

January 30, 2026



# The Ninety-Three

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## **From the Blog: The Tradition of the NACO Conference Mug**

Since 1973, the NACO Annual Conference has carried on a simple but beloved tradition: every attendee receives a NACO-branded mug. Over the decades, those mugs have quietly documented the organization's history.

Head to the blog for a full history of the NACO Annual Conference mug -- plus the story of the elusive 1987 mug that was finally found and added to the sole empty space on the wall of mugs in the NACO office.



[NACO Blog](#)

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## Register for the NACO County Chair Workshop

The 2026 County Chair Workshop will be held on Friday, February 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney. The workshop is for County Board Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Click the button below to register and view the workshop agenda. Please note that this is a draft of the agenda and is subject to change.

[Register Here](#)

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## Spring District Meeting Registration Now Open

[Southeast District Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 12, 2026

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Southeast Community College Career Academy, 8800 O Street, Lincoln, NE

[Northeast District Meeting](#)

Friday, March 13, 2026

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lifelong Learning Center, Northeast Community College (601 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701)

[Central District Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 19, 2026

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Younes Center North, 707 Talmadge St, Kearney, NE 68845

[Panhandle District Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:00 am MDT - 12:00 pm MDT

Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 N Main St, Bridgeport, NE

[West Central District Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:00 am MDT - 12:00 pm MDT

NACO West Training Center, 102 Diamond Springs Trail, Ogallala, NE 69153

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# County Legislative Day at the Capitol - April 1st in Lincoln

[County Legislative Day - April 1, 2026](#)

Join us in Lincoln on April 1, 2026, as we kick off County Government Month with a fun-filled County Legislative Day. Participants will connect with state senators, hear from state leaders, and explore the Capitol while learning more about the legislative process and the NACO platform.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to register in advance.

If lodging is needed, the closest hotel to the Capitol is the Cornhusker Hotel. Please note that there is no NACO room block available. [Click here to view a draft of the agenda.](#)

**REGISTER HERE**

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# County Government Accounting Basics Workshop - April 2nd in Lincoln

## County Government Accounting Basics Workshop – April 2, 2026

NACO will host a full-day County Government Accounting Basics Workshop for County Clerks' and Treasurers' Offices on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the Cornhusker Marriott.

This free workshop will feature sessions led by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, focusing on best practices in county financial management. Lunch will be provided and is generously sponsored by NPAIT/PTMA.

A NACO hotel block is available at the Cornhusker Hotel for attendees who require lodging.

You can register and view the draft agenda [here](#). Hotel block information can be found [here](#).

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# 2026 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 16, 2026**

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## Civic Experiment Mini-Grants

The purpose of the Nebraska Community Foundation's Civic Experiment Mini-Grants is to ignite local creativity, strengthen civic engagement, and transform bold ideas into tangible community experiments across Nebraska. By providing guidance, funding, and a collaborative framework, these grants empower affiliated funds to leverage local assets, build connections, and design innovative initiatives that reflect the unique strengths, culture, and vision of their hometowns. Through this process, NCF hopes to inspire experimentation, celebrate community ingenuity, and foster a network of civic learning and collaboration throughout Greater Nebraska.

- Civic Experiment Mini-Grant applications may be submitted beginning **January 1, 2026**
- Funding is available exclusively to funds in the NCF Network
- A total of \$50,000 is available
- Community-based affiliated funds can request funding between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for their experiment
- Civic Experiment Mini-Grants require a 1:1 match from the participating affiliated fund
- All funds must be expended prior to December 31, 2026
- Civic Experiment Mini-Grant participant communities may be invited to share their ideas, discoveries, and outcomes

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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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 a complimentary exhibit booth at the County Board Workshop, 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.

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