

# FINANCIAL AID 101



## FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Need-based aid that does not have to be paid back.

-Nebraska Promise (UNL, UNO, UNK) & Access NWU provide free tuition for pell-eligible students.

-NSCS Guarantee (Wayne State, Chadron State, Peru State) - provides free tuition for pell-eligible students.

## Grants/ Work Study

## Loans

Borrowed money that must be paid back with interest.

### What can I do now?

Gather the documents needed by looking at this [checklist](#)

### What do I do starting 12/1?

Complete the [FAFSA](#) with the help of a parent/guardian.

*Need FREE help? Sign up to see our EducationQuest representative at LSE [here!](#)*

## Scholarships

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Gift aid that is awarded for a variety of reasons, including athletic or academic ability, financial need, interest in certain subject areas, etc.

***Please never pay for a scholarship service!***

[Senior Weekly Newsletter](#) - your one stop shop for all things scholarships!

[ScholarshipQuest](#) - all current Nebraska-based scholarships

[CollegeBoard Scholarships](#) - nationally based scholarship database, can search by state too!

[Learn to Dream Scholarship](#) - free tuition at SCC if you qualify for free/reduced lunch

[Susan Buffett Foundation](#) - based on financial need, academic merit, personal essay & recommendations. Must attend a Nebraska post secondary institution. Opens 11/1/24.

[Foundation for LPS Scholarships](#) - over 100 scholarships for post-secondary study available to students graduating from Lincoln Public Schools. Opens 12/2/24.

[Lincoln Community Foundation](#) - over 50 scholarship funds that benefit students in Lancaster County and across the state of Nebraska. Opens 12/24.