

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

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## All about scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent in art, dance, music, or athletics. Some are based on financial need as determined by the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

It's time to start applying for scholarships. Here's where you can find them:

- [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- **Your school counselor's office.** Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.
- **National search sites** such as [College Board](#), [Peterson's](#) and [Chegg](#).
- **Other resources** could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

[Click here](#) for more details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

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## Here's a scholarship you can apply for now!

Apply **by March 31** for EducationQuest's *Scavenger Hunt Scholarship*. You might win \$500 toward your college education. Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).
  2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.
  3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.
  4. EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.
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## Juniors: it's time to find the right fit for college!

Here's how to get started:

1. **Attend a college fair** to meet with representatives from colleges that interest you. Upcoming fairs include:

[Lincoln Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, March 19, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College

[Grand Island Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, March 26, 1-3 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

[Scottsbluff Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 2, 1-3 p.m., Western Nebraska Community College

[Omaha Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 9, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse

[Tri-State Area College Fair](#) (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 23, 1-3 p.m., Marina Center

Before you attend, register for a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#). Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair. College reps will scan it to retrieve your demographic information – and you won't have to complete their information cards.

2. **Schedule a campus visit.** Your upcoming spring break is a good time to visit schools that interest you. [Follow these tips](#) for a successful visit.
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## February “To Do” List

### Seniors:

- If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- Apply for scholarships.

### Juniors:

- Prepare for the ACT. Here are [test-prep resources](#) to consider.
  - [Register](#) by February 10 for the March 11 SAT.
  - [Register](#) by March 3 for the April 8 ACT.
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