The University of Nebraska at Kearney provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and work study. The Financial Aid office assists students with financial aid from federal and state resources, the University and private organizations. Frequently, students receiving assistance to pay for college are funded through a variety of sources. It is the responsibility of the Office of Financial Aid to coordinate the application and awarding process of multiple types of aid for students.

Federal and State of Nebraska assistance (grants, loans and work-study) is awarded on the basis of need. Need is determined per federal statute. The expected family contribution (EFC) is determined and then subtracted from the cost of attendance for an academic year. Congress has created a formula called Federal Methodology that is used to calculate the EFC based on the information submitted by the family on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible after October 1st for the following academic year since some sources of financial aid are limited. The student and parents, if applicable, will use tax information from two years prior to complete the FAFSA. The results from the FAFSA will be sent to UNK automatically when a student enters the Title IV School Code (002551) on the FAFSA. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after January 1 for the following academic year.

Some FAFSAs submitted to the Department of Education will be randomly selected for a process called Verification. If selected, the student is required to submit additional documentation to UNK. Once verification of the FAFSA is completed, the student will be notified via email with instructions for reviewing the financial aid award in MyBLUE. The award lists the types and amounts of financial aid for which he/she is eligible.

For information on applying for merit-based scholarships see Scholarships.

Questions regarding federal or state aid may be directed to:

Office of Financial Aid
Division of Student Affairs
University of Nebraska at Kearney
905 W 25th St.
Kearney, NE 68849-2350

Contact the office via email at finaid1@unk.edu or via phone at (308) 865-8520.