

# The Senior Q

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## Graduation Cap and Gown

Order now!!! The on-time deadline to order your cap and gown is November 2, 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!

## North High Senior Timeline

You are all in process of making important decisions about your post-high school plans. Although there are many options available to you, the Senior Q will focus on College and Scholarship information due to the sheer volume of information to navigate.

[EducationQuest](#) has created a great timeline to help you keep on-track. They are a non-profit Nebraska-based foundation helping Nebraska students with the college and scholarship process. Click [here](#) for the full timeline.

1. [Make sure you're on track to meet graduation and college admission requirements.](#)
2. [Attend a Financial Aid Program.](#)
3. [Apply to your top college choices.](#)
4. [Create an FSA ID \(one for you and one for a parent\).](#)
5. [Complete the FAFSA on or after October 1.](#)
6. [Retake the ACT and/or SAT.](#)
7. [Get serious about applying for scholarships.](#)
8. [Request letters of recommendation for scholarship applications.](#)
9. [If you haven't already, visit your top college choices.](#)



## 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](#)

### **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](#)

### **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 \(Guidelines and Tips\)](#)

## Scholarships

Students are encouraged to start looking for scholarships. There are countless websites out there wanting to help you with your search. Here are our top resources to suggest to you:

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:

Scholarship	Value	Deadline
<a href="#">AES Engineers Scholarship</a>	\$500	5-Oct
<a href="#">American Legion, High School Oratorical Contest Scholarship</a>	\$25,000	15-Oct
<a href="#">Heisman High School Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	20-Oct
<a href="#">AKSARBEN/Horatio Alger State Scholarship Award</a>	\$10,000	25-Oct
<a href="#">Golden Door Scholarship</a> (DACA/Undocumented Students)	Help cover tuition, room, and board for up to 4 years/bachelor's degree	25-Oct
<a href="#">Jack Kent Cooke, College Scholarship Program</a>	up to \$40,000 per year	30-Oct
<a href="#">Coca-Cola Scholars Program</a>	\$20,000	31-Oct
<a href="#">VFW Voice of Democracy Program</a>	\$30,000	31-Oct
<a href="#">Unigo, Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship</a>	\$2,000	31-Oct
<a href="#">Kansas State College of Engineering Scholarship</a>	Varies	1-Nov
<a href="#">Augustana University, Academic Scholarships</a>	\$10,000 to \$18,000 per yr. (renewable)	1-Nov
<a href="#">Electric Mobile Device IT Innovation Scholarship</a>	\$1,000	1-Nov

## **The 2021-2022 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Learn how financial aid works [here](#).

Students and a parent/guardian can fill out the 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.

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

**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.

## [Apply to University of Nebraska for Free!](#)

The University of Nebraska system (UNO, UNL, UNK, NCTA: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture) have waived the \$45 application fee from October 1<sup>st</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. When applying, students should select "fee waiver" and enter the code "NUforNE" to have the fee waived.

## [Apply to College Help](#)

Some schools have offered help with the application process. Click on the link to join at the specified times. Here is a current list of application help opportunities:



### **UNO on Zoom**

Friday Oct 2 and Oct 5-Oct 9 from 10:45-11:30am

Link: <https://unomaha.zoom.us/j/99482298859>

Thursday, Oct 15 and 16 from 10:45-11:30am

Link: <https://unomaha.zoom.us/j/92210366167>

### **UNL on Zoom**

Thursday Oct 1-Friday Oct 16 from 10:45-11:30am

Link: [go.unl.edu/zoomdell](http://go.unl.edu/zoomdell)

### **UNK on Zoom**

Monday Oct 5 10:45-11:30am

Link: <https://unk.zoom.us/j/97661985845>

Monday Oct 12 10:45-11:30am

Link: <https://unk.zoom.us/j/94194422243>

Individual one-on-one appointments with UNK

Link: [Abel Juan's Calendar](#)

## [ACT Registration:](#)

The deadline for the October National ACT tests has been extended until Sunday, October 5th. Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://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 below:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
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October 10	October 5 (extended)
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October 17	October 5 (extended)
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<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
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October 24	October 5 (extended)
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December 12	November 6
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**Test Center Options:** North High was not selected as a test center for the October tests. Central, Burke, and Northwest are the three OPS schools available. Millard, Westside, and other are schools are also available. Select the school most convenient to you.

## [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 two 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. Email [tamara.yarmon@ops.org](mailto: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. She will send you a PDF of your letter. 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.

## [Your Omaha North High Magnet School Yearbook!](#)

Hello Vikings! It is time to start think about senior photos and if you want them in the Yearbook!

Here are the requirements, you MUST meet all of them:

- It must show your shoulders and up
- no full body pictures
- Head/face must be fully visible
- School dress code still applies to senior photos
- Photo itself must not be provocative, vulgar, or offensive in nature
- NO selfies
- NO filters
- The photo must ONLY be of you, no groups
- No rotating the photo at an angle
- For example: think of the school ID photos you take at school.

**Photo deadline: Tuesday, November 24th**

Questions: [skunclg401@ops.org](mailto:skunclg401@ops.org) or [Shelby.Schmidt@ops.org](mailto:Shelby.Schmidt@ops.org)

To submit a photo:

1. Email a digital copy to [skunclg401@ops.org](mailto:skunclg401@ops.org) or [Shelby.Schmidt@ops.org](mailto:Shelby.Schmidt@ops.org)
2. Mail a physical photo to:  
Omaha North High Magnet School  
c/o Yearbook/Shelby Schmidt  
4410 N. 36th Street  
Omaha, NE 68111

**Don't forget to preorder your yearbook at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com)!**

### **Military Recruiters**

Ms. Iles coordinates the recruiters for each military branch and their visits to Omaha North High. During normal circumstances they have scheduled days where they would set up during lunch in the Viking Center and you would have the opportunity to speak to them if you chose to or not. During our remote learning time, this is not possible. Below, you will find a list of contact information for each branch of the military. This is purely informational. If you are interested in military service, please contact the branch of your choice to find out more information. The list is in no particular order.

Branch	Recruiter	Email	Phone
Air Force	TSgt. Sean Levey	<a href="mailto:sean.levey@us.af.mil">sean.levey@us.af.mil</a>	
Marines	Sgt Garnet Brown	<a href="mailto:garnet.brown@marines.usmc.mil">garnet.brown@marines.usmc.mil</a>	515-339-5087
Army	Staff Sgt Ruben Soto	<a href="mailto:ruben.a.soto2.mil@mail.mil">ruben.a.soto2.mil@mail.mil</a>	402-580-9958
Navy	HM1 Dustan Skorcz	<a href="mailto:dustan.l.skorcz@navy.mil">dustan.l.skorcz@navy.mil</a>	402-889-5707
Nebraska Air National Guard	TSgt. Adam Keske	<a href="mailto:adam.l.keske.mil@mail.mil">adam.l.keske.mil@mail.mil</a>	402-310-5616
Nebraska Army National Guard	Sgt. Benjamin Hoffart	<a href="mailto:benjamin.m.hoffart.mil@mail.mil">benjamin.m.hoffart.mil@mail.mil</a>	531-207-3458



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3. Scroll down to 'Event Listings'
4. Find your school
5. Click REGISTER

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Thursday, Oct. 8th, 2020  
12:30pm-2pm CT

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