

May 29, 2026



# The Ninety-Three

**Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2026  
NACO Scholarship!**

*Congratulations*  
**TO THE WINNERS**



Taylor Bright  
Banner



Alayna Gerdes  
Nemaha



Kotner Koch  
Cedar



Aiva Koenigsberg  
Garfield



Kynzee McConaughy  
Cherry



Carson McLaughlin  
Thayer



Brady Myers  
Merrick



Ameila Nelson  
Washington



Madeline Pearson  
Burt



Drake Power  
Buffalo



Whitley Rasmussen  
Thomas



Danica Watts  
Polk



Elizabeth Robertson  
Madison

**RONDA DIX MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

# Joint Public Hearing Refresher Webinar

Join us on **July 24 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time** for a refresher webinar reviewing new legislation, preparing the pink postcard, and conducting the joint public hearing.

Candace Meredith will follow up with County Clerks in the next couple of weeks regarding printer designation and estimated postcard costs for counties interested in working through NACO.

[Register Here](#)

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## USDA Announces \$44 million in Rural Broadband Connectivity Grant Opportunities for FY 2026

On May 13, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) available grant funding under the Community Connect Grant Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. Earlier this month, USDA also released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program for FY 2026. In total, \$44 million is available in financial assistance between these two programs.

Together, both programs provide opportunities to help rural communities expand broadband access, strengthen telehealth services, and improve educational opportunities across rural America. Eligible applicants for grant funding include counties, internet service providers, and other eligible entities.

Visit [NACo's website](#) to learn more about these funding opportunities.

[NACo: USDA Grant Opportunities](#)

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## From NACo - Bridging the Gap for Surface Transportation: Why Counties Need a Stronger Federal Investment Partnership

America's surface transportation system connects our communities and powers the national economy, yet its roads face a \$684 billion funding gap over the next decade. Counties own and maintain 44% of public roads and 38% of bridges, infrastructure essential not only for daily travel but also for economic competitiveness, national security and quality of life. As supply chains grow more complex and freight movement increases, our roads are carrying more traffic and heavier loads than ever before. Yet as demands grow and construction costs

skyrocket, this locally owned infrastructure is deteriorating rapidly. Check out NACo's full Transportation Reauthorization brief by clicking the button below.

[NACo Transportation Reauthorization](#)

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## **AFAN Scholarship for North American Manure Expo Available to County Officials**

# Scholarship FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

**2026 NORTH AMERICAN MANURE EXPO**  
**JULY 28-30 WAYNE, NEBRASKA**

**AFAN WILL COVER REGISTRATION COST IN FULL!**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- LIVE MANURE APPLICATION DEMONSTRATIONS
- ON-FARM TOURS OF MODERN LIVESTOCK FARMS
- GAIN REAL-WORLD CONTEXT ON ODOR, DUST, AND FLY CONCERNS
- SEE FIRSTHAND HOW MANURE IS RESPONSIBLY MANAGED
- REAL-WORLD INSIGHT TO INFORM PRACTICAL POLICY DECISIONS

## APPLY NOW!

If interested in attending,  
please email Mindy at  
[mindyr@a-fan.org](mailto:mindyr@a-fan.org)

*limited scholarship available, so apply TODAY!*



**Email Mindy - [mindyr@a-fan.org](mailto:mindyr@a-fan.org)**

# Eakes Office Solutions 2026 County Envelope Sale Open Until June 30th

Eakes Office Solutions is running a sale on custom-printed business envelopes. Prices listed below are good through June 30, 2026.

Fill out an order form [here!](#)

# SAVE

## Custom-Printed Business Envelopes

Prices good through June 30, 2026

Prices for 1 color imprint—Black		Sale Price per Box of 500			
Item #	Description	2 Boxes	5 boxes	10 Boxes	20 Boxes
10REG1COL	#10 Plain	\$43.99	\$39.99	\$35.99	\$32.99
10REG1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Plain	\$55.99	\$50.99	\$46.99	\$44.99
10WIN1COL	#10 Window	\$48.99	\$44.99	\$40.99	\$38.99
10WIN1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Window	\$61.99	\$57.99	\$54.99	\$50.99
10TINT1COL	#10 Security Tint	\$47.99	\$43.99	\$40.99	\$38.99
10TINT1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Security Tint	\$65.99	\$61.99	\$57.99	\$55.99
10WTINT1COL	#10 Window & Security Tint	\$52.99	\$48.99	\$44.99	\$41.99
10WTINT1COLSS	#10 Self-Seal Window & Tint	\$72.99	\$69.99	\$65.99	\$62.99
9REG1COL	#9 Plain	\$42.99	\$39.99	\$36.99	\$33.99

  

Item #	Quantity	Ink Color	Set-Up
		<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Left Justified <small>ABC Company 123 South Street City, State 68888-0001</small>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Centered <small>ABC Company 23 South Street City, State 68888-0001</small>
<p>Logo—Please provide art in electronic format at minimum 300 dpi, 600 dpi preferred. A \$25 set-up charge may be applied if imprint needs clean-up.</p>		<p>Clearly write or type exactly what you want printed on each line:</p>	

Eakes Order Form

Strengthen Your Community Impact Through

# Early Childhood Leadership

The application window is open for the 2025–26 Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Leadership Academy. This program equips local leaders, including county officials and community partners, with the tools to engage in public policy discussions affecting child care access, workforce participation, and community well-being. Join a statewide network working to strengthen Nebraska communities. Meals, mileage, and lodging expenses are reimbursed. Applications close June 12. Learn more at <https://firstfivenebraska.org/advocacy/pla/>.

## LEADERS WANTED

Join Nebraska's premier  
early childhood policy  
leadership initiative.



Nebraska Early Childhood  
Policy Leadership Academy

**Apply online now!**  
[FirstFiveNebraska.org](https://FirstFiveNebraska.org)

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**Registration Open for Thriving Children, Families,  
and Communities Conference**

Registration is now open for the Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference!  
Big conversations. Even bigger ideas. Join hundreds of people working for Nebraska's future.

This conference brings together people from across Nebraska who know that thriving communities don't happen by accident. They happen when educators, child care providers, business leaders, health professionals, advocates, nonprofits, and local champions come together to focus on Nebraska's most pressing early childhood challenges.

This year will feature inspiring speakers, practical breakout sessions, real stories from Nebraska communities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with others doing meaningful work in early childhood across the state.

**Here's what to know:**

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026  
Younes Conference Center North  
Kearney, Nebraska

Even better? It's free to attend.

Visit the [conference website to register](#).

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## 2026 NACO Business Members

Support provided by our generous business members helps NACO expand our educational programming for Nebraska county officials. Business members enjoy a number of benefits, including features on our website and social media pages. We also offer our business members discounts on sponsorships and 15% off the cost of booking our NACO West Training Center in Ogallala.

2026 business memberships are still open. Click the button below to learn more.

[2026 Business Memberships](#)

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## ELITE MEMBERS



## PREMIUM MEMBERS



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