

2026 NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print application or fill out in black or blue ink.

Please attach a 7-semester transcript of courses taken, two letters of personal reference, and essays. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Name _____

Permanent address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____ Email address _____

County of residence _____ Home phone _____

Name of county official or employee and your relationship

County of employment, position held and phone number

High school _____

Location _____ Expected graduation date _____

G.P.A. (please indicate point scale) _____

Class rank _____ Class size _____ ACT/SAT score, if available _____

Nebraska educational institution you plan to attend and location

Intended major and minor/degree _____

Applicants pursuing a career in nursing may be considered for the \$1,000 Ronda Dix Memorial Scholarship.

Are you accepted for enrollment? _____ If not, why not? _____

Please state your outstanding achievements. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.

School activities, including extracurricular activities, honors and awards, and offices held

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Community activities _____

Work experience _____

Please list any scholarships that you have been awarded and the amount _____

Please attach an essay of no more than 250 words titled "The Importance of County Government in Nebraska."

Please attach an essay of no more than 250 words explaining your career plans and future goals.

Please attach personal reference letters from two individuals who are not family members.

Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Application deadline: March 16, 2026

By my signature, I hereby authorize the Nebraska Association of County Officials or its agents to make inquiry as to my enrollment status at the educational institution noted above and to seek reimbursement of scholarship funds should I fail to attend a qualifying educational institution.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to: NACO Scholarship, 1335 H Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

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2026 NACO Scholarship Application Guidelines

1. Twelve scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Scholarships are awarded for one year only and are not renewable.
2. Children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of current Nebraska county officials or employees are eligible to apply for a NACO scholarship.
3. Applicants must be seniors attending an accredited Nebraska high school.
4. Applicants pursuing a career in nursing may be considered for the separate \$1,000 Ronda Dix Memorial Scholarship.
5. The scholarship may be used for any costs associated with continuing education including, but not limited to, tuition, books, fees, room and board. The scholarship applies to the first full semester or quarter of the 2026-2027 academic year. The scholarship may not be used for summer sessions or online-only educational institutions. NACO reserves the right to change in-person attendance requirements.
6. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 16, 2026. Applications postmarked after March 16, 2026 will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before May 15, 2026.
7. Recipients must attend a post-high school educational institution within the state of Nebraska.
8. Applicants must submit a seven-semester transcript.
9. Applicants must submit two essays of no more than 250 words each. One essay must be entitled "The Importance of County Government in Nebraska". The other essay must explain the applicant's career plans and future goals.
10. Applicants must submit two personal reference letters from persons who are not family members.
11. Applicants must sign the application and waiver authorizing inquiry into enrollment status. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered. Recipients must sign a media release to allow publication of their photo and biographical information on the NACO website.
12. The scholarship selection committee may consider need, merit, achievements and other criteria deemed appropriate. Decisions of the scholarship selection committee are final.
13. Checks will be awarded after July 1, 2026 to the educational institution identified in the media release.