

Senior Parent Scholarship Night

September 2020

START

Register for the ACT
www.actstudent.org.
Send scores directly
to colleges, NCAA,
NAIA

Schedule a college
visit. No school on
Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Nov.
13. One visit per
semester is excused-
Call office.

Apply to Colleges! Don't
use school email, keep
passwords and usernames
safe. Check email
regularly. Application for
many is also scholarship
application.

Request final transcripts.
From NW- fill out college
destination on check out
sheet and we will mail.

From CCC

<http://www.cccneb.edu/Transcript-Request/>

College Application Process

Northwest Counseling Office

Web Page- <http://northwestcounseling.weebly.com/>

Counselors-
Andrew Manhart (A-K)
Lori Merritt (L-Z)

To request transcripts
send email to Brenda
Dunn, registrar,
bdunn@ginorthwest.org

Housing
Application-Complete
housing forms and
pay deposits. Accept
Scholarships &
Financial Aid
Packages.

Apply for scholarships.
[http://northwestcounseling
.weebly.com/](http://northwestcounseling.weebly.com/)

Complete the
FAFSA form. After
Oct. 1, 2020
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Watch Financial Aid
Workshop online.
[https://www.educationquest.
org/resources/fafsa-tools/](https://www.educationquest.org/resources/fafsa-tools/)

ACT & ASVAB test

- ACT is for 2 & 4 year colleges
 - Sign up online at <http://www.actstudent.org>
 - Make sure and enter the colleges you want to receive your scores
 - Last test that will be used for scholarship purposes is the December test- UNK, UNL February
 - \$55 - Fee waiver available for free and reduced lunch students
 - Many schools going to ACT optional
- ASVAB is Oct. 30, 2020 (military placement exam)

Find out more about the colleges!

- College reps visit the school throughout the school year, get a pass the day before in our office
- College Visits-Arrange to see the campus. Call the school or go online and schedule a visit. Have a parent/guardian call and excuse you for the day. One visit per semester is excused.
- If you are considering a 4 year college but cost is an issue maybe look at starting at a 2 year and then transferring.
- Virtual College Fair September 27-30
 - Register to participate www.eqf.org/collegefair

Apply to College!

- UNL, UNO, UNK have a fee (pay once but you can apply to all 3)- (fee waiver available for free and reduced lunch)
- University of NE- all 3 have option to share with each other
- Most other schools are free to apply
- Apply to as many as you want, you can decline later if needed.
- Try to have all applications in before Christmas.
- Use personal email- do not use school email
 - create folders to keep track of info

Financial Aid

4 types of financial aid

- Scholarships – free money you have to apply for
- Grants – free money based on your income, determined by the FAFSA
- Loans – different types of loans, determined by the FAFSA
- Work Study – campus job based on your income, determined by the FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid - FAFSA

- FAFSA determines grants, loans & work study

FAFSA can be completed after Oct. 1, 2020
Use 2019 Income Tax Forms

Financial Aid Help

EducationQuest - Kearney

www.educationquest.org/resources/fafsa-tools/

1-800-666-3721

www.educationquest.org/

FREE HELP!!!

Scholarships

DON'T pay for this service

- Local and State Scholarships
 - EducationQuest.org
 - Counseling Office Website
- National Scholarship Searches
 - College Board Scholar Snapp
 - FastWeb Going Merry
 - Peterson's Chegg
 - Scholaship America SuperCollege.com

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Your application for admission is also your general scholarship application. Check with the colleges for scholarships that require a separate application. The applications can be based on talents, GPAs, class ranks and test scores.
- The last ACT for scholarship purposes is usually December or February. Check with individual college.

FREE TUITION- Need based

- **Nebraska Promise Program**

- Attend UNL, UNO, or UNK

- \$60,000 or less AGI, or be PELL grant eligible (or close) and a NE resident

- Apply and Complete FAFSA by April 1st

Scholarships

Scholarship page found on NW
Counseling office website.

[https://
northwestcounseling.weebly.com/](https://northwestcounseling.weebly.com/)

SCHOLARSHIPS TO WATCH FOR---

Susan Thompson Buffet Scholarship- Based on financial need. Provides scholarship for tuition and fees up to \$5000 per semester, and a textbook allowance of \$500 per semester for freshmen attending Nebraska public universities, colleges, or community colleges. EFC \$10,000

Warren & Velda Wilson Scholarship- Northwest HS student who lives in Hall or Hamilton County. \$1250 award. 12 awarded last year.

Grand Island Community Foundation- Many scholarships for all different types of careers. Online application.

Grand Island Public Schools Foundation- Many scholarships for all different types of careers. Online application.

NW Scholarship Process

- Student must complete all of the requirements for that scholarship and return it on time to designated location.
- The Counselor's Office does NOT select the scholarship recipients; we only handle the paperwork part of the process.
- Bring in copy of award letter for Honor's Program at end of the year

Scholarship Recommendation Letters

- Many scholarships require letters of recommendation. In order to help our students, we recommend that each senior complete a “REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER.” Please feel free to copy the sheet so that your son/daughter only has to complete it once. This is also on our Northwest website. This does NOT have to be typed! If the student has a resume that would also work.
- The student then gives this form to the recommender. It contains information helpful for the person completing the letter. It also indicates what the person should do with the letter when it is complete.

- Please give the recommender AT LEAST TWO WEEKS notice in advance of the deadline and check back with him/her to make sure the letter has been completed.
- Hint- Use the same teacher for your scholarships. Ask them to save the letter for future use.
- All Recommendation letters should be original. Do not copy recommendation letters.

Other Scholarship Ideas

- Churches
- Community organizations – Platt-Duetsche
- Employee programs – Mom/Dad, New Holland
- Employer programs – Amigo's, HyVee, SuperSaver
- Specific departments in colleges – ask as you are going on college visits

Questions?