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2025 NACO Scholarship Application Available Now

The NACO scholarship application is available now. The scholarship program is open to graduating seniors whose parent, step-parent, or grandparent is a current county official or employee. To be considered, students must complete the required application form, submit a seven-semester transcript from an accredited Nebraska high school and prepare a written essay on the importance of county government.

Scholarship recipients must plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution within the state of Nebraska and may use the scholarship for any costs associated with their continuing education.

Application deadline: March 15, 2025

[Click Here for the Application and More Info](#)

2025 County Chair Workshop

This workshop is for County Board Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Friday, February 14, 2025 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Younes Conference Center North - Crowne Plaza

707 Talmadge St, Kearney, NE 68845

Deadline to pre-register: February 7, 2025 by 5:00 PM

Registration fee: \$0

Walk-in registrants welcome after deadline.

[Register Here](#)

[Agenda](#)

2025 County Board Handbook Order Form

The 2025 County Board Handbook is available for \$80.00. Please fill out the form linked below if you would like to order a County Board Handbook.

[Order Form](#)

Cyber Security Key Point January: Artificial Intelligence

CYBER SECURITY KEYPOINTS

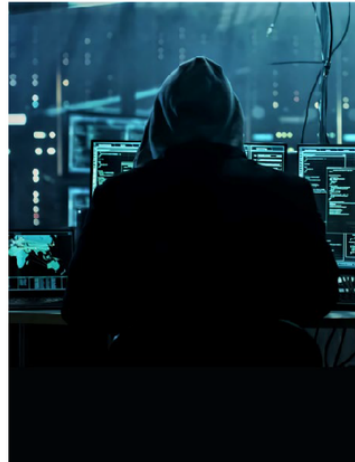
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What to Know About ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI is lauded for enhancing efficiency, customer service, cost savings, threat detection, fraud detection, risk assessment, investment management, regulatory compliance, etc. However, it's important to be conscientious of best practices.



Understand Privacy Settings

On AI platforms, take the time to review what data is collected and how it's used. Then adjust privacy settings to your comfort level.

Don't Overshare

Keep in mind that what you share could be stored or used to improve AI responses, so never enter personal, proprietary, or sensitive information. However, paid AI services generally offer better data privacy than free services, so do your homework on how user data is collected, stored, and used with every option.



Distinguish the Official from the Artificial

At present, certain markers and indicators can help us recognize AI-generated content (whether that be text/email, audio, video, etc.), but as it continually advances, it may become more difficult to distinguish AI from reality. That means phishing emails, calls, and other scams could become harder and harder to spot. Stay aware and think critically.

Think Critically

Remember that these systems can make mistakes. AI can provide accurate information, but don't blindly trust. Fact-check, cross-reference with credible sources, and engage your mind before accepting AI-generated outputs as fact.

Stay Informed

Stay abreast of the latest advancements and developments in AI in order to better understand its capabilities, limitations, and potential risks. This will empower you to make informed and responsible choices.

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[Download the Flyer Here](#)

Stay Informed with NACO's Legislative Resources

As the legislative session gets underway, NACO is here to help county officials stay informed and engaged. Subscribe to the Legislative Newsletter for weekly updates delivered to you inbox and access the Legislative Report on our YouTube channel for the latest legislative information.

Need more information? Visit the Nebraska Legislature's webpage to find details on specific bills, and watch live streams of Unicameral debates and hearings on Nebraska Public Media.

Legislative Newsletter

NACO YouTube Channel

Nebraska Legislature

Nebraska Public Media



Kick Off 2025 with NACO West!

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2025, we're thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead. The doors to NACO West are open, and our team is dedicated to handling all the details for your meetings, allowing you to focus on sharing ideas and building connections. Whether you need to host an affiliate meeting, educational workshop, training event, or board meeting, NACO West is here to meet your needs. While virtual meetings offer convenience, there's nothing quite like the energy of in-person interactions! Let's make 2025 a year full of new ideas, partnerships, and opportunities.

Click the button below to discover how we can make your meeting a success.

Click Here!

Seeing is believing - stop by and see how we will elevate your next event. We can't wait to see you!

Savi Available to NACO Benefit Services Groups



Looking for support navigating your student loans?

As a Nebraska County employee, you and your family now have access to Savi - a straightforward financial wellness benefit to keep your student loans on track.*

Create your free account at nacobenefits.bysavi.com to see if you qualify for a lower monthly payment or student loan forgiveness

*To receive your coupon code for Savi Essential (typically \$70), please email candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org. Coupon codes are available exclusively to Nebraska County employees.

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2026 Office of Violence Prevention Grant

The **Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice** is pleased to announce the availability of the **2026 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]**. The Request for Application [RFA] outlines general guidelines, eligibility, funding requirements, and application instructions. You are encouraged to distribute and post this announcement. Please read the RFA thoroughly to ensure all requirements are met in the application.

The attached documents are also located at the following website:

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

2026 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION: \$616,160.00

All applicants applying for the **2026 Office of Violence Prevention [OVP]** shall submit an application using the below link through Amplifund.

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/f8092924-bfc1-4c83-b86e-a246bb535653>

Applications are accepted electronically by completing the application and submitting all required documents to AmpliFund's online application system (see applicable announcement for more information and instructions; announcements are attached and accessible in AmpliFund; announcements will be on the NCC website by the end of the next business day)

For assistance or questions regarding the SFY 2026 OVP please contact Chris Carlile, Director of Justice Programs at (402) 417-3673 or christine.carlile@nebraska.gov.

For assistance with AmpliFund, reach out to Nebraska AmpliFund Support at (844) 735-0239 or support@ne-amplifund.zendesk.com. Applicants may also access resources and chat with AmpliFund Support staff through the AmpliFund Customer Support Portal at <https://ne-amplifund.zendesk.com>.

EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

For instructions on how to submit an application through Amplifund, please refer to the video guide found here: <https://streamlinksoftware.wistia.com/medias/2j9ul4o1kx>

Application Deadline: February 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CST

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PREMIUM MEMBERS



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