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2026-27 Scholarships & Tuition Waivers

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Nebraska State College System

INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE:

Scholarships & Tuition Waivers at the Nebraska State Colleges

At Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges, we believe in making education both excellent and accessible. This quick reference guide highlights the scholarships and tuition waiver opportunities available to help students achieve their goals without financial barriers. Explore the programs designed to reward your hard work, support your success, and keep your college journey affordable at the State Colleges.

Board of Trustees Scholarship

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP, RENEWABLE FOR 4 YEARS

The Board of Trustees scholarship is a waiver of resident tuition up to eighteen (18) credit hours per semester to a maximum of one hundred twenty-eight (128) hours toward an undergraduate degree. **Limited number available at Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges**

	Chadron State	Peru State	Wayne State
<i>Requirements:</i>	- Nebraska Resident 3.0 GPA to apply - ACT/SAT optional- submission only enhances application - Complete application for admission	- Nebraska Resident 3.0 GPA - ACT/SAT optional – submission only enhances application - Complete application for admission & supplemental scholarship application	- Nebraska Resident 3.0 GPA - ACT/SAT optional – submission only enhances application - Complete application for admission & supplemental scholarship application
<i>Deadline:</i>	January 15 Priority Deadline	January 15 Priority Deadline	January 15

Career Scholarship

\$2,000 - \$15,000 PER YEAR, RENEWABLE UP TO 4 YEARS

The Career Scholarship program offers Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State students to attain their degrees at an affordable cost while also providing career experience through internships and other experiential learning opportunities. Scholarships can cover tuition, fees, room and board expenses. The scholarship is renewable for up to four (4) years for students who remain eligible.

	Chadron State	Peru State	Wayne State
<i>Eligible Programs:</i>	- Business Administration - Communication Arts - Justice Studies - Education - Rangeland Management - ROTC	- Business Administration - Computer Information Systems - Criminal Justice - Education	- Business Administration - Communication Studies - Computer Information Systems - Computer Science - Criminal Justice NEW Elementary Education - Engineering Technology - Industrial Technology - Mass Communication
<i>Requirements:</i>	- ACT 18+ or 3.0 GPA - Selective Majors	- ACT 18+ or 3.0 GPA - Selective Majors	- ACT 18+ or 3.0 GPA - Selective Majors - Utilized for Career Scholars Cooperative Education Program - Determined through Commitment Day
<i>Deadline:</i>	May 1 Priority given to early applicants	December 1 Priority Deadline and reviewed continuously afterwards	May 1 Priority given to early applicants

Cooperating Schools Scholarship

HALF TUITION

Each College is authorized to award waivers to students entering college for the first time from schools providing student teaching facilities, such waivers are to be for one-half of the tuition costs per term for up to eighteen (18) credit hours per term, not to exceed one hundred twenty-eight (128) credit hours toward undergraduate degrees.

	Chadron State	Peru State	Wayne State
<i>Requirements:</i>	- From an eligible high school 3.0+ GPA - Preference given to education majors	- From an eligible high school 2.5 GPA or higher - ACT 14 or higher	- From an eligible high school - Preference given to education majors
<i>Deadline:</i>	February 1	January 15	May 1

Multi-Activity Student Scholarship

TWELVE \$1,000-SCHOLARSHIPS (4 FROM EACH COLLEGE)

Each State College will select one scholarship recipient from each grade level from the eligible Multi-Activity Award recipients who submit a scholarship application. The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to attend Chadron, Peru, or Wayne State Colleges.

	Chadron State	Peru State	Wayne State
Requirements:	- Participate in at least three Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)-sanctioned activities during the academic year. - Be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior		
Deadline:	May 1 Students Apply at: http://www.nscs.edu/multi-activity-scholarship		

Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP)

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

A collaborative educational initiative between the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and the Nebraska State Colleges. It is designed to address the healthcare needs of rural Nebraska by encouraging and financially supporting rural residents to pursue a career in a number of healthcare fields.

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Programs Offered (seats available):	- Dental Hygiene (2) - Dentistry (3) NEW Diagnostic Medical Sonography (2) - Medical Lab Science (3) NEW Medical Nutrition (2) - Medicine (5) - Nursing (5) - Occupational Therapy (2) - Pharmacy (3) - Physical Therapy (2) - Physician Assistant (3) - Public Health - (3) - Radiography (2)	- Dental Hygiene (2) - Dentistry (2) NEW Diagnostic Medical Sonography (2) - Medical Lab Science (3) NEW Medical Nutrition (2) - Nursing (4) - Occupational Therapy (2) - Pharmacy (3) - Physical Therapy (2) - Physician Assistant (3) - Public Health - (3) - Radiography (2)	- Dental Hygiene (2) - Dentistry (3) NEW Diagnostic Medical Sonography (2) - Medical Lab Science (4) NEW Medical Nutrition (2) - Medicine (5) - Nursing (6) - Occupational Therapy (2) - Pharmacy (6) - Physical Therapy (2) - Physician Assistant (3) - Public Health - (3) - Radiography (3)
Requirements:	- Must be from rural Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha, and select suburbs excluded) - Students with a rural home address (excluding the communities listed) OR that attend a rural high school. - Select number of seats per program		
Deadline:	December 1		

Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP)

FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

A collaborative educational initiative between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Nebraska State Colleges. The RLOP program recruits and educates students with a connection to rural Nebraska to become lawyers who will return to rural communities and practice law.

	Chadron State	Peru State	Wayne State
Requirements:	- Must have a connection to rural Nebraska - Legal Studies major or major + Legal Studies minor 10 seats offered annually	- Must have a connection to rural Nebraska - Any major at PSC + Legal Studies minor 3 seats offered annually	- Must have a connection to rural Nebraska - Any major at WSC + Pre-Law minor 10 seats offered annually
Deadline:	November 15		

Corrections Leadership Scholarship

\$12,500 PER ACADEMIC YEAR, RENEWABLE UP TO 4 YEARS

Provides 15 scholarships to Peru State Criminal Justice students who are completing a degree while working at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution (TSCI) during the school year and summer. The goal of the program is to develop students to become leaders as employees in the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

	Peru State Exclusive
Requirements:	- Complete interview with College and TSCI staff. - Students must maintain full-time enrollment status, continue enrollment in the Criminal Justice program, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and be eligible for continued employment at TSCI.
Deadline:	January 15 Priority Deadline and reviewed continuously afterwards

General Scholarship Deadlines

AMOUNTS VARY

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<i>Deadlines:</i>	January 15 <i>Priority deadline</i> No cut-off deadlines <i>First come first serve</i>	January 15 <i>Priority deadline</i> No cut-off deadlines <i>First come first serve</i>	Guaranteed Automatic Admissions-based Scholarships May 1 <i>Final Deadline</i> Supplemental Scholarships December 1 <i>Priority deadline</i> May 1 <i>Final Deadline</i>
<i>Awarding:</i>	Rolling awards once awarding begins Offer sent in the postal mail	Rolling awards once awarding begins	December 15 <i>Awarding begins</i> Rolling awards once awarding begins Offer sent in the postal mail

State College Tuition Guarantee

NEED-BASED, RENEWABLE FOR 4 YEARS

The NSCS Guarantee promises that on-campus, first-time freshmen and transfer students who receive federal Pell Grants or whose annual family adjusted gross income as reported on the FAFSA is \$70,000 or less will pay no tuition at Chadron, Peru, or Wayne State College. Eligible undergraduate students will receive a combination of federal grants, state or private grants, college tuition scholarships, or College Foundation scholarships to fill any tuition gap left after the Pell Grant.

	Chadron State	Peru State	Wayne State
<i>Requirements:</i>	- First-time freshman or an incoming transfer student - Admitted to Chadron State, Peru State, or Wayne State - Pell Grant Eligible or annual family adjusted gross income \$70,000 or less, as determined by the FAFSA - Enroll in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester, including one or more on-campus classes		
<i>Deadline:</i>	Complete the FAFSA by April 1 to receive priority consideration		

First Responder Education Waiver (Dependent Requirements Only)

FULL TUITION, REAPPLY ANNUALLY

Is available to eligible law enforcement officer, professional firefighter, correctional officer, or youth detention officer, and their dependents pursuant to the terms of the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act. Please refer to [Nebraska Revised Statute 85-2610](#) for a complete list and definitions.

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<i>Requirements:</i>	- Complete the FAFSA - Complete First Responder Tuition Waiver Application and Verification Form (found on College's website) - Complete documentation from the Department of Revenue indicating all requirements of proof of employment and residence in Nebraska have been satisfied - Reside within Nebraska for a period of five (5) years following the use of the tuition waiver		
<i>Deadline:</i>	Complete before classes begin		



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