

SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Nebraska at Kearney Scholarship Guidelines

The philosophy of the Scholarship Committee is to assist students at UNK by providing supplemental financial resources based on academic performance. With the exception of endowed funds, which are awarded according to donor intent, the scholarship committee will have the sole responsibility of establishing regulations governing scholarships.

In administering the UNK scholarship program, determination of eligibility must first be established. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

1. The student must be admitted to UNK and remain in good standing.
2. Unless specifically indicated by the guidelines of the individual scholarship, the student must currently be an undergraduate student at UNK.
3. Scholarships are to be awarded according to the student's enrollment status at the time the scholarship will be utilized.
4. The student must be enrolled full-time each semester the scholarship is received, unless specified otherwise.
5. Scholarship awards are made on a yearly basis with half of the award distributed each semester. Students attending only one semester of the award period may be eligible for only half of the value of the scholarship.
6. No member of the applicant's immediate family (to include parent, sibling, or spouse) will be permitted to serve on the scholarship committee or in any way be associated with the internal workings of the selection process.
7. Scholarship awards are subject to review by the scholarship committee upon student petition.

Federal income tax laws require that income from grants, scholarships, and fellowships be considered as income and reported on federal income tax returns in the following situations:

1. Students who are seeking a degree must report grant, scholarship and fellowship awards as taxable income to the extent such awards exceed course-related expenses. Course-related expenses include tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for coursework.
2. Individuals who are not seeking a degree, such as faculty fellowships and post-doctoral research associates, are taxed on the full amount of any scholarship or fellowship award.
3. Any portion of a scholarship or fellowship that is awarded for services performed by the individual, including teaching or research assistantships, is subject to taxation. These awards are considered compensation, even if the teaching or research services are required for the student's degree.

Employers are not required to report scholarship or fellowship payments to the Internal Revenue Service. Since there are no reporting requirements, the University of Nebraska does not issue a Form 1099 Miscellaneous Income, or a Form W-2 for these payments. It is the responsibility of the individual to report scholarship and fellowship income to the IRS.

Athletic Grants

Scholarships for athletes are available at the discretion of the Athletic Director and the coaching staff. An individual coach may, if desired, offer a total or partial scholarship to a prospective student athlete. To be eligible, the recipient must meet UNK transfer and/or entrance requirements, as well as the standards of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Freshman Scholarship Program

New freshmen admitted by March 1 will be considered for **Board of Regent's**, UNK Distinguished Scholar Award, and **UNK Loper Achievement Award Scholarships**. No additional application is required.

The **Board of Regent's Scholarship** is a full tuition waiver for up to 125 undergraduate credit hours or through the recipient's completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. This program is for graduates of Nebraska high schools only. The scholarship requires full-time status.

The **UNK Distinguished Scholar Scholarship** is a \$3000 tuition waiver per academic year. It is available for up to eight semesters or through the student's graduation with a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. The scholarship requires full-time status.

The **UNK Loper Achievement Scholarship** is a \$2000 tuition waiver per academic year. It is awarded for up to eight semesters or through the student's graduation, whichever comes first. This scholarship requires full-time status.

The **Cooperating School Scholarship** is awarded to graduating high school seniors of school systems serving as cooperating schools in the student teacher program at UNK. The cooperating school recommends scholarship recipients and alternates equal to the number of scholarships available to that particular school by submitting a list to the UNK Office of Financial Aid. To be eligible for the maximum \$1500 tuition waiver, students must have a score of 23 or above on the ACT or 1070 or above on the SAT. High school counselors of cooperating schools can be contacted for more information and application materials.

The **Non-Resident Scholarship** is for out-of-state students. The scholarship can pay up to the full difference between resident and non-resident tuition. Students must be admitted by August 1. To be eligible, a student must meet two of the following criteria: rank in the top 25% of graduating class, have a composite ACT score of at least 23 (1070 on SAT), or earn a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.5.

The **Nebraska Legacy Scholarship** was established by the Board of Regents and pays the difference between resident and non-resident tuition for qualified students whose parent(s) graduated from one of the University of Nebraska campuses. In order to receive this scholarship students must be the natural born or legally adopted child of a University of Nebraska graduate. Step-parent or legal guardian status does not apply. Students also must rank in the upper 1/3 (33%) of their high school graduating class or have a composite ACT score of 24 or SAT score of 1110.

The **Advantage Scholarship** pays the difference between resident and non-resident tuition for admitted students from Colorado or Kansas. It is available for up to eight semesters. Freshmen students must be admitted by August 1 and indicate a permanent home address on their application for admission from Colorado or Kansas.

The **UNK Multicultural Community Service Scholarship** is designed to provide students an opportunity to serve UNK by establishing the

foundation of a multicultural community. This service will include creating multicultural student groups and participating in multicultural and campus wide activities and organizations. Recipients of the scholarship will receive a full tuition waiver for up to fifteen credit hours per semester. The scholarship is renewable for eight semesters and two summers. The application is available from the Office of Multicultural Affairs or the Office of Admissions.

The **Davis Chambers Scholarship** recognizes academically promising students from diverse backgrounds who may find that the financial requirements of post secondary education are a major obstacle. Qualified applicants must be Nebraska residents who have graduated from a Nebraska High School. Award amounts vary, but are generally \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year. Applicants must be admitted to UNK by February 1 and must complete the Davis Scholarship application (http://unkcms.unk.edu/offices/oma/_files/davis-scholarship.pdf). The application is available from the UNK Office of Admissions, the UNK Office of Multicultural Affairs, or online.

Transfer Student Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to transfer students (12 or more transferable credit hours). Students receive a partial tuition waiver and must be admitted by April 1. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

Continuing Student Scholarships

An annual scholarship is funded by a donor who has made a commitment to the university to award a scholarship each academic year. A permanently endowed scholarship is comprised of funds from private sources and invested by the University of Nebraska Foundation. The income derived from the investment pays the scholarship. Eligible students must submit a Continuing Student Scholarship application via MyBLUE by the last day of February. All Continuing Student Scholarships that are available along with criteria a student must meet to be eligible for the scholarships are listed on www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid/ (http://www.unk.edu/offices/financial_aid/).

The Continuing Student Scholarship listing is divided into six sections, one for each college: Education (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/academics/colleges/#ed>), Business & Technology (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/academics/colleges/#bt>), Fine Arts & Humanities (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/academics/colleges/#fah>), Natural & Social Sciences (<http://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/academics/colleges/#nss>), Athletics, and nondepartmental. Students majoring in a specific field should refer to the corresponding section, while the nondepartmental section lists scholarships available to the general student population regardless of major. Students participating in intercollegiate athletics may be considered for scholarships listed in the Athletics section.

Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid for additional information on the application process or with any other scholarship questions.

Honors Program Scholarships

The Honors Program offers **Honors Scholarships** to incoming freshmen based on ACT scores, high school GPA, a letter of recommendation, and a writing sample. Students who remain in the Program and in good standing (maintenance of a 3.25 cumulative grade point average) may

hold these scholarships for four years. Honors scholarship recipients may hold tuition or other scholarships as well.

Traditionally, two or three students in each incoming freshman class receive the **Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Scholarship**. This scholarship provides tuition, room, board, fees, and books for four years, and requires maintenance of a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

UNMC College of Nursing-Kearney Division Scholarships

Students admitted to the UNMC College of Nursing - Kearney Division will be eligible for scholarships and financial aid through the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Students should refer to the UNMC Financial Aid website for complete information.

Additional Information

For any additional information on scholarships that may be available please visit www.unk.edu/financial_aid (http://www.unk.edu/financial_aid). Visiting the website is the best way to keep up with any potential new scholarships that may not be listed above.