

The Senior Q

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Graduation Cap and Gown: Deadline Extended Until Monday, 11/9

Order now!!! The on-time deadline to order your cap and gown has been extended to Monday, November 9, 2020. After this time, a late fee will be assessed. Although Jostens/School Traditions offers a wide range of products, you only need to order the Cap & Gown Package (C) for \$51.41. Any additional selections are optional. Click [here](#) to order! Please contact Jostens/School Traditions if you have questions.

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 and/or scholarship applications, post-secondary options, etc. Join [here](#) during your assigned lunch time.

Creighton Virtual Study Night

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

North College/Career Counseling is on Teams

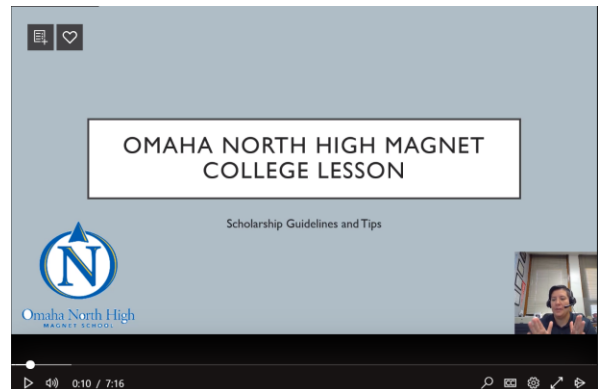
Your college/career counselors, Ms. Iles, Mr. Wisner, and Ms. Green have been working diligently to create videos and upload documents to help students navigate the college and scholarship process. Seniors will need to request to be added to this team to access the information at any time. Click on this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

These files have been uploaded to the College Application Channel "Files"

- [Transcript Release Form](#)
- [JrSr Timeline EducationQuest](#)
- [2020-2021 UNO Viewbook](#)
- [Senior Advanced Education Class PowerPoint](#)
- [Lunch Letter Request](#)
- [North High Senior Checklist](#)
- [Go Visit Questions \(Suggestions for College Visits\)](#)
- [College Application Checklist](#)
- [Nebraska College Costs](#)
- [ACT Test Prep](#)

These files have been uploaded to the Scholarship Help Channel "Files":

- [SQ Tip Sheet](#) (Scholarship Info from EdQuest)
- [Tuition Assistance](#) (EdQuest chart)
- [FSA ID Handout](#)
- [FAFSA Checklist](#)
- [Goodrich Scholarship Application](#)



These videos have been uploaded to the College Application Channel "Posts":


- [College 101 \(includes how to request a transcript\)](#)
- [Navigating College Websites](#)
- [Picking Colleges on Naviance](#)
- [Transcript Request](#)

This video has been uploaded to the Scholarship Help Channel "Posts":

- [Scholarships \(Guidelines and Tips\)](#)

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

ACT Registration:

The deadline for the Saturday, December 12th National ACT test has been extended until **Friday, November 20th**. Register at www.actstudent.org. Unlike the State ACT, there is a fee for National ACT dates. Fee waivers for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are available. Please follow the instructions later in this newsletter to access proof of lunch status. Send a copy of your lunch status to Kristin.longacre@ops.org for a fee waiver. Qualified students are each allowed two fee waivers for the ACT.

ACT @ North

North High School will be a test center for the December 12th test date. If you would like to test at North and you have already registered at a different test center, login to your [ACT account](#) and make the change before the November 20th deadline. Email Kristin.longacre@ops.org or testact@act.org with questions.

Creighton Virtual Information Night

Creighton will be hosting an OPS Virtual Information Night for parents and prospective students. At this event, Creighton students, faculty, and staff will share their experiences with the university while highlighting the value of a Creighton education and some of the reasons to stay in Omaha for college. Students can sign up by clicking this [link](#).

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.

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](#).

Scholarships Currently updated in Naviance:

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Value</u>
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards 2020	10-Nov	\$1,000 to \$5,000
Elks National Foundation, Most Valuable Student Scholarship	15-Nov	Up to \$50,000
NSA, Stokes Educational Scholarship Program	15-Nov	\$30,000
UNK, Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarship	15-Nov	Full tuition; room & board
Dr Juan Andrade Jr Scholarship for Young Latino Leaders	30-Nov	\$1,000
Dell Scholarship	1-Dec	\$20,000
Nebraska Association USATF Annual Scholarship Program	1-Dec	\$500
Nextiva Business Scholarship	1-Dec	\$1,000, non-renewable
OppU Achievers Scholarship	1-Dec	\$2,500
Titan Machinery Service Technician Sponsorship Program	1-Dec	\$17,000 tuition; fees; books; tools
Washburn University Leadership Institute Scholarship	1-Dec	\$2,000 per year, renewable
Wayne State College, Merit Scholarships	1-Dec	Varies
Wayne State College, Rural Health Opportunities Program	1-Dec	Full tuition
Wayne State College, Special Abilities Art Scholarship	1-Dec	Varies
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

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.

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.

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](#).

Free/Reduced Lunch Status:

During the 2020-2021 school year we want to be able to assist all students in gaining access to every opportunity. To be eligible for programs that request verification of Free/Reduced Lunch Status (such as fee waivers/adjustments, college/scholarship programs, etc.), students will need to present their Meal Status Letter to your school counselor.

Meal Status Letter: To get a copy of this letter, you have three options:

1. You should have received a Meal Status Letter from Nutrition Services in July 2020. Take a photocopy, screenshot, or scan of that letter and keep it in your phone, email, or wallet.
2. Login to www.schoolcafe.com. Eligibility info can be found in the Benefits section.
3. Email tamara.yarmon@ops.org (Nutrition Services) from your school email address to request a copy of your Meal Status Letter. Make sure to include the STUDENT'S FULL NAME and STUDENT ID.
4. Keep a copy of that PDF in your email. Consider forwarding it to your parent/guardian and to your personal email so it is easy to find.

In Case You Missed It!

Information regarding Senior Yearbook Photos (due 11/24), 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](#).