



NEBRASKA'S
COORDINATING COMMISSION
FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

State Update

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NOG/ACE/GAP 2022-23 Year-end Reports

- ▶ Emailed to the listserv in December
- ▶ <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/reports>

2024-25 Tentative Funding

- ▶ **NOG**
 - ▶ General Funds - \$7,745,430 (level funding)
 - ▶ Lottery Funds - \$16,354,872 (level funding)
- ▶ **ACE**
 - ▶ General Funds - \$1,500,000 (level funding)
- ▶ **Career-Readiness & Dual-Credit Enrollment Grant**
 - ▶ Lottery Funds - up to \$250,000
- ▶ **Excellence in Teaching Loan Forgiveness**
 - ▶ Lottery Funds - up to \$400,000 for AETP
 - ▶ Lottery Funds - up to \$800,000 for EETP
 - ▶ Lottery Funds - up to \$500,000 for Student Teachers (pending legislation)
- ▶ **Door to College Scholarship**
 - ▶ Lottery Funds - \$234,702

2024-25 NOG

- ▶ **Maximums:**
 - ▶ Grant - \$5,019
 - ▶ SAI - TBD
- ▶ Application sent out mid June (pending final FFY24 budget)
 - ▶ Due June 28
- ▶ Allocations sent out week of July 8
- ▶ **Reminder** - submit FY23 financial audit and compliance report
 - ▶ Required to participate in NOG

State Legislation

- ▶ **LB285 - School Community Eligibility Provision Maximization**
 - ▶ Mandates schools that have 50% or more of students participating in F/R to participate in Community Eligibility Provision
 - ▶ NDE may grant waiver to participate
 - ▶ Affect how students apply for ACE Scholarship
 - ▶ On Select File

State Legislation

- ▶ LB1329 - Nebraska Career Scholarships (advanced to Select)
 - ▶ Education Committee Priority Bill
 - ▶ Defines first-time freshman & transfer students
 - ▶ Clarifies Dual-Enrollment and Early-Admit eligibility
 - ▶ Makes changes to year-end report information
 - ▶ Moves administration of Community College & Privates from DED to CCPE
 - ▶ Increases maximum award for CC students from \$5K to \$15K
 - ▶ Adds high school gpa minimum (3.0) to private college applicants
 - ▶ Adds ROTC at state colleges as an eligible program of study
 - ▶ Adds Education & Engineering at privates as eligible programs
 - ▶ (Included in LB964 - would make Special Ed an eligible program for Career Scholarships)

State Legislation

- ▶ LB1083 - Nebraska Career Scholarships
 - ▶ Adds Early Childhood as a shortage area at CCs
 - ▶ Adds Education and Engineering as shortage areas for Private Non-Profits (included in LB1329)
 - ▶ Increase funding to \$8M for both
- ▶ LB1270 - Door to College Scholarship
 - ▶ Placed on Consent Calendar & advanced to Select
 - ▶ Public & Private institutions; must complete application to participate
 - ▶ Applicant must have been placed at YRTC and earned a high school diploma
 - ▶ Institutions shall receive & process applications and recommend recipients to Commission
 - ▶ DHHS shall verify student's placement at a YRTC
 - ▶ Applies to COA
 - ▶ Institutions shall not reduce institutional scholarships, grants, tuition or fee waivers of recipients

State Legislation

- ▶ LB1005 - Excellence in Teaching (AETP)
 - ▶ Amended into LB1284 (Senator priority bill)
 - ▶ Allow student teachers to apply for \$3,000 forgivable loan
 - ▶ In addition to \$3,000 AETP
- ▶ LB1160 - Excellence in Teaching (AETP)
 - ▶ Increases loan amount from \$3,000 to \$6,000
 - ▶ Maximum three years (reduced from five years)
 - ▶ Previous recipients still allowed five years
 - ▶ Increases forgiveness amounts based on certain criteria
- ▶ Qualifying students must receive full amount of forgivable loan
- ▶ CCPE assumes administrative responsibilities of Excellence in Teaching July 1
 - ▶ Kelcy Sass moving from NDE to CCPE

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB964 - Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan
 - ▶ Amended into LB1284 (Senator priority bill)
 - ▶ Enrolled at a not-for-profit institution
 - ▶ Up to 25 loans per institution
 - ▶ Initial certification in Special Ed
 - ▶ Covers remaining tuition after federal and state grants and scholarships
 - ▶ 20% forgiven each year of teaching in NE
 - ▶ Would make Special Ed as an eligible program for Career Scholarships
 - ▶ Administered by NDE

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB1238 - Special Educators of Tomorrow
 - ▶ Amended into LB1284
 - ▶ Enrolled at a not-for-profit institution
 - ▶ Person who provides care for individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities
 - ▶ Enrolls in Special Education program
 - ▶ Scholarship - up to \$2,500 for up to two years
 - ▶ Enroll to pursue a teaching career in Special Education
 - ▶ Loan - up to \$4,000 for up to three consecutive years
 - ▶ Complete Special Education program & a related major & commit to teach in NE
 - ▶ Administered by CCPE

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB1032 - First Responder Recruitment & Retention
 - ▶ Adds Games & Parks conservation officers
 - ▶ Placed on General File
- ▶ LB1093 First Responder Recruitment & Retention
 - ▶ Law enforcement officer includes an investigator holding a limited certificate
 - ▶ Fire fighters at federal or state military installations
 - ▶ Prior to Dec 31 institutions provide the Dept of Revenue a list of legal dependents who received waiver
 - ▶ Requires Dept of Revenue to provide institutions list of recipients who failed to file a tax return

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB1338 - Good Life Promise Scholarship
 - ▶ Used for tuition & mandatory fees minus state or federal aid (privates limited to UNL's tuition/fees)
 - ▶ All NE accredited public & private institutions that award associates or bachelor's degrees
 - ▶ 7th or 8th grade students apply
 - ▶ NE resident
 - ▶ Participate in free/reduced; or placed by court order, child placing agency, or DHHS in a foster home, home of a relative, or residential child-caring agency
 - ▶ Agree to graduate from high school with minimum 2.5 GPA
 - ▶ Not illegally use controlled substances
 - ▶ Not drive under the influence

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB1338 - Good Life Promise Scholarship (cont.)
 - ▶ Recipients during first & third year of college must meet with employer or labor organization about career opportunities
 - ▶ Renewable up to three additional years
 - ▶ Proposed funding of \$20M

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB1388 - Excellence in Education Scholarship
 - ▶ Univ of NE or NE State College campuses
 - ▶ Eligible student must have minimum 33 on ACT test
 - ▶ Applies to full COA
 - ▶ Must endow funds from private or nonstate
 - ▶ Maximum matching funds:
 - ▶ \$5M for students with a 36
 - ▶ \$15M for students with a 35
 - ▶ \$32M for students with a 34
 - ▶ \$48M for students with a 33
 - ▶ Potential funding: \$20M first year; \$80M second year

2024 State Legislation - cont.

- ▶ LB1388 (cont.) - Community College Promise
 - ▶ Waives 100% of tuition minus state & federal grants
 - ▶ Eligible students has family incomes < \$65,000 as determined on FAFSA
 - ▶ Ineligible students may appeal to CCPE
- ▶ LB1240 - Testifying in front of Legislature
 - ▶ No state official or state employee of any state agency, except an employee of the Legislative Council, shall testify at a public hearing before the Legislature on any issue in any capacity other than neutral unless such official or employee is on unpaid or vacation leave from state employment for the duration of such official's or employee's attendance at such public hearing.

Career-Readiness & Dual-Education Grant

- ▶ Administered by CCPE
- ▶ Eligibility
 - ▶ Current high school teacher taking graduate work not leading to a graduate degree with the intent of teaching dual-enrollment course(s)
 - ▶ Current high school teacher taking undergraduate or graduate work not leading to a degree to qualify for a career education endorsement
 - ▶ Current postsecondary faculty seeking a teaching permit from NDE
 - ▶ Must be enrolled in approved coursework at public or private non-profits

Career-Readiness & Dual-Education Grant - cont.

- ▶ Awards
 - ▶ Limited to tuition & mandatory fees for up to three courses per year (maximum of 18 hours per pathway); or
 - ▶ Costs of up to three test prep & certification examinations per year
 - ▶ Maximum of what UNL charges for graduate coursework
- ▶ Applications available in May; deadline June 15
- ▶ Recipients determined by July 15
- ▶ Recipients must submit tuition statement by Aug 15

Career-Readiness & Dual-Education Grant - cont.

- ▶ Payments made to institutions by Sept. 15 for fall, January 30 for spring, May 15 for summer
- ▶ Institution will need to notify Commission should a student fail to enroll or withdraw
 - ▶ Funds may need to be returned
- ▶ Participating institutions must determine contact person

State Update

► Questions?