

The Senior Q

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During Holiday Break, Don't Take a Break from Scholarships!

Deadlines are coming quickly on college and scholarship applications. Over the next two weeks, please take the time to gather everything you need to work on over break. It would be very wise to take a look at applications to see if you need anything from your teachers and/or counselor before leaving for break since we will also be on break from December 12th through January 3rd.

Winter Break 2020 To Do List:

- Apply to 3-5 schools
- Complete FAFSA (and send results to your 3-5 schools for financial aid package)
- Search for and apply to scholarships (Naviance; ScholarshipQuest.org; This newsletter)
- Rest!!!



North High Scholarship Application:

Eligibility: Each year the Faculty Scholarship Committee selects deserving students for numerous scholarships to colleges and technical schools. Recipients are determined by evaluating grade point average, class rank, character, leadership, service and for many scholarships, financial need.

Application Procedures: Once you begin filling out the form, you must finish it. There is NOT an option to save and continue. All questions of this application form must be completed. It will take you approximately 30 minutes to complete this form. Please email Mr. Custard (kevin.custard@ops.org) or Mrs. Fleming (cindy.fleming@ops.org) with any questions!

The deadline to complete the North High Scholarship Application is January 8, 2021.



You will need the following information available to complete the form:

- A jpeg photo of yourself (saved on your device)
- Your resume (saved on your device)
- Your Student Aid Report, SAR (From FAFSA saved on your device). This is optional, but highly recommended. We cannot consider you for any need-based scholarships without this form.

[Click here to apply for the Omaha North High Magnet School Scholarship](#)

Senior Lunch Bunch

Seniors!!! Every Wednesday, during all four lunch blocks, counselors will be available to address all your questions and concerns. Topics may include FAFSA, college applications, scholarship applications, post-secondary options, etc. Join [here](#) during your assigned lunch time.



North College/Career Counseling is on Teams

Your college/career counselors, Ms. Iles, Mr. Wisner, and Ms. Green have been working diligently to create videos and upload documents to help students navigate the college and scholarship process. Seniors will need to request to be added to this team to access the information at any time. Click on this [link](#) to go there or select a link below. Parents and others outside of OPS can view the videos on YouTube. [Click here!](#)

UNO Black Excellence Virtual Study Night

Need motivation to study? Need help with homework? Come study with UNO's Black Excellence student group members. Thursdays from 6-8pm. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting. Meeting ID: 960 0609 6817

Scholarships

Students are encouraged to start looking for scholarships. Here are several options to find scholarships:

1. Use Naviance to research scholarships on their database.
 - a. Laptops/Home computers: Login [here](#). Select "Continue with Clever" and use your school login/password. From the menu on the top right side, select Colleges, then Scholarships and Money, then scholarship list. Sort by date.
 - b. iPad: Using your Clever Portal, find and click on Naviance. From the menu button on the top right side, select Colleges, then Scholarships and Money, then scholarship list.
2. The Scholarship Handbook is located on the North High website. Click [here](#).
3. ScholarshipQuest is a great database for Nebraska based scholarships. Click [here](#).
4. Use other scholarship databases such as [College Green Light](#), [My Scholly](#), [College Board](#), or [Niche](#).

Doane Haddix Scholarship

Just announced! The Doane Haddix Scholarship was just approved for this year. North High will have two full tuition scholarships and one partial scholarship. To be considered, the student needs to apply to Doane by January 8th. Please contact Mr. Wisner to let him know you are interested in the Doane Haddix Scholarship.

[Apply for admission here!](#)

Buffett Scholarship

To be eligible for the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship, you must have a 2.0 unweighted GPA, plan to attend a Nebraska Public College, and have some financial need (EFC below \$10,000). Selection is based on Financial Need, Academic Merit, Personal Essay, and a Recommendation. For more information and to apply, go to <https://buffettscholarships.org/>The deadline is February 1st at 5pm.

The Nebraska Promise: Free Tuition

Send your FAFSA results to the University of Nebraska to take part in the [Nebraska Promise](#), the new financial aid program that provides free tuition for Nebraska students with family incomes of \$60,000 or less. Students must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for the Nebraska Promise.

Nebraska State College System: Free Tuition

Send your FAFSA results to Chadron State, Peru State, or Wayne State College to take part in the [State College Tuition Guarantee](#). If you are eligible for a Pell Grant as determined by the FAFSA, you will qualify for free tuition. You must complete the FAFSA on or before April 1st to receive priority consideration.

Metro Community College Scholarships

The MCC Scholarships Office is launching a revamped scholarship application. All MCC students, whether current or prospective, can now apply for over \$3 million in scholarships through one scholarship application. The early awarding deadline is December 1st. Click [here](#) to create a login and apply! The deadline is March 1st.

UNO Goodrich Scholarship: Tuition/Fees plus Support

Program benefits include UNO tuition and general fees waiver, a specialized writing-intensive humanities and social-science curriculum, and a comprehensive program of other academic and non-academic support services. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. The deadline is March 1st at 5pm.

Scholarships Currently updated in Naviance:

Scholarship	Deadline	Value
UNL, Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science & Mgmt	10-Dec	Room & Board; \$500 for textbooks
AXA Achievement Scholarship	15-Dec	\$25,000
Burger King General Track Eligibility Scholarship	15-Dec	\$1,000 to \$50,000
Lead Roster B2B Sales & Marketing Scholarship	15-Dec	\$1,000
Publicity.ai SEO & Content Marketing Scholarship	15-Dec	\$1,000
Smith Diversity Scholarship	15-Dec	\$25,000
College of Saint Mary, Marie Curie Scholarship	17-Dec	up to \$20,000 annually
ACT Student Champion Scholarship	31-Dec	\$500 non-renewable
BadCredit.org's Wealth Wise Scholarship	31-Dec	\$1,000
U.S. Navy, Marines ROTC Scholarship	31-Dec	\$180,000
U.S. Navy, Navy ROTC Nurse Scholarship	31-Dec	\$180,000
U.S. Navy, NROTC Scholarship	31-Dec	\$180,000
UNL, NROTC Scholarships	31-Dec	Full tuition and fees for 4 years
Creighton Additional Scholarships	5-Jan	up to \$30,000 a year, renewable
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship	5-Jan	\$10,000 renewable up to 4 yrs.
Nebraska Wesleyan University, TeamMates Scholarship	5-Jan	\$2,000
Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Scholarship	8-Jan	\$20,000
Ron Brown Scholar Program	9-Jan	\$10,000 annually for 4 years
APIASF Scholarship Fund	14-Jan	\$2,500 - \$20,000
Monsanto Company, America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship	14-Jan	\$1,500
United States Air Force, Air Force ROTC Scholarship	14-Jan	Tuition, most lab fees, \$500
Chadron State College Incoming Freshman Scholarships	15-Jan	Varies
JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest	15-Jan	\$10,000
Nebraska DECA, Student Scholarships	15-Jan	Varies
Nebraska Elks Association: Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship	15-Jan	\$1,250
Nebraska State College System, Board of Trustees Scholarship	15-Jan	Full tuition for 4 yrs.
Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship	15-Jan	\$500.00
Peru State College, Cooperating Schools Scholarships	15-Jan	Half on-campus tuition for 4 yrs.
UNO, College of Business Administration Academy Scholarship	15-Jan	\$4,000
Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship	15-Jan	\$500 to \$5,000
Architects Foundation, Diversity Advancement Scholarship	22-Jan	\$20,000
Nebraska Jaycees (Junior Chamber)-US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarships	22-Jan	\$500/\$1,000
Nebr. State Historical Society-Nebraskans of World War II	29-Jan	\$2,000

Nebraska Broadcasters Assoc. Foundation Scholarship	31-Jan	\$1,000 (non-renewable)
NILRR, William B. Ruggles Right to Work Journalism Scholarship	31-Jan	\$2,000
UNL, L. "Ron" Letson Acacia Leadership Scholarship	31-Jan	up to \$2,000
Willia Cather Foundation, Norma Ross Walter Scholarship	31-Jan	up to \$2,500
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship	1-Feb	\$30,000 over 4 years
Nebraska Elks Association: J.B. Ferguson Golf Scholarship	1-Feb	\$500.00
Nebraska Elks Association: Vocational Scholarship Grant	1-Feb	Varies
Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship	1-Feb	Up to \$4,800 per semester
University of North Dakota Scholarships	1-Feb	\$14,000
UNK, Davis Chambers Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000 to \$4,000 annually
UNL, Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship	1-Feb	\$1,000
UNL, David Distinguished Scholarship	1-Feb	\$3,500 a year up to 4 years
UNL, Davis Chambers Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000 up to full direct cost of attendance
UNL, Health Sciences Scholarship	1-Feb	30 credit hours of tuition a year
UNL, Husker Living & Learning Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,500 non-renewable
UNL, Husker Power Scholarship	1-Feb	\$1,500 non-renewable
UNL, Husker Traditions Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000 renewable
UNL, In-State Freshman Scholarships	1-Feb	Varies
UNL, Native American Heritage Tuition Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000 to full direct cost of attendance renewable for up to 4 years
UNL, Pepsi Service Scholarship	1-Feb	\$1,000 non-renewable
UNL, Regents Scholar Tuition Commitment	1-Feb	Full resident tuition for up to 135 credit hours
UNO, Davis Chambers Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000-\$4,000 annually
UNO, Dean's Scholarship	1-Feb	\$2,000
UNO, In-State Freshman Scholarships	1-Feb	varies

Resources for Nebraska College Applications

EducationQuest has provided links to resources that will help you prepare to visit colleges and submit college applications. They include links to virtual campus tours, college application tutorials, and COVID-19 information. [Click here for the full list.](#)



Attention Students: Fill Out Your FAFSA!

The FAFSA is used to determine how much financial aid a student may be qualified to receive in the form of federal grants, [work-study](#), and [loans](#). Colleges and some scholarship foundations will also use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for grants and scholarships. Regardless of your financial situation, all seniors should submit the FAFSA. After submitting the [FAFSA](#), you can download your Student Aid Report (SAR). Learn how financial aid works [here](#). Here are the steps to complete your FAFSA:


1. The student and a parent/guardian will create an [FSA ID](#). Your FSA ID will be used to sign the FAFSA before submitting it.
2. Once you have created an FSA ID, you can login to the [FAFSA](#) website to start your application.

Individual FAFSA Assistance

Mr. Wisner and EducationQuest offer individual financial aid appointments. To request individual help to complete the FAFSA, use this [form](#).

Transcript Request Procedures

Make sure to do the following to request a transcript:

- Apply to the college
- Complete your Transcript Release Form and send it to Ms. Iles (allison.iles@ops.org).
 - It must be signed by a parent if you're not yet 18.
 - The transcript release form is located in the North College/Career Counseling Team on Teams or you can click here:  transcript release form.pdf
- Request a transcript on Naviance
 1. Go to Clever
 2. Click on Naviance
 3. Click on "Colleges"
 4. Click on "Colleges I'm Thinking About"
 5. Click on "+add colleges to list" if your college is not listed
 6. Click on box(es) to the left of the college(s) where you want the transcript sent
 7. Click on "move to application list" (above the list of colleges)
 8. Application Deadline: "rolling" should already be selected
 9. Submit your application: "direct to institution" should already be selected
 10. Click the box in front of "I've already sent my application"
 11. Click "Add and Request transcripts"
 12. Type of Transcript: Select "initial"
 13. Additional materials: Select "unofficial ACT scores"
 14. Click Request and Finish

Coping with Stress: Keep in mind that any change (even good changes) in your routine causes stress in your body. The CDC has provided an article about coping with stress during a pandemic. Read and share [this](#) with your loved ones. We are all experiencing pandemic related stress even if we do not recognize it as such. Click [here](#) for some additional relaxation techniques. If you are struggling or are concerned about a loved one, please reach out to a trusted adult. There are also confidential hotlines with trained professionals who can help. Boystown National Hotline: 1-800-448-3000 or text VOICE to 20121.

In Case You Missed It!

Information regarding the FAFSA, ACT, Free/Reduced Lunch Status, Military Recruiter contact info, and much more can be found in previous issues of the Senior Q. Click to view: [September Senior Q](#); [October Senior Q](#); [November Senior Q](#).

To ensure student and staff safety, please be advised that counselors have limited access to messages outside of the school day. If you are needing immediate assistance, please contact the Boys Town National Hotline at [1-800-448-3000](tel:1-800-448-3000). If this is an emergency, go to your nearest emergency room or call 911. Thank you.

