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November To Dos & Information

- Apply to your top colleges/programs.
- Create FSA IDs at StudentAid.gov (you and one parent/guardian). Allow 3-5 days for verification. <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- Update your resume with senior year activities and involvement.
- Use the SchoolLinks Scholarship search and the EducationQuest ScholarshipQuest to look for additional scholarships.

Scholarship Opportunities on SchoolLinks & tips

Seniors: **Log into SchoolLinks VIA the Clever Portal**

Select **FINANCES** then **Scholarship Matching**

Answer the questions in the eligibility, interests, and college profile tabs to review up-to-minute scholarship lists

Click on the **NAME of the Scholarship** to access the link or application, follow the instructions on the screen.

You can Sort by Best Match, Largest Dollar Amount, Closest Deadline, ETC. You can also search for specific scholarships within this portal.

Remember, this list is just one resource. You will want to keep doing your own research to find and apply for scholarships you are qualified for.

Seniors: We recommend that you get a calendar to record deadlines for Scholarships. Read the scholarship requirements carefully. Incomplete applications are usually not reviewed. Prior to submission, always seek someone to proof-read your application, especially your essay. If you need a recommendation letter, be proactive and do not wait until the last minute. ALWAYS talk with your recommenders first, in person, before entering his/her name into on-line application. Recommenders should be someone who knows YOU – a teacher, counselor, coach, current employer, are a few examples. Try to give that person at least 3 weeks’ notice. Remember, recommenders do this for YOU and it should be treated as a favor or special gift to YOU. Do not be demanding, rude or insensitive. It is always a nice gesture to follow-up with a thank you note! 😊

Highlighted Scholarships of the Month

Seniors: The Scholarships listed below are only a few of the scholarships available for Seniors. There is no complete list of all scholarships and students should look at multiple locations (SchoolLinks, EducationQuest, Scholarship search engines, student/parent(S)/guardian(s) place of employment, churches, etc. Additionally, you should never pay to apply for a scholarship.

Scholarship	Criteria	Deadline	Amount
Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program	The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/	November 14, 2024	Up to \$55,000 a year
10 Words or Less Scholarships	See scholarship eligibility at the link attached. Scholarship Application - 10 Words or Less Scholarship (studentscholarships.org)	November 15, 2024	\$1,000
Common App Scholarship	To be eligible for the Common App Scholarship, a student must: Be in grade 11 or grade 12, be attending college or university no later than Oct1, 2025, has achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater and answer ONE of the essay prompts found on: https://scholarshipguidance.com/common-app-scholarship-application#google_vignette	November 30, 2024	\$2,000
Dell Scholarship	To be eligible for a Dell Scholarship, an applicant must: Participate in a program-approved college readiness program in grades 11 and 12; Be on track to graduate from an accredited high school in the current academic year; Demonstrate a need for financial assistance; be eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant in first year of college; Plan to enroll full time at an accredited higher education institution in the pursuit of a bachelor's degree in the fall directly following high school graduation; and earn a minimum of a 2.4 GPA https://www.dellscholars.org/students/	December 1, 2024	Now Open! \$20,000
Metropolitan Community College First Time Scholarships	Metropolitan Community College, in conjunction with the generosity of donors through the MCC Foundation, offers a wide array of scholarships to help students lower the cost of attending college. These scholarships are available to students in various programs of studies, with various academic abilities and for students with and without financial need. https://www.mccneb.edu/About-MCC-Nebraska/About-MCC/Board-of-Governors/Graduating-Senior-Scholarship	Early award deadline = December 1, 2024	Varies
Jackie Robinson Foundation	To be eligible for a Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must. Be a graduating, minority high school senior. Be a United States citizen. Present evidence of financial need. Demonstrate a record of academic excellence. Demonstrate leadership potential and a dedication to community service. Submit an official SAT and/or ACT test exam score from junior or senior year. Plan to attend an accredited and approved 4-year college within the United States or affiliated with a United States-based college or university. Have not accrued more than 25% of credits needed to graduate from college. https://jackierobinson.org/apply/	January 9, 2025	Four year scholarship and comprehensive support services

Scholarships OPEN, deadline approaching

The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	Four-year scholarship and comprehensive support services. Criteria- Live in Nebraska and meet in-state residency requirements of the college you plan to attend (DACA, undocumented, or DACA eligible students are still eligible to apply); Graduate from a Nebraska high	February 1, 2025	Opens: November 1, 2024
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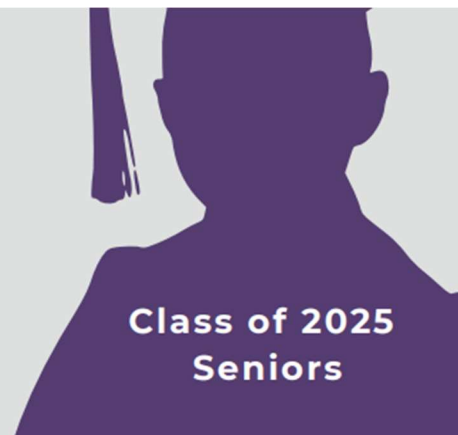
(any public, Nebraska college)	school or earn a Nebraska GED; Achieve at least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA in high school; Be a first-time freshman when entering college; Plan to attend a Nebraska public college; Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend college. Award decisions are finalized by May 1st. https://buffettscholarships.org		
GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP AT UNO	UNO Scholarship To be eligible for the Goodrich Scholarship, an applicant must be: Nebraska resident, have 31 or fewer UNO transferable college credits by May 2025 including spring semester, US citizen or legal non-citizen of the US--FAFSA-eligible. https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/goodrich-scholarship-program/index.php	February 27, 2025	Now Open! October 1, 2024
TEACHER SCHOLARS AT UNO	The Teacher Scholars Academy (TSA) at the University of Nebraska Omaha - current high school seniors interested in pursuing a teaching career. To be eligible, an applicant must be: First-time freshmen and enrolled in a University of Nebraska at Omaha College of Education, Health, and Human Services teacher preparation program. https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-education-health-and-human-sciences/teacher-scholars-academy/apply/eligibility-guidelines.php	February 1, 2025	Now Open! October 1, 2024
TEACHER SCHOLARS AT UNL	The Teacher Scholars Academy (TSA) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Applications to TSA will be open to incoming first-year students who plan to enroll in a teacher education major starting in the fall semester of 2025. Meet all teaching program requirements and courses as determined by your approved teacher preparation major and course plan, on an adequate progression timeline as determined by the Faculty and Academic Advisors. Applicants accepted into the UNL Teacher Scholars Academy will be awarded a scholarship of \$10,000 per year (\$5,000 fall semester, \$5,000 spring semester) for up to 4 years of continuous enrollment in a CEHS teacher-education approved program. https://cehs.unl.edu/cehs/teacher-scholars-academy/	February 1, 2025	Now Open!

Education/Enlistment/Employment Opportunities

Representatives from	Date
EducationQuest (Victor)	November Sign up for an appointment with Victor! Stop by the counseling center to request an appointment. Victor will be here on November 7 & 21. If you need help creating your FSA ID, this would be a great time to make an appointment and get assistance. Attend our FAFSA information night on December 5 th . Bring your parents and tax information and representees from UNO and EdQuest will be here to help you start your Fafsa. English session at 5:00 and Spanish session at 6:00.

University of Nebraska Lincoln	November 7 th during 3 rd Block – see your counselor for a pass to this work session
US Army (SSG Bentley)	November 14 th during lunch in the Commons

BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



FAFSA INFORMATION NIGHT



WE OFFER:

- ✓ Talk to an Education Quest representative
- ✓ Connect With UNO representatives to complete FAFSA
- ✓ Discover what information is needed to complete your FAFSA
- ✓ Scholarship Information

Join us for a presentation on how to complete the FAFSA. December 5, 2024.

English session @ 5:00
Spanish session @ 6:00



**Dinner will be provided*



**BRING THE CORRECT
PAPERWORK AND GET
YOUR FAFSA COMPLETED**

QUESTIONS ON WHAT PAPERWORK
TO BRING? JUST CALL!



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