

# FINANCIAL AID

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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 [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>) as soon as possible after every October 1 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.

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. Financial aid awards are determined by the day the UNK Financial Aid Office receives the FAFSA, demonstrated need of the student provided by the completion of the FAFSA, and the availability of funds.

For information on applying for scholarships visit [unk.edu/scholarships](https://www.unk.edu/scholarships) (<https://www.unk.edu/scholarships.php>).

Questions regarding federal or state aid may be directed to:

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