

Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship

Qualified high school students taking college coursework while still in high school are eligible to apply for an Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship. The scholarship is funded by the State of Nebraska and is administered by Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). Information on the CCPE can be found at <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/>, and information on the scholarship, including eligibility guidelines, can be found under the Financial Aid section of the CCPE website. **Students are no longer eligible to apply for this scholarship once they graduate from high school.**

Scholarships are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis and may be limited based on available funding. So, students are encouraged to apply early. *For the 2024-25 school year there will be no limits to the number of courses that may be awarded to a student.*

The scholarship will pay the tuition and mandatory fees of the course. Any other costs such as matriculation fee, specific course fees, books or other supplies, background checks, etc., will need to be paid by the student.

To apply for the scholarship students should go to <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/CCPE-ACE/Account/Login>. (If you have received an ACE Scholarship in the past, start with step 3.)

1. Click on Register Here under New Users
2. Start your registration by creating your own username and password and answer all additional questions.
 - a. Do not include the @ sign in your username.
 - b. Name should be your legal name as it appears on your Social Security card.
 - c. The email you provide here can be used to reset your password if you forget it. If you wish to use your school email address, make sure your school allows for the receipt of email from outside entities. If not, or if you are not sure, you should use a Yahoo!, Gmail, or other email address. **Double check your email address...incorrect email addresses will cause your application to be rejected.**
3. Login using the username and password you created during the registration process.
 - a. If this is your first-time logging in, you will need to complete registration.
 - i. Social Security number is required to apply for this scholarship and must include dashes.
 - ii. Name should be your legal name as it appears on your Social Security card.
 - b. The email addresses you provide here will be used to keep you updated on the status of your application. If you wish to use your school email address, make sure your school allows for the receipt of email from outside entities. If not, or if you are not sure, you should use a Yahoo!, Gmail, or other email address. **Double check your email address...incorrect email addresses will cause your application to be rejected.**
 - c. If you have forgotten your username, do not create a new account. Contact Ritchie.Morrow@Nebraska.gov for this information. Provide the student's name and high school in the request.
 - d. If you have forgotten your password, use the Reset Password option on the login screen.
4. Once logged in, especially if this is your first time, review the information on the Home Page.
5. To complete and submit an application click on Review Applications. (If you have an application in DRAFT status in the Unsubmitted Applications box please delete that application prior to creating a new one.) You will also go to this section to check on the status of an application.
6. Once submitted monitor your email account for updates on your application. To help assure emails go to your in-box and not spam you should add the e-mail address Ritchie.Morrow@Nebraska.gov to your contacts.

Please note the following:

1. Information on the application, such as name, date of birth, Social Security number, etc., must match what is provided to the college. An application will be denied if this information does not match.
2. As per state law you must be a US Citizen or documented non-citizen to be eligible to apply for the scholarship.
 - a. Documented non-citizens will be required to provide a copy of the front and back of their USCIS documentation.
 - b. Other students, such as those with DACA status, are not eligible for the scholarship.
3. If you are taking multiple classes in the same term at the same college only one application is needed. If you are taking multiple classes at different colleges an application for each college is needed.