



FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN  
**ADMITTED** FALL 2024  
**STUDENT GUIDE**

**UNK**<sup>®</sup>

UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA at KEARNEY



# NEXT STEPS

To prepare for UNK, complete these next steps. Contact offices mentioned with any questions. All other questions, contact the Office of Admissions at [admissions@unk.edu](mailto:admissions@unk.edu) or 308-865-8526.

## SET UP MYBLUE | DO NOW

Your MyBLUE account is an important tool as a student; it's available immediately after you submit your application.

- Go to [myblue.nebraska.edu](http://myblue.nebraska.edu). Log in requires the 8-digit NUID# you received upon application and the password you set up in TrueYou.
- Go to [trueyou.nebraska.edu](http://trueyou.nebraska.edu) to claim your identity, enroll in two-factor authentication, and create your password.
- Check MyBLUE for any items in your "My To Do's" list.
- Questions? Contact the UNK Help Desk at 308-865-8363 or email [support@nebraska.edu](mailto:support@nebraska.edu).

## CONFIRM YOUR INTENT | WHEN YOU DECIDE TELL US

- When you decide where you are going to college, let us know. In MyBLUE, confirm your intent to enroll or decline your admission offer.
- If you're still deciding or waiting on financial aid awards, that's okay. Contact Admissions with questions.

## SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS & SCORES

- A final transcript reflecting high school GPA is required after graduation. Ask your high school to send official transcripts to UNK Admissions.
- If you earned any college credits while in high school through dual credit, early entry, or community college classes, your institutions must send us official college transcripts.
- Submit your test scores if you didn't at the time of testing. UNK's school codes: ACT – 2468, SAT – 6467.

**HAVE FINAL TRANSCRIPTS SENT IN MAY BEFORE NSE**

## MAXIMIZE FINANCIAL AID | DO ASAP

Pursue as many types of funding as possible to help offset the investment of college. Questions? Contact Financial Aid at 308-865-8520 or [finaid1@unk.edu](mailto:finaid1@unk.edu).

### FAFSA IS IMPORTANT

The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) provides eligibility for grants (money you don't repay), loans, and work study. Visit [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) and [unk.edu/finaid](http://unk.edu/finaid).


- FAFSA opens in December at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). Submit the 2024-25 FAFSA as soon as possible. UNK's school code: 002551.

**NEVER ASSUME YOU WON'T QUALIFY FOR AID**

90% of first-time freshmen submit the FAFSA. Don't miss out!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Some scholarships are based on your admission's application and high school transcripts. ACT/SAT scores are needed for some scholarship eligibility, including the top merit scholarship.

- Complete the **Admitted Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application** in your MyBLUE. This is ONE application to be eligible for many scholarships. The deadline is March 1.
- Some scholarships will require a separate application. Visit [unk.edu/scholarships](http://unk.edu/scholarships) to see deadlines, award amounts, requirements, and how to apply.
- For merit scholarships (Regents, Distinguished Scholar, Loper Achievement) you must submit transcripts/scores by March 1.
- Non-residents, you receive the New Nebraskan Scholarship so you pay in-state tuition (does not apply to  exclusively online degree programs).

### WATCH FOR:

- > Email and mail reminders for scholarships and FAFSA
- > Offer letters if you submitted the FAFSA or filed for financial aid (will be sent beginning in March)

## SECURE HOUSING | OPENS JANUARY 5

Campus living is the center of it all and will help you connect to great experiences. When the housing application opens, complete your contract ASAP. Questions? Contact Residence Life at 308-865-8519 or email [housing@unk.edu](mailto:housing@unk.edu).

### REVIEW YOUR OPTIONS

- **Residence Halls** – See all halls at [unk.edu/housing](http://unk.edu/housing).
- **Meal Plans** – Learn more at [unk.edu/dining](http://unk.edu/dining).
- **Learning Communities** – Allow you to live with those who share your major, interests, or scholarship, and contributes greatly to your success. Visit [unk.edu/communities](http://unk.edu/communities).

### WATCH FOR:

- > Emails will be sent to both you and your parents to remind you when the housing application opens.
- > See the Housing Catalog for details or view it here – scan QR code:



# HOUSING OPENS JAN. 5

## STUDENT EMAIL | DO BEFORE NSE

- You will be assigned a “LoperMail” email account prior to New Student Enrollment.
- The password is the same password you use to log into MyBLUE. Visit [unk.edu/office365](http://unk.edu/office365) for details.

## HEALTH RECORDS | DO BEFORE NSE

Admitted students are required to submit a copy of their immunization records showing two measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccinations or a positive rubeola and mumps titer. This information **must be submitted to UNK before you can register for classes** at New Student Enrollment (NSE). Questions? Contact Student Health & Counseling at 308-865-8218 or email [unkhealth@unk.edu](mailto:unkhealth@unk.edu).

### TO UPLOAD IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:

- Go to [myblue.nebraska.edu](http://myblue.nebraska.edu). Use your NUID# and password.
- Go to **Profile**, then **Immunization**. Follow instructions.
- When you upload your immunization records, this can be a scan or photo of your immunization records saved as a .jpg, .pdf, or Word document.

## REGISTER FOR NSE | BEGINS MARCH

### ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

NSE (New Student Enrollment) is a half-day event in June to **enroll in classes** and learn about campus services and resources. Parents or guardians should also attend. Remote options are available. Visit [unk.edu/nse](http://unk.edu/nse) to learn more. Before you can register for classes at NSE you must:

- > Upload immunization records. See left.
- > Complete Housing Contract or exemption paperwork.

## REGISTER FOR NSE STARTING IN MARCH

Watch for email and mail reminders to register.

## QUESTIONS?

Reach out to your Admissions Counselor, or contact us at [admissions@unk.edu](mailto:admissions@unk.edu) or 308-865-8526.





**BE BLUE. BE GOLD.**  
**BE BOLD.**

## OTHER RECOMMENDED STEP

### PLACEMENT EXAMS

Students who did not submit an ACT/SAT score or want to be placed in a higher level class for English, mathematics and modern languages may take placement exams prior to attending NSE. Learn more at [unk.edu/placement](http://unk.edu/placement).

### PLAN FOR CAMPUS LIFE

- See 150+ organizations – [unk.presence.io](http://unk.presence.io)
- Fraternity & Sorority Life – [unk.edu/fsl](http://unk.edu/fsl)
- Office of Intercultural Engagement & Leadership – [unk.edu/iel](http://unk.edu/iel)

### MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

UNK supports our military and veteran students with services, resources, and military education benefits. For assistance, contact Lori Skarka at **308-865-8677** or [unkveterans@unk.edu](mailto:unkveterans@unk.edu).

### DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (DSS)

Students with a documented disability may arrange for accommodations in and out of the classroom. Schedule an appointment. Visit [unk.edu/dss](http://unk.edu/dss), call **308-865-8214**, or visit in person at MSAB 175.