

UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA at KEARNEY

FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS



#6 BEST VALUE!
REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES - MIDWEST*

#8 TOP PUBLIC!
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*U.S. News & World Report, Sept. 2025



UNK IS NEBRASKA'S MOST AFFORDABLE UNIVERSITY

POWER of the HERD

Unlock Every Dollar!

FAFSA

FAFSA may provide you **GRANTS** (money you don't repay) and **WORK STUDY**. Complete the **FAFSA** at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

NEBRASKA PROMISE

NE residents may have **tuition covered**, up to 15 hours per semester. Visit unk.edu/NP for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply for all scholarships for which you may qualify. Visit unk.edu/scholarships.

2025-26 COSTS

COST DETAILS
unk.edu/cost



UNK-KEARNEY
\$21,438

UNO-OMAHA
\$23,159

UNL-LINCOLN
\$25,300

PRIVATE & OTHER NE UNIVERSITIES
\$56,893 (AVERAGE)



Competitors' costs are based on published prices (at time of printing) using 30 credit hours and comparable meal plans and housing. It does not include indirect costs.

NEBRASKA'S BEST VALUE



“MY SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE HELPED TO MAKE MY EDUCATION MORE **AFFORDABLE**. MOST LIKELY I WILL HAVE **NO DEBT** UPON GRADUATION.

NATE LILLA
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
OMAHA, NE

YOUR EDUCATION should provide lifelong career goals and success, **NOT LIFELONG DEBT.**

\$12,696

average need-based scholarships and/or grants to freshmen; among all undergraduate students it was \$11,160.*

90.3%

of freshmen received scholarships and/or grants*

33.7% LESS

student loan debt among UNK grads than the national average†

\$1 MILLION

more is earned over a lifetime by bachelor degree holders, compared to a high school diploma**

* 2024-25 UNK Common Data Set reporting 2023-24 Financial Aid data

** U.S. Dept. of Labor

† 2022-23 UNK internal data and data reported by College Board for private and public institutions

NEXT STEPS

APPLY EARLY

You're considered for **MERIT** scholarships when you're admitted and provide official transcripts and test scores by **March 1**.

COMPARE NET COSTS

Total Cost - Financial Aid = NET Cost

A cheaper school that offers less financial aid may end up costing you more.

FILE THE FAFSA

To be awarded grants, work study or loans, file the **FAFSA** at **FAFSA.gov**. UNK's code = **002551**.

CONTACT US

Have questions about financial aid? Contact the Financial Aid Office at **finaid1@unk.edu** or call **308-865-8520**.

unk.edu/finaid

TOP SCHOLARSHIPS

See all at unk.edu/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD	DEADLINE
MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS – DEADLINE is MARCH 1, 2026		
Presidential Scholar	Full cost of attendance and \$5,000 stipend, annually for 4 years	
Board of Regents	Full tuition (120 credit hours), campus housing, annually for 4 years	
Chancellor's Scholarship	\$36,000 (\$7,000 tuition, \$2,000 campus housing, annually for 4 years)	
Distinguished Scholar Award	\$24,000 (\$5,000 tuition, \$1,000 campus housing, annually for 4 years)	
Loper Achievement Scholarship	\$16,000 (\$4,000 annually for 4 years)	
Loper Recognition Scholarship	\$8,000 (\$2,000 annually for 4 years)	
Requires admittance to UNK and completion of the Admitted Incoming Freshman Scholarships Application in MyBLUE (or a separate application) by deadline:		
Kearney Law Opportunities (KLOP)	Full tuition up to 120 credit hours	Nov. 15, 2025
Omaha World Herald Scholarship	Full tuition/fees, room/board, books for 8 semesters	Dec. 1, 2025
Kearney Health Opportunities (KHOP)	Full tuition up to 120 credit hours	Dec. 1, 2025
Davis-Chambers Scholarship	\$2,000 to \$4,000 annually for 4 years	Feb. 1, 2026
Nebraska Career Scholarship	up to \$32,000 (up to \$8,000 annually for 4 years)	Mar. 1, 2026
Ron & Carol Cope Scholarship	\$16,000 (\$4,000 annually for 4 years)	Mar. 1, 2026
Buckle Excellence Scholarship	\$6,000 (\$3,000 annually for 2 years)	Mar. 1, 2026
Lahaye Nursing Scholarship	\$10,000 (\$5,000 annually for 2 years)	Mar. 1, 2026
Music Scholarships	Variable awards	Must audition by Mar. 2, 2026

Visit unk.edu/scholarships and see transcript details at go.unk.edu/SendTranscripts