

# The Senior Q

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## Steps to Get to College (in no particular order)

- Make sure you are in the classes you need to graduate on May 25th!
- If applying to a 4-year college: Apply online to your favorite schools. We recommend applying to at least 3 schools. Make sure you apply to at least 1 safe school (local; likely to be accepted).
- If applying to a community college: Register for the COMPASS at Metro, Iowa Western, etc.
- If interested in the military: See Ms. Iles to connect with a recruiter. ([allison.iles@ops.org](mailto:allison.iles@ops.org))
- Complete the FAFSA online and send your results to any school to which you have applied.
- Send your transcript to any school to which you have applied via Naviance (located on Clever).
- Apply for scholarships! Naviance (located on Clever) has the most up to date listing of current scholarships available.

## Cap and Gown Late Orders

If you have not already ordered your cap and gown, orders (with late fee) must be placed no later than March 1st. [Click here to order!](#)



## Senior Lunch Bunch

Senior Lunch Bunch is back!!! 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.

## Requesting a Transcript for a Scholarship

Follow the steps if you need a transcript to be bundled with your finished scholarship application:

1. Make sure you have completed the scholarship application.
2. Make sure you have every document that needs to be mailed.
3. Letters of Recommendation, Resume, Essays, etc.
4. Go to [Scholarship Application Submission Forms](#)
5. Fill it out and submit.
6. Allow 5-7 business days for the GRC staff to complete. PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!

## Requesting a Transcript for a College

In order to send a transcript to a college, follow the steps listed in the [December Senior Q, page 5](#).

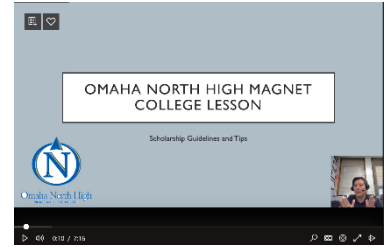


## Resources for Nebraska College Applications

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.](#)

## **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. 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!](#)



## **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](#).

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **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.

## Scholarships Currently updated in Naviance:

<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Value</b>
<a href="#">Architects Foundation, Diversity Advancement Scholarship</a>	22-Jan	\$20,000
<a href="#">Nebraska Jaycees (Junior Chamber)-US JCI Senate Foundation Scholarships</a>	22-Jan	\$500/\$1,000
<a href="#">Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fndn Scholarships</a>	25-Jan	\$1,500
<a href="#">Nebr. State Historical Society-Nebraskans of World War II</a>	29-Jan	\$2,000
<a href="#">Nebraska Broadcasters Assoc. Foundation Scholarship</a>	31-Jan	\$1,000 (non-renewable)
<a href="#">NEOPA Student Scholarship</a>	31-Jan	\$500
<a href="#">NILRR, William B. Ruggles Right to Work Journalism Scholarship</a>	31-Jan	\$2,000
<a href="#">The Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship</a>	31-Jan	Varies
<a href="#">UNL, L. "Ron" Letson Acacia Leadership Scholarship</a>	31-Jan	up to \$2,000
<a href="#">USDA/1890 National Scholars Program</a>	31-Jan	Varies
<a href="#">Willa Cather Foundation, Norma Ross Walter Scholarship</a>	31-Jan	up to \$2,500
<a href="#">Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$30,000 over 4 years
<a href="#">Nebraska Elks Association: J.B. Ferguson Golf Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$500.00
<a href="#">Nebraska Elks Association: Vocational Scholarship Grant</a>	1-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">Suburban Rotary Special Education Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,500
<a href="#">Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	Up to \$4,800 per semester
<a href="#">University of North Dakota Scholarships</a>	1-Feb	\$14,000
<a href="#">UNK, Davis Chambers Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,000 to \$4,000 annually
<a href="#">UNL, Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$1,000
<a href="#">UNL, David Distinguished Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$3,500 a year up to 4 years
<a href="#">UNL, Davis Chambers Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,000 up to full direct cost of attendance
<a href="#">UNL, Health Sciences Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	30 credit hours of tuition a year
<a href="#">UNL, Husker Living &amp; Learning Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,500 non-renewable
<a href="#">UNL, Husker Power Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$1,500 non-renewable
<a href="#">UNL, Husker Traditions Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,000 renewable
<a href="#">UNL, In-State Freshman Scholarships</a>	1-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">UNL, Native American Heritage Tuition Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,000 to full direct cost of attendance renewable for up to 4 years
<a href="#">UNL, Pepsi Service Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$1,000 non-renewable
<a href="#">UNL, Regents Scholar Tuition Commitment</a>	1-Feb	Full resident tuition for up to 135 credit hours
<a href="#">UNO, Davis Chambers Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,000-\$4,000 annually
<a href="#">UNO, Dean's Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	\$2,000
<a href="#">UNO, In-State Freshman Scholarships</a>	1-Feb	varies
<a href="#">Wayne State College, Merit Scholarships</a>	1-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">Wayne State College, Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) Scholarship</a>	1-Feb	Full tuition
<a href="#">Wayne State College, Special Abilities Art Scholarship Competition</a>	1-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">McDonald's HACER National Scholarship</a>	4-Feb	\$100,000
<a href="#">U. S. Army, Army ROTC Scholarship</a>	4-Feb	Full Tuition & Fees
<a href="#">US Army ROTC/Creighton Univ., ROTC High School National Scholarship</a>	4-Feb	Full Tuition & Fees
<a href="#">Elks National Foundation, Legacy Awards</a>	5-Feb	\$4,000
<a href="#">Greater Grand Island Community Foundation Scholarships</a>	10-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">GPACAC Student Scholarship</a>	15-Feb	\$1,000

<a href="#">Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship</a>	15-Feb	\$5,000
<a href="#">UNO, Phi Delta Kappa Legacy Scholarship (Local Chapter 0116)</a>	15-Feb	\$500
<a href="#">OPS Elementary School District Scholarship Application</a>	25-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">OPS Middle School District Scholarship Application</a>	25-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">Theatre Arts Guild (TAG) Scholarship</a>	26-Feb	\$3,000.00
<a href="#">NAWIC Greater Omaha Chapt #116 Scholarship</a>	28-Feb	\$2,500 non-renewable
<a href="#">UNK, Industrial Technology Incoming Freshman</a>	28-Feb	Varies
<a href="#">UNK, NE Bankers Association</a>	28-Feb	\$1,000
<a href="#">Willa Cather Foundation, Antonette Willa Skupa Turner Scholarship</a>	28-Feb	\$1,000 (non-renewable)
<a href="#">Willa Cather Foundation, Antonia Scholarship</a>	28-Feb	\$1,000 (non-renewable)

### **UNO\* 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  
 \*Correction from previous editions of the Senior Q. Previous newsletters incorrectly stated Creighton hosted this study night when, in fact, it is hosted by UNO!

**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, College Transcript Requests, 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](#), [December 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. If this is an emergency, go to your nearest emergency room or call 911. Thank you.*

