑ Yes ❑ No Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year?

❑ Yes ❑ No Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty?

❑ Yes ❑ No Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you?

❑ Yes ❑ No Do you have any dependents (other than a child or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you?

❑ Yes ❑ No At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

❑ Yes ❑ No Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

❑ Yes ❑ No Are you currently in a legal guardianship, or were you in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of legal residence?

❑ Yes ❑ No At any time on or after July 1, 2018, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

❑ Yes ❑ No At any time on or after July 1, 2018, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

❑ Yes ❑ No At any time on or after July 1, 2018, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you answer "no" to every question, you are dependent and must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

If you answer "yes" to any question, you are independent and should not include parental information on the FAFSA.

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Lista de preparación para la FAFSA *2019-2020*

Llene la solicitud de FAFSA (La Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes) en **fafsa.gov** para solicitar ayuda económica federal, estatal, y del colegio.

Los estudiantes dependientes tienen que incluir **su propia información más la información de sus padres**. Determina su estatus de dependencia contestando las preguntas que se encuentran en el lado reverso.

Información Requerida	Dónde Encontrarla
❑ Planilla de impuestos federales 2017 Formulario K-1 (Formulario 1065) del estudiante/padre	Archivos personales o visite www.irs.gov/transcript
❑ Los formularios W-2 2017 del estudiante/padre	Archivos personales o contacte a su(s) empleador(es) o visite **www.irs.gov/transcript**
❑ FSA IDs del estudiante/padre (sus firmas electrónicas)	Crear sus FSA IDs en **fsaid.ed.gov**
❑ Número de licencia para conducir del estudiante	Archivos personales
❑ Correos electrónicos del estudiante y padre	Estudiante: $ _____ Padre: $ _____
❑ Números de Seguro Social de padres y de estudiante	Archivos personales o llame a la Administración del Seguro Social al 800-772-1213
❑ Fechas de nacimiento de padres y estudiante	Padre 1: ___/___/_____ (mes día año) Padre 2: ___/___/_____ (mes día año)
❑ Fechas de matrimonio, separación, divorcio, o viudez de los padres	___/_____ (mes año)
❑ Los balances de cuentas de cheques/ahorros de padres y estudiante	Estudiante: $ _____ Padre: $ _____
❑ Inversiones (acciones, bonos, fondos mutuos, etc.) excluyendo la casa donde viven y la cuentas de retiro	Estudiante: $ _____ Padre: $ _____
❑ Valor actual del negocio	$_____ o contacte a su contador
❑ Valor actual de una granja de inversión y/o bienes raíces fuera del hogar principal	$_____ o contacte a su contador
❑ Manutención para menores pagada o recibida en el 2017	$_____ o contacte al Nebraska Payment Center al 877-631-9973 o vaya al **https://childsupport.nebraska.gov/**
❑ Beneficios de indemnización laboral del 2017	$_____ o contacte a su empleador
❑ Pensión 2017 por vivienda y alimentación para los militares y el clérigo	$_____ o se refiera a Informe de excedencia y ganancias (militar) o formulario W-2 (clérigo)
❑ Beneficios para veteranos no educativos	$_____ o contacte al Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos (VA) al 800-827-1000 o vaya al **www.va.gov**
❑ Número de residencia/Número USCIS para los no-ciudadanos elegibles	Servicios de ciudadanía e inmigración de los EE.UU. en **www.uscis.gov**

Preguntas para determinar el estado de dependencia

Conteste las siguientes preguntas para determinar si se necesita la información de sus padres en la FAFSA.

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Nació antes del 1 de enero de 1996?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Está casado/a?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Va a estudiar para conseguir su maestría o doctorado al principio del año escolar de 2019-2020?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Es un veterano de las fuerzas armadas de los EE.UU. o está actualmente en guardia activa?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Tiene hijos que van a recibir más de la mitad de manutención de su parte?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Tiene usted dependientes (aparte de un hijo o esposo/a quienes viven con usted y reciben más de la mitad de manutención de su parte?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿En algún momento desde que cumplió los 13 años, fallecieron sus dos padres, estuvo bajo custodia tutelar, o ha sido dependiente o pupilo de la corte?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Es usted o ha sido un menor emancipado por orden de la corte en su estado de residencia legal?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿Está actualmente en guarda y custodia legal, o estuvo en guarda legal inmediatamente antes de que cumpliera la edad de ser adulto/a en su estado de residencia?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿En algún momento en o a partir del 1 de julio de 2018, la persona de contacto de la oficina de desamparados de su secundaria o del distrito escolar determinó que usted era un joven abandonado sin hogar?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿En algún momento en o a partir del 1 de julio de 2018, el director de un refugio de emergencias o programa de alojamiento transicional financiado por el Departamento de Alojamiento y Desarrollo Urbano determinó que usted era un joven abandonado sin hogar?

❑ Sí ❑ No ¿En algún momento en o a partir del 1 de julio de 2018, el director de un programa de vivienda transicional determinó que usted era un joven abandonado sin hogar o se ha o sigue manteniéndose a sí mismo y está a riesgo de quedarse sin techo?

Si la respuesta es "no" a cada pregunta, usted es un estudiante dependiente y tiene que proporcionar la información de sus padres en la FAFSA.

Si usted ha respondido "sí" a cualquier pregunta, usted es un estudiante independiente y no debe de proporcionar la información de sus padres en la FAFSA.

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FINANCIAL AID WORK-STUDY

The ***Federal Financial Aid Work-Study program*** is an educational plan in which students alternate between paid employment and formal study. It provides a method for post-secondary education students to earn funds that are used toward their education by working a part-time job on campus. The program is based on financial need and students must be accepted into the program to qualify AFTER their FAFSA is completed. Eligible college students join work programs through their college to earn money for tuition and other expenses. There are many different types of jobs that qualify for the program. Students are assured of receiving at least federal minimum wage for the duration of their employment. The Federal Work-Study program helps to ensure that college students who are truly in need of the money get the jobs. Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study.

How does it work

Federal Work Study funding is given to institutions to provide part-time work opportunities for students with financial need and/or involved in certain majors. Federal funding is made to participating institutions based on requests made by the institutions. A statutory formula is used to help institutions determine the allocations to request. Once funds are allocated to each institution, it is up to that school to administer the funds. Once all the funds for the institution have been allocated, no more students can participate that year. Some of the jobs offered are often reading tutors for young children, literacy tutors and mathematics tutors. Other jobs can be on campus such as working in the library or student center or performing administrative functions in the office. Some institutions may have restrictions on the number of hours per week that you can work. Also, there may be restrictions that pertain to your grade point average. For example, if your grade point average slips below a certain point, the college may not allow you to work through the FWS program.

*To apply for the Federal Work-Study Program and determine if you qualify and how much money you will receive, students **MUST** file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).*

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

Federal Student Loans are a form of financial aid provided by the government as a part of a student's financial aid package after completing their FAFSA to help students afford post-secondary education. Student loans must be repaid in contrast to other forms of financial aid such as scholarships and grants. It is important to understand and contrast the different types of loans offered to students. *Research studies show that **OVER 70%** of college students take out student loans.*

Generally, there are two types of student loans:

- *Federal Student loans*: These loans are funded by the federal government.
- *Private Student loans*: These loans are nonfederal loans, made by a lender such as a bank, credit union, state agency, or a school.

If a student needs to borrow extra money to pay for college or career school, they should start with federal student loans. There are 3 types of federal student loans are:

1. *Direct Subsidized Loans (up to $5,500 a year)*
2. *Direct Unsubsidized Loans (up to $20,500 a year)*
3. *Direct PLUS Loans (for graduate and professional students or parents)*
4. *Federal Perkins Loans (up to $5,500 a year).*

SCHOLARSHIPS

A ***Scholarship*** is an amount of money that is given by an organization, community, school, etc., to a student to help pay for their post-secondary education. Most scholarships are paid directly to the post-secondary school the student attends, rather than issued directly to the student. A scholarship does not have to be repaid by the student. Scholarships are most often given, but not limited, to students for the following reasons:

1) **Academic:** These awards are based on a student's academic abilities, and often factor in an applicant's extracurricular activities and community service record. The most common academic scholarships, awarded by either private organizations or directly by a student's intended college, recognize academic achievement such as GPA (grade point average) or high scores on standardized tests (ACT, SAT, etc.).
2) **Need-based:** These awards are based on the student and family's financial record and require applicants to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify if the scholarship is a federal award. Private need-based scholarships also often require the results of a FAFSA, which calculates a student's financial need through a formula that looks at the expected family contribution and cost of attendance at the intended college.
3) **Student-specific:** These are scholarships for which applicants must initially qualify based upon gender, race, religion, family and medical history, or many other student-specific factors. Minority scholarships are the most common awards in this category.
4) **Career-specific:** These are scholarships a college or university awards to students who plan to pursue a specific field of study. Often, the most generous awards to students who pursue careers in high-need areas such as education, nursing, engineering, or agriculture.
5) **College-specific:** College-specific scholarships are offered by individual colleges and universities to highly qualified applicants. These scholarships, given on the basis of academic and personal achievement, usually result in either a full-ride to the college, or for a reduced rate of tuition.

Other common criteria used to award scholarships include:

GPA	***Financial Need***	***Ethnicity***	***ACT/SAT score***
Field of study	***First-generation student***	***Talents***	***Community service***
Employer	***Leadership***	***College choice***	***Activities***
Military service	***Disability***	***State of residence***	***Gender***

*To view the full description of our **2019-2020 TeamMates Central Office Scholarships**, visit our website at* ***https://teammates.org/for-mentees/scholarships/***

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TEAMMATES MENTORING

TeamMates Donor Scholarships

Designated

Scholarship: ***Osborne Opportunity Fund Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,500*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Number of Awards TBD*
Criteria:
- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must attend the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Omaha, Kearney, or Curtis beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,500 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of three semesters. This scholarship is available to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Gary Scharf Memorial Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *2*
Criteria:
- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education at UNL, UNO, UNK or NCTA beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Gayle Norris Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,500*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:
- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in a Lincoln Public Schools TeamMates program.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education at a two-year community college beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees attending a Lincoln Public School.*

Scholarship: ***Annette Woodhead Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:
- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in a rural TeamMates program (a population less than 50,000).*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education at Mid-Plains Community College beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees living in a population less than 10,000.*

Undesignated

Scholarship: ***Gigi Inness Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,500*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:
- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in a rural TeamMates program (a population less than 50,000).*

- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,500 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Officce in $500 increments over the course of three semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees living in a population less than 10,000.*

Scholarship: ***Tom Miller Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,500*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in an Omaha Public Schools TeamMates program.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,500 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of three semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees attending an Omaha Public School.*

Scholarship: ***Heartland Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in an Iowa TeamMates program.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all Iowa mentees only.*

Scholarship: ***Suzanne Hince Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Amira Johnson Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: 1
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***TeamMates New Generation Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Minimum of 3*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must be a first-generation student (neither parent nor guardian graduated from a four-year college or university).*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Michele Northrop Memorial Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *3*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in a rural TeamMates program (a population less than 50,000.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of three semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees living in a population less than 10,000.*

Scholarship: ***Alex & Kathy McPherson Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,500*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Eligibility:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,500 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of three semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Lee & Angie Jacobsen Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Eligibility:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years and in the Sidney (NE) TeamMates program.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees in the Sidney (NE) TeamMates Program.*

Scholarship: ***Julie Wente Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Eligibility:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years and hold a 3.0 GPA.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,500 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of three semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees in the Sidney (NE) TeamMates Program*

Scholarship: ***Dr. and Mrs. Larry Stuckey Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *2*
Eligibility:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in a rural TeamMates program (a population less than 50,000).*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees living in a population less than 10,000.*

Scholarship: ***TeamMates Hopes and Dreams Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Eligibility:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years in a rural TeamMates program (a population less than 50,000).*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*
- *Must pursue a post-secondary education of their choice (four-year school, two-year school, trade school, tech school, cosmetology school, career school, etc.) beginning in the fall of 2020.*

Description: *This is a one-time $1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school by the TeamMates Central Office in $500 increments over the course of two semesters/quarters. This scholarship is competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria. Open to all mentees living in a population less than 10,000.*

TeamMates Post-Secondary Partnership Scholarships

Four-Year Schools

Full-tuition

Scholarship: ***Osborne Legacy Scholarship for TeamMates (Hastings College)***
Award amount: *Full-tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 2.5 GPA.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Hastings College in Hastings, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Hastings College beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Hastings College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and will be paid directly by Hastings College at the beginning of each semester.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Hastings College scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation. Recipient is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Creighton University (Omaha, NE) TeamMates Markoe Scholarship***
Award amount: *$30,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 3.3 GPA.*
- *Must be a first-generation student (neither parent nor guardian graduated from a four-year college or university).*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Creighton University in Omaha, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Creighton University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Creighton University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must be pell-eligible as determined by a completed FAFSA submitted to Creighton University.*
- *Must be a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Creighton University.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Creighton University at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Creighton University scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Nebraska Wesleyan (Lincoln, NE) TeamMates Access Scholarship***
Award amount: *Full-tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*

- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 3.0 GPA.*
- *Must have a composite ACT of at least 25.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Nebraska Wesleyan University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Nebraska Wesleyan University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must be pell-eligible as determined by a completed FAFSA submitted to Nebraska Wesleyan University.*
- *Must be a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation, live in NWU residential housing, and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Nebraska Wesleyan University.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and will be paid directly by Nebraska Wesleyan University at the beginning of each semester for a total of four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Nebraska Wesleyan University scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation. Recipient is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Unlimited, noncompetitive

Scholarship: ***Hastings College (Hastings, NE) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $15,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 2.5 GPA.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Hastings College in Hastings, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Hastings College beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Hastings College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Hastings College at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Hastings College scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Creighton University (Omaha, NE) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $10,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Creighton University in Omaha, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Creighton University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Creighton University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must be pell-eligible as determined by a completed FAFSA submitted to Creighton University.*
- *Must be a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Creighton University.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Creighton University at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Creighton University scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Nebraska Wesleyan (Lincoln, NE) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000 per academic year on top of a minimum of $12,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 3.0 GPA.*
- *Must have a composite ACT of at least 20.*

- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Nebraska Wesleyan University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Nebraska Wesleyan University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must be pell-eligible as determined by a completed FAFSA submitted to Nebraska Wesleyan University.*
- *Must be a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation, and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Nebraska Wesleyan University.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This guaranteed non-competitive scholarship including other institutional awards the student is eligible to receive will be paid directly by Nebraska Wesleyan University at the beginning of each semester for a total of four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Nebraska Wesleyan University scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation. Recipient is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Concordia University (Seward, NE) TeamMates Guarantee Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $15,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 3.0 GPA.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Concordia University in Seward, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Concordia University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Concordia University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Concordia University.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Concordia University at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Concordia University scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Doane University (Crete, NE) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $13,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Doane University in Crete, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Doane University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Doane University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Doane University at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Doane University scholarships.*** *Recipient is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***College of Saint Mary (Omaha, NE) Merit TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $6,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 3.0 GPA and a minimum 20 ACT.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend the College of Saint Mary beginning in the fall of 2020 as a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours while living on campus.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the College of Saint Mary no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by the College of Saint Mary.*

- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by the College of Saint Mary at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional College of Saint Mary scholarships.*** *Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***York College (York, NE) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Up to 40% tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 2.5 GPA.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to York College in York, NE no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend York College beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to York College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by York College.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by York College at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional York College scholarships****. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Fort Hays State University (Hays, KS) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Award amounts vary based on need and range from $4,000 to $14,000 over four years*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Fort Hays State University beginning in the fall of 2020 as a full-time on-campus student taking at least 12 credit hours.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Fort Hays State University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 3.3 GPA to renew the scholarship until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is unlimited and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 up to $1,750 at the beginning of each semester up to four years. All applicants will be reviewed by a scholarship committee at Fort Hays State University. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA to renew the scholarship until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Briar Cliff University (Sioux City, IA) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $13,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 3.0 GPA.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Briar Cliff University beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Briar Cliff University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.0 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Briar Cliff University.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Briar Cliff University at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award cannot be combined with any additional Briar Cliff University scholarships****. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Mount Marty College (Yankton, SD) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Minimum of $13,000 toward tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Unlimited, non-competitive*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Mount Marty College beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Mount Marty College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.0 GPA until graduation and agree to comply with all code of conduct standards set by Mount Marty College.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is unlimited and non-competitive, and half of the amount awarded will be paid directly by Mount Marty College at the beginning of each semester up to four years.* ***This award CAN be combined with any additional Mount Marty College scholarships****. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Competitive, limited

Scholarship: ***College Access Mentoring TM Scholarship (UNL, UNO, UNK, NCTA)***
Award amount: *$2,000 over the course of four years*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Up to 15 to attend one of the University of Nebraska System schools (3-5 per school).*
Criteria:

- *Must have participated in Mentorship programs such as TeamMates, College Possible, etc. for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to UNL, UNO, UNK or NCTA no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend UNL, UNO or UNK beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than January 15th and be pell-eligible as determined by a completed FAFSA submitted to UNL, UNO, UNK or NCTA.*

Description: *These $500 scholarships are renewable for three additional years provided scholarship recipients keep good academic standing, full-time status and a 3.0 GPA. The scholarships will reduce students' tuition at UNL, UNO, UNK or NCTA during the fall or spring semester. Campus committees will make the selection of the recipients from the nominations from the mentorship programs. These scholarships are competitive to all applicants that meet the above criteria.*

Scholarship: ***TeamMates DREAM Scholarship (Bellevue University in Bellevue, NE***
Award amount: *90% - 95% of tuition per academic year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Minimum of 4*
Criteria:

- *Applicant must have been active in TeamMates for a minimum of three years*
- *Applicant must currently hold a cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0 or higher*
- *Applicant must reside in one of the following counties: in Nebraska – Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Saunders or Washington; in Iowa: Harrison, Mills or Pottawattamie (if living in another part of the State of Nebraska, applicant will be considered if he/she is planning to move to reside on campus at Bellevue University).*
- *Applicant must plan to attend Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska as a full-time student, enrolling in 8 credit hours or more per term (Fall, Winter, Spring) in an in-class, traditional format*

Application Process:

- *Complete and submit the application for admission to Bellevue University*
- *Complete the Bellevue University scholarship application via CommunityForce: https://bellevueuniversityscholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx*
  - *Submit a current transcript*
  - *Submit the FAFSA (for approved DACA students, please complete and submit the College Funding Estimator)*
  - *An online recommendation form will need to be requested by the student to someone to complete on his/her behalf (this is part of the application process itself)*

Selection & Award Information:

- *Up to 4 scholarships will be awarded annually on a competitive basis.*
- *Award amounts vary based on need, up to $8,000 per academic year, for up to a total of 5 years or when a Bachelor's Degree is earned, whichever comes first.*
- *Funds will be applied directly to tuition and fees first, and other educational expenses second, including books, supplies, meals, housing, and transportation.*
- *Initial eligibility requirements as well as additional programmatic requirements apply for continued receipt.*

Application Cycle/Deadline Dates: 2019/2020

- *TBD*

Scholarship: ***TeamMates Program Award Waiver Program (Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State College)***
Award amount: *Half-tuition waived per academic calendar year*
Number of scholarships awarded: *Total of 9 to attend one of the Nebraska State College System schools (3 to Peru State College, 3 to Wayne State College, 3 to Chadron State College)*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to one of the schools in the Nebraska State College System (Peru State, Wayne State, or Chadron State) no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend one of the schools in the Nebraska State College System beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school at the beginning of each semester up to four years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls, IA) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$4,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *3*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to the University of Northern Iowa in Cedars Falls, IA no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend the University of Northern Iowa beginning in the fall of 2020 as a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the University of Northern Iowa no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in the amount of $1,000 at the beginning of each semester up to four years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, room & board, books, and meal plan. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville, MO) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Up to $6,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *1*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must hold a minimum cumulative high school 2.5 GPA.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO no later than January 15th.*
- *Must attend Northwest Missouri State University beginning in the fall of 2020 as a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Northwest Missouri State University no later than January 15th.*
- *Must be pell-eligible as determined by a completed FAFSA submitted to Northwest Missouri State University.*
- *Must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA to renew the scholarship until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each trimester (includes summer school) over the course of four years. All applicants will be reviewed by a scholarship committee at Northwest Missouri State University. Recipient must also maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA to renew the scholarship and completion of 24 credit hours per academic year. Open to all mentees.*

TeamMates Post-Secondary Partnership Scholarships

Two-Year Schools

Full-tuition, competitive

Scholarship: ***Metro Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *Full-tuition and Facility Fee (up to 18 credit hours per quarter)*
Number of scholarships awarded: *6*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend one of the Metro Community College campuses (Omaha, Elkhorn, Fremont, or Blair) beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours per quarter.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Metro Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Metro Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must participate in the First Year Experience at Metro Community College.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school at the beginning of each quarter over the course of eight quarters. Recipient can take a max of 18 credit hours per quarter and must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA until graduation and is responsible for paying other fees, books, etc. Open to all mentees.*

Competitive, limited

Scholarship: ***Southeast Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *4*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend one of the Southeast Community College campuses (Lincoln, Beatrice, or Milford) beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Southeast Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Southeast Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $250 at the beginning of each enrolled quarter during the 2020-2021 academic year toward the cost of tuition. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Northeast Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *TBD*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend one of the Northeast Community College campuses (Norfolk, O'Neill, South Sioux, or West Point) beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Northeast Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Northeast Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must maintain a minimum of 12 credits each semester and a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Central Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$1,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: 2
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*

- *Must attend one of the Central Community College campuses (Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings, Holdrege, Kearney, or Lexington) beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Central Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Central Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of the fall and spring semester during the 2020-2021 academic year toward the cost of tuition. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***McCook Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: 3
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend McCook Community College campus beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to McCook Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to McCook Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Western Nebraska Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *2*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend one of the Western Nebraska Community College campuses (Scottsbluff, Alliance, or Sidney) beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Western Nebraska Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Western Nebraska Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Iowa Western Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$4,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: 1
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, IA as a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Iowa Western Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Iowa Western Community college.*
- *Must maintain a 2.0 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $1,000 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Hawkeye Community College TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *2*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, IA beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Hawkeye Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Hawkeye Community college no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *2*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend one of the DMACC campuses as a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to DMACC no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to DMACC no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

Scholarship: ***Western Iowa Tech Community College (Sioux City, IA) TeamMates Scholarship***
Award amount: *$2,000*
Number of scholarships awarded: *2*
Criteria:

- *Must have been in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.*
- *Must attend Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, IA as a full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours per semester beginning in the fall of 2020.*
- *Must complete and submit an application for admission to Western Iowa Tech Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to Western Iowa Tech Community College no later than January 15th.*
- *Must maintain a 2.5 GPA until graduation.*
- *Must have a TeamMates+ Mentor.*

Description: *This renewable scholarship is competitive and is paid directly by the school in increments of $500 at the beginning of each enrolled semester toward the cost of tuition up to two years. Recipient must also maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA while in college. Open to all mentees.*

How to access our 2019-2020 TeamMates Central Office Scholarship link

- *Go to www.teammates.org*
- *Click "For Mentees" section*
- *Click "Scholarships" tab*

Application will OPEN: ***October 1st 2019***
DEADLINE: ***January 15th 2020 (10:59 PM CST)***

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TEAMMATES PARTNERING SCHOLARSHIPS

HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP

The ***Horatio Alger Scholarship*** is a scholarship opportunity made available through a partnership with TeamMates, the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation and the Horatio Alger Association for TeamMates mentees in Nebraska and western Iowa who have overcome extreme financial obstacles and adversity. Fifty **$10,000** scholarships are awarded each year and **FIVE** of these fifty scholarships will be awarded to TeamMates mentees. ****The online application deadline is October 25th 2019 at 5PM EST.*** For more details about this scholarship and the deadline, please visit their website at ***https://scholars.horatioalger.org/horatio-alger-scholarship-applications/.***

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ You must select **'TeamMates'** in the question where they have all of the partners listed. It is in the Academic section and asks applicants if they have participated with one or more organizations on the list
- ✓ Be enrolled full-time as a high school senior in Nebraska or western Iowa, progressing normally toward graduation, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation;
- ✓ Have a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution located in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution);
- ✓ Critical financial need ($55,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred; if higher, an explanation must be provided);
- ✓ Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
- ✓ Involvement in co-curricular and community activities;
- ✓ Demonstrate academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0);
- ✓ Be a resident of Nebraska

-OR-

Western Iowa in the counties of:

Adair	Fremont	Page
Adams	Greene	Pottawattamie
Audubon	Guthrie	Plymouth
Buena Vista	Harrison	Ringold
Calhoun	Ida	Sac
Carroll	Lyon	Shelby
Cass	Mills	Sioux
Cherokee	Monona	Taylor
Clay	Montgomery	Union
Crawford	O'Brien	Woodbury
Dickinson	Osceola	

- be a citizen of the United States

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HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Many scholarship applications request students to write a ***personal essay* or *statement***. It is…

- *An introduction to the scholarship committee*
- *A picture of the student; a student's story*
- *An invitation to get to know the student, their goals, and their passions in life*

When applying for a scholarship, committees are looking for 3 things in your personal essay:

1. ***Introduction***. They want to know who you are – high school, hometown, etc. They also want to know that you know what you want - your interests and career path, motivation, and your end goal after you complete your post-secondary degree (career occupation, graduate school, etc).
2. ***Family background/Life experiences/Involvement***. They want to know if your parents and siblings went to college, any obstacles you had to face and overcome in life, and examples of hard work and perseverance. They also want to know what you were involved in both in and outside of school (clubs, organizations, sports, and community service) and what you gained from being involvement.
3. ***Reasoning for applying***. They want to know your plan of staying committed in college, the importance of receiving their scholarship, and why you should receive their scholarship.

Writing a personal essay/statement is like writing an English paper that should consist of 4-5 paragraphs - ***Introduction (1 paragraph), Body (2-3 paragraphs),*** and ***Conclusion (1 paragraph).*** Specific questions may be provided for students to answer, or in some cases, students will have the freedom to write about the topic of their choice. It should be something that only the student could have written, which makes it "personal". The standard for a personal essay is normally:

- ✓ ***One page***
- ✓ ***Double-spaced***
- ✓ ***12-font***
- ✓ ***Four paragraphs***

Introduction – background, goals, college plans, and why you chose those goals & college plans
***4-6 sentences**

Family background, obstacles you had to face, challenges you had to overcome, and/or any goals you have set and achieved that demonstrate resiliency, determination, and perseverance
***4-8 sentences**

Involvement - Clubs, organizations, sports, and community service activities, and what you gained from being involved
***4-8 sentences**

Steps or plan to be successful in college, career aspirations, why you should receive the scholarship, and thank the scholarship donor/committee for being considered
***4-8 sentences**

PROCEDURES FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Letters of recommendation are most of the time required for admission to a college and even scholarships. Most colleges and scholarships often ask for two or three recommendation letters from people who know you well. These letters should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments, work ethic, personality, and future goals. Scholarships and post-secondary schools value recommendations because they:

- ✓ *Reveal things about you that grades and test scores cannot.*
- ✓ *Provide personal opinions of your character, motivation, and future potential.*
- ✓ *Show who is willing to speak on your behalf*

Letters of recommendation work on your behalf when they present you in the best possible light, showcasing that you have what it takes whether through skill or resilience to benefit from that particular scholarship or post-secondary school. Sometimes these letters can be the determining factor as to whether a student gets into a particular college or receives a scholarship. It is important to take time to figure out which teachers, school personnel or individuals from the community you want to write a letter of recommendation and what information you should provide to assist them in writing the best recommendation letter on your behalf.

1. First, ask this individual if they would be willing to write you a **positive** letter of recommendation. This should be done AT LEAST three to four weeks before your deadline. They should have enough time to write you a quality letter and it should be 2-3 paragraphs. Remember, they are doing you a favor by representing you to the best of their ability so be respectful and give them appropriate time.
2. After this individual agrees to write you a letter, complete the following questions below. This will help that individual write a better quality and more detailed letter on your behalf. Make sure that the deadline you give the individual is an exact date and will give them time to write it.

Info to Help References Writing Letters of Recommendation

- ✓ *Your strengths and talents*
- ✓ *Moments/accomplishments you are proud of that took place as a student/in life.*
- ✓ *Your motivation in life*
- ✓ *Career interests/aspirations you see yourself pursuing/doing in the future.*

3. Visit/contact the individual five to seven days before the deadline that you gave them just to remind them that the deadline is coming up. Ask them politely how the letter is coming along. Although this may seem redundant, it is an important step to ensure your letter is completed on time. Feel free to correspond with them via e-mail as well, for this tends to be the best communication for teachers and school personnel.
4. Within a week after the deadline, make sure you write a thank you letter for their effort and time invested into your recommendation letter. This may not sound that important, however, your reference appreciate acknowledgement of their hard work. They will be grateful for a follow-up thank you letter

COLLEGE DICTIONARY

- ***Acceptance/Admission***. This is when the school a student applied to lets them in.
- ***Accredited***. Recognized associations of schools and colleges approve programs, procedures, and facilities of post-secondary schools, based on certain standardized criteria.
- ***ACT.*** College entrance exam that includes test areas in English, Math, Reading, Science and an optional writing section. Many Midwestern colleges require the ACT. Scores for each section are averages, which create a composite score. A perfect score is a 36.
- ***Application***. Application is the process by which a student submits the required forms and credentials to the school he/she wants to attend. Application requirements may include one or more of the following: previous academic records, test scores, interviews, recommendations, and other information provided by the applicant.
- ***Arts and Sciences***. A program of courses that does not primarily have a vocational aim; sometimes referred to as Liberal Arts.
- ***Associate Degree***. A degree granted by a college or university after satisfactory completion of the equivalent of a two-year, full-time program of study.
- ***Bachelor's or baccalaureate degree***. A degree received after the satisfactory completion of a four- or five-year, full-time program of study at a college or university. The bachelor of arts (B.A.) and a bachelor of science (B.S.) are the most common baccalaureates.
- ***Class Rank***. A student's comparative standing in his/her high school class, based upon Grade Point Average (GPA). Class rank may be listed as a number or as a percentile. For example, a student who ranks above 375 of his 400 classmates would have a class rank of 24th, or be listed in the 94% percentile. Having a high class rank is important because both scholarship and college applications will want to know about it.
- ***College.*** A school of higher learning that grants a degree. College refers to a two-year or four-year school, or a university division.
- ***College Calendars***. Traditional semester – two approximately equal semesters; quarter – four equal terms of about 12 weeks each; trimester – calendar year divided into three equal semesters, the third semester replaces summer school. Calendars are always listed in the school's catalog.
- ***College Fair***. A free public event featuring regional and/or national college representatives and financial aid sessions.
- ***Common Application Form***. A standardized form accepted by certain cooperating colleges and universities. Common applications can be real timesavers when applying to several select schools.
- ***Community Colleges (two year).*** Institutions that offer certificates, diplomas and associate degrees in a variety of programs.
- ***Cost of Attendance (COA)***. Cost of Attendance is the estimated cost of a full-time student completing one full year of his or her college education at a given school. It includes tuition, room and board (food), student fees, books and supplies, and transportation costs.
- ***Co-Ed***. A school, facility, or program that includes both men and women. This term is usually used when referring to a university dorm.
- ***Credit Hour***. A value generally given a particular course based on the number of class hours per week in a term. Most college classes are three credit hours, meaning their total meeting time for a week is three hours. Note that this does not include homework and other work done outside class.
- ***Curriculum***. Courses of study.
- ***Deferred admission.*** The practice of permitting students to postpone enrollment, usually for one year, after acceptance to the college.
- ***Degree.*** Degrees are what students get for completing a program of study at a college or university. There are three basic types of degrees: Associate Degrees – obtainable at a two-year community or junior college, Bachelor's Degrees – offered by four-year colleges and universities, and

Graduate Degrees – obtained after the Bachelor's Degree (for example – Master's Degree, Doctoral Degree, etc.)

- ***Direct PLUS Loan***. A federal loan that allows parents of a dependent student to borrow up to the cost of education minus other types of financial aid.
- ***Direct Subsidized Loan***. A need-based federal student loan in which the government pays interest while the borrower is attending college.
- ***Direct Unsubsidized Loan***. A federal student loan in which the borrower is responsible for all accrued interest, even while attending college.
- ***Distance learning***. An option for earning college credit off-campus via cable television, Internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.
- ***Dual enrollment***. Students may earn post-secondary school credit while still in high school from participating two-year and four-year schools.
- ***Elective***. A course that is not a requirement.
- ***Expected Family Contribution (EFC).*** Determined by the FAFSA, this is the amount a family is expected to contribute toward their student's college expenses. The EFC is subtracted from a college's **COA** (Cost of Attendance) before an institution decides how much financial aid a student will receive. The general rule is the lower a student's EFC, the higher the amount of financial aid offered.
- ***FAFSA***. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the required application to apply for any type of federal financial aid including grants, work-study and student loans.
- ***Full-Time student***. At least 12 credit hours per semester
- ***General Educational Development (GED).*** A series of five tests that individuals who did not complete high school may take through their state education system to qualify for a high school equivalency certificate. Many colleges accept satisfactory GED test results in lieu of high school graduation.
- ***Graduate school.*** Advanced study beyond college graduation, i.e., Master's or Doctoral degree.
- ***Grade-point average (GPA).*** A system used by many schools for evaluating the overall scholastic performance of students.
- ***Honors program***. A college program for academically talented students that offers the opportunity for educational enrichment, independent study, acceleration, or some combination of these.
- ***Independent study***. Individualized college coursework completed outside of the regular classroom structure under the direct supervision of the course instructor.
- ***Major***. The student's academic field of specialization. In general, most courses in the major are taken at the degree-granting institution during the junior and senior year.
- ***Military academies***. Institutions that offer tuition-free education in exchange for military service.
- ***Minor***. Similar to a major, a second area of concentrated study.
- ***Nonresident.*** Any student who lives out of state or does not meet specific state residency requirements. This is especially relevant for students applying to state universities.
- ***Online courses***. Classes held on the internet instead of in a traditional classroom.
- ***Open admission***. The college admission policy of admitting high school graduates and other adults generally without regard to conventional academic qualifications, such as high school subjects, high school grades, and admission test scores. Virtually all applicants with high school diplomas or their equivalent are accepted.
- ***Out-Of-State tuition***. An additional fee charged by a state college or university to students who are non-residents.
- ***Personal Identification Number (PIN).*** A unique identifier that allows you to access or update information on your FAFSA and federal student loans. This number will serve as a legally binding electronic signature, so keep it secure and private.
- ***Post-Secondary Education***. The study beyond the level of secondary education. Institutions of higher education include not only colleges and universities but also professional schools in such fields as law, theology, medicine, business, music, and art. They also include teacher-training schools, community

colleges, and institutes of technology. At the end of a prescribed course of study, a degree, diploma, or certificate is awarded

- ***Private Career Schools***. Institutions that specialize in technology-related fields or trades such as business or cosmetology. These schools award diplomas, certificates, associate degrees, and in some cases, bachelor degrees.
- ***Private Colleges***. Institutions that financially rely on endowments, tuition and fund-raising campaigns. They do not receive government subsidies.
- ***Public Colleges***. Institutions that are financially supported by the state in which they are located.
- ***Religious-Affiliated Colleges***. Institutions that have a sponsoring denomination, but most welcome students who do not subscribe to that faith.
- ***Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).*** Programs conducted by certain colleges in cooperation with the United States Air Force, Army, and Navy. Naval ROTC includes the Marine Corps. Local recruiting offices of the services themselves can supply detailed information about these programs, as can participating colleges.
- ***Residency.*** If a student lives within a state's boundaries for a specified number of months for a purpose other than higher education, he/she may attend one of the state's public colleges at a lower tuition cost than non-residents. Tuition at private colleges is not based on residency.
- ***Resume***. A document that highlights one's contact information, education background, professional experience, honors, extracurricular activities, and coursework. A resume is always required when applying for any sort of professional job or internship and is usually what determines whether an applicant will receive an interview and/or be hired.
- ***SAT***. College entrance exam that measures verbal, writing and math reasoning skills. Scores on each section range from 200-800 points.
- ***School Expenses***. The total annual cost of tuition, fees, room, board, books, travel, personal expenses, etc.
- ***Student Aid Report (SAR).*** The federal report generated from filing or updating your FAFSA. The SAR summarizes your FAFSA information and provides the Expected Family Contribution amount. The SAR is either mailed to your or provided online via a secure Web link.
- ***Study Abroad***. Any arrangement by which a student completes a brief part of their college program studying in another country. A college may operate a campus abroad, or it may have a cooperative agreement with some other U.S. college or an institution of the other country.
- ***Transcript***. A copy of a student's official academic record listing all courses taken and grades received.
- ***Transfer student***. A student who has attended another college for any period, which may be defined by various colleges as any time from a single term up to three years. A transfer student may receive credit for all or some of the courses successfully completed before the transfer.
- ***Tuition.*** The amount paid for each credit hour of enrollment. Tuition does not include the cost of books, fees, or housing.
- ***Universities and Colleges (4-year).*** Institutions that offer bachelor degrees and a variety of majors. Many also offer advanced degrees such as masters and doctorates.
- ***Work-Study.*** This program provides college students with a part-time to help pay for school. There are two different kinds of work-study: Federal Work-Study (run by the government) and non-Federal Work-Study (usually run by the college a student attends).