Scholarship List October 12, 2023

Nebraska Softball Foundation (NSF) Scholarship

This scholarship was created to award funds to Nebraska ASA members who desire to continue their education. The number and value of scholarships awarded each year will be determined by the NSF Scholarship Committee. Criteria include: scholarship must be used in a post-secondary or 4-year institution; must be a member of the USA Softball of Nebraska; minimum 3.0 GPA; official high school transcript; resume; three letters of recommendation; short essay indicating the reasons why you feel you should be considered for this scholarship. Application and further details are available here. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2023.

Pat Schartz Memorial Scholarship

Pat Schartz was a long-time sports official for softball, baseball, and football. This \$1,000 scholarship (administered by the Nebraska Softball Scholarship Program) is offered to anyone who is a registered official or a family member of a registered official. Requirements are the same as the NSF Scholarship (above). Application and further details are available here. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2023.

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship

The National Elks Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$7,500 per year to the highest rated applicants in the 2023 competition. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors pursuing a four-year degree. Applications will be judged on leadership, academic achievements and records, community involvement, and financial need. Application and more information are available here. Applications will be accepted until November 13, 2023.

Kearney Law Opportunities Program Scholarship

Kearney Law Opportunities Program (KLOP) is a collaborative partnership between the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska College of Law designed to recruit students from rural areas and train them to become lawyers that will return and practice law in their communities. Applicants must be a rural Nebraska resident who must have already applied and been admitted to UNK. Additional requirements include 3.50 or higher grade point average and a preferred ACT score or 27 or higher. Students selected for the KLOP will receive a full-tuition scholarship to UNK for up to 120 credit hours and guaranteed acceptance into Nebraska College of Law at UNL. For more information and application, click here. Application deadline is November 15, 2023.

Chadron State College RLOP

Chadron State College Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP) is a collaboration with the UNL College of Law, the Nebraska Bar Association and Chadron State College. Some of the benefits of the RLOP Program include a four-year full tuition waiver, provisional acceptance to the UNL College of Law, opportunities to participate in UNL College of Law programming, free LSAT prep course, and assistance finding internship sites. The expectation is that each graduate will return to rural Nebraska to practice law. To apply for RLOP, you must first apply to Chadron State College, then complete the RLOP application (found here), and demonstrate strong academic potential as evidenced by GPA, ACT/SAT scores, letters of recommendation, and the interview. Application deadline is November 15, 2023.

Hagen Scholarship

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship designed to help rural students graduate college debt-free. The Hagen Scholarship is intended for high achieving students who will require financial assistance in order to attend college. Each scholarship is renewable and worth up to \$7,500 per semester for eight semesters. Eligibility requirements: applicants must have a minimum 3.50 GPA; must be able to authenticate financial need and be employed a minimum of 240 hours in the twelve months prior to the start of college; must not have been convicted of a felony. Application and more information may be found here. Application deadline is December 1, 2023.

Wayne State College Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP)

Wayne State College has an RHOP agreement with the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in the areas of Medical Laboratory Science, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant and Radiography. They are looking for well-rounded, caring students who are committed to practicing their health profession in the rural areas of Nebraska. Participants of the program receive full tuition at WSC, guaranteed admission at UNMC, early registration privileges, and special opportunities to visit UNMC during their education at WSC. Students must be accepted at WSC in order to apply. The application is available here. Application deadline is December 1, 2023. Interviews will be conducted in January, 2024.

Wayne State College Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP)

RLOP is a partnership between WSC and the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) College of Law. If selected to participate, students will receive full tuition at WSC and guaranteed admission at UNL College of Law (if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and earns an LSAT score of at least 154). Students can choose any major at WSC and will participate in many activities geared toward preparing them for law school. Students must be accepted at WSC in order to apply. Applications are available here. Application deadline is December 1, 2023.

Smith Diversity Scholarship

Lutheran Family Services is excited to offer up to four \$25,000 annual scholarships (renewable for four years) to graduating seniors from low-income, minority families who are Nebraska residents. Scholarship recipients are not obligated to attend institutions in the state of Nebraska. Trade school attendees are also encouraged to apply and will receive \$12,500 per year (renewable for two years). Students must maintain a 3.4 GPA or higher to renew their scholarship each year. For more information and to apply, click here. Application deadline is January 28, 2024.

UNO Goodrich Scholarship Program

The Goodrich Scholarship Program offers financial aid in the form of tuition (maximum of 135 credit hours or until graduation) and general fees to students who attend classes on the UNO campus only. Goodrich's specialized freshman/sophomore curriculum is part of UNO's general education requirements. Scholarship requirements include the Scholarship Information Form, UNO Admission Application, Official Reference Forms, FAFSA, unofficial transcripts, and ACT scores. Eligible applicants will then be invited for an on-campus interview and asked to write a personal essay. The application is available here. All requirements are due February 1, 2024.

Peter Kiewit Foundation Engineering Academy Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is for incoming freshman students with financial need who want to pursue a degree at the UNL College of Engineering and are committed to the advancement of women in engineering in the state of Nebraska. The program includes a renewable full-ride scholarship (tuition and fees), room and board, equipment (laptop and software), program expenses, and a fully staffed learning community environment with exclusive seminar courses, success coaching, industry professional mentors, service and outreach projects, and support of a faculty fellowship network. Application and requirements can be found here. Application deadline is February 5, 2024.

Nebraska School Counselor Association Scholarship

The Nebraska School Counselor Association (NSCA) will offer three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to attend college next fall. Students must complete the application and a 500-word essay describing how their school counselor or school counseling program has made a difference in their academic, career/post-secondary and/or social-emotional development. A GPA of 2.50 or better is required. The application and additional information can be found here. Application deadline is February 15, 2024.