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The dollar amount in each box represents the tuition cost (after merit-based scholarships) that a student with the given test score (listed across the top of each table) would pay for one year of tuition (15 credits per semester) at that college. (non-tuition costs – fees, housing, meals, and books – often add up to an additional ~\$12,500 per year.)



Blue boxes signify automatic scholarships (as listed on the college's website). Automatic awards often also require a minimum GPA or class rank.

\$1000 Light gray boxes signify eligibility for the award, which can require a separate application.



Blank boxes signify no merit-based scholarship based primarily on that ACT or SAT score at this college; therefore, the student might expect to pay full tuition. The student should still apply for other merit-based and need-based scholarships.

If an entire row is blank, the school does not organize its scholarships by test score or does not provide this specific information on its website. An asterisk * means that fees are included in the school's base tuition, which lowers the remaining non-tuition costs (textbooks, housing, and meals) from approximately \$12,500 to approximately \$11,000 per year.

If a school offers a non-renewable award, the award is averaged through the years of attendance. For example, if a four-year school offers a one-year award of \$5000, the amount is \$1250 less than total tuition, as the scholarship is divided by 4.

** Currently, several colleges are awarding some or all merit scholarships without an ACT score. Still, submitting an ACT score can be a competitive advantage for these highly sought-after awards and may increase the likelihood of receiving the scholarship. A number sign # below means tuition amounts were based on ACT scores necessary pre-Covid.

Figures are current as of August 2022.

Pub	Public 4-Year Schools: Schools' Tuition Based on a Student's ACT Score												
	Tuition	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32+
Chadron#	\$5580					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Peru#	\$5760					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wayne	\$5580					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UNK#	\$6270			\$4270	\$4270	\$3270	\$3270	\$3270	\$3270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UNL#	\$7770			\$7395	\$7395	\$7395	\$7395	\$5770	\$5770	\$5770	\$4270	\$4270	\$0
UNO	\$7050			\$6050	\$6050	\$6050	\$4050	\$4050	\$3050	\$3050	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Public 2-	Year S	chools: \$	Schools'	Tuition B	ased on	a Studen	t's ACT S	Score		
	Tuition	20	21	22	23	24	25	26+		
Central CC	\$2820		S	Scholarship opp	ortunities are	available online	э.			
Little Priest	\$4320		S	Scholarship opp	ortunities are	available online	Э.			
Metropolitan CC	\$2040							\$0		
Mid-Plains CC	\$3000		\$1500	\$1500	\$750	\$750	\$0	\$0		
NE College of Tech Ag	\$4170		Annual award	s are based on	GPA: 4.0=\$2,	500, 3.5=\$2,00	0, 3.0=\$1,500			
Nebraska Indian*	\$5100	\$4100	\$4100	\$4100	\$4100	\$4100	\$4100	\$4100		
Northeast CC	\$3240				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Southeast CC	\$3060		Institutional scholarship opportunities are available online.							
Western CC	\$3195			\$1598	\$1598	\$1598	\$0	\$0		

Private 4-Year Schools: Schools' Tuition Based on a Student's ACT Score

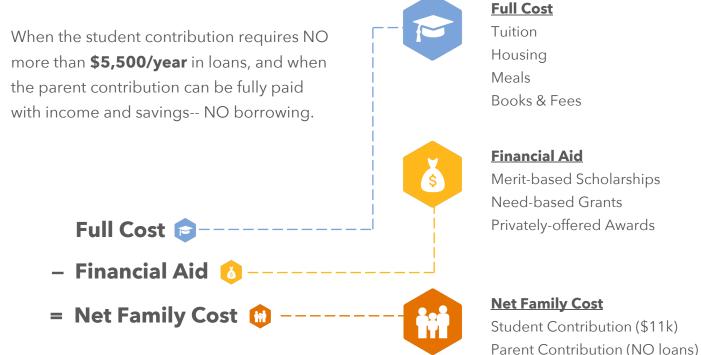
	Tuition	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31+
Bellevue	\$10050	50 Incoming freshmen can be considered for all merit-based scholarships with a single online application									cation.	
Bryan	\$17910	0 Awards available to students based on academic achievement, leadership, and financial need.										
Clarkson	\$18960	Students	with 3.4 C	SPA or hig	gher shoul	d complet	te the onli	ne schola	rship appl	ication.		
Concordia	\$37000	Annual a	wards bas	ed on GF	A range f	rom \$15,5	600-\$19,5	00/year.				\$13500
Creighton	\$43684	All student	ts guarante	ed a minim	um of \$10,	000/year; a	applicants a	are conside	red for oth	er awards a	automatica	ly.
Doane	\$38190	Annual a	wards bas	ed on GF	A range f	rom \$13,0	00-\$21,0	00/year.				
Hastings*	\$34580	Awards b	ased on (GPA range	e from \$9,	000-\$17,0)00/year.					
Midland	\$37500	Scholarsh	ip consider	ation begin	s at 20 AC	T and 2.5 H	IS GPA, gr	owing signi	ificantly wit	h a 23 AC1	and 3.0 G	iPA.
NE Methodist	\$17940	Awards b	ased on (GPA range	e from \$6,	000-\$9,00)0/year.					
St. Mary	\$22450	Scholars	hips of \$2	,000, \$4,0	000, or \$6,	000 per y	ear availa	ble based	l on HS G	PA and te	st score.	
Summit	\$6600			\$4950	\$4950	\$3300	\$3300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Union	\$25920	5920 Awards based on GPA range from \$4,000-\$10,000/year; 33 ACT/3.9 GPA = full tuition										
Wesleyan#	\$38898				\$22898	\$22898	\$22898	\$20898	\$20898	\$20898	\$18898	\$18898
York*	\$20950				\$17950	\$17950	\$17950	\$17450	\$17450	\$17450	\$16450	\$16450

Public 4-1	Public 4-Year Schools in SOUTH DAKOTA Offering In-State Tuition to Nebraska Residents														
	Tuition	20	21-23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35+
Black Hills State	\$7616				\$6616	\$6616	\$6616	\$5616	\$5616	\$5616	\$5616	\$5616	\$4616	\$4616	\$3616
Dakota State	\$7616		\$6616	\$5116	\$5116	\$5116	\$5116	\$4116	\$4116	\$4116	\$4116	\$2616	\$2616	\$2616	\$2616
Northern State	\$7615	\$6365	\$6365	\$5615	\$5615	\$5615	\$5615	\$4865	\$4865	\$4865	\$4865	\$4865	\$4865	\$4865	\$4865
SD Mines	\$7616			\$6616	\$5616	\$5616	\$5616	\$4616	\$4616	\$4616	\$3616	\$3616	\$3616	\$2616	\$616
SD State	\$7773			\$6273	\$6273	\$5773	\$5773	\$4773	\$4773	\$4773	\$4773	\$3773	\$3773	\$3773	\$3773
Univ SD	\$7773		Studen	ts can e	arn up t	o \$3,50	0 per ye	ar base	d on GF	PA, test	scores,	and cor	nmittee	review.	

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Students Can Contribute \$11k a Year to College

\$5.5k

Student Loans

Maximum borrowed per year, so student eventually has a modest monthly payment and can be debt-free within 10 years

\$3.0k

Student Earnings

Minimum annual earnings from a part-time job, preferably during breaks and weekends **\$2.5k**

American Opportunity Tax Credit

Annual benefit (per full-time college student) for families with less than \$160,000 in pre-tax income; qualify with Form 1098-T



- Merit-based (academic) institutional scholarships for in-state students are listed. They are automatically awarded and renewable unless otherwise noted.
- Estimated annual tuition is based on 30 total credit hours one year of classes at 15 credits per semester.
- Non-tuition costs fees, housing, meals, and books typically amount to about \$12,500 per year. Some schools
 have higher costs for housing and meal plans; however, budget-conscious students typically have multiple options in
 these categories. Some schools also have much higher fees than other colleges; fees are unavoidable.
- All criteria listed are required for consideration for a scholarship unless the word "or" is specifically noted.
- Figures are current as of August 2022.
- **Currently, several colleges are awarding some or all merit scholarships without an ACT score. Still, submitting an ACT score can be a competitive advantage for these highly sought-after awards and may increase the likelihood of receiving the scholarship. The award amounts listed were based on ACT scores necessary pre-Covid.

Public 4-Year Schools	Tuition	Merit-Based Scholarships
Chadron State College*	\$5,580	 * For now, the scholarships listed below may not need an ACT score. See * comment above. • NSCS Board of Trustees: 25 ACT/3.0 GPA = full tuition (application required) • President Scholars: 4.0 cumulative GPA = \$7,000/year • Dean Scholars: 3.75-3.99 cumulative GPA = \$2,000/year • Community Scholars: 3.25-3.74 cumulative GPA = \$1,500/year • Rural Health Opportunities Program: partnership between Chadron State College and UN Medical Center. See <u>RHOP Scholarship page</u> for details. • Rural Business Leadership Initiative: See <u>RBLI Scholarship page</u>. • Rural Law Opportunities Program: partnership between Chadron State College and the UN College of Law. Visit <u>RLOP Scholarship page</u> for details.
Peru State College*	\$5,760	 * For now, the scholarships listed below may not need an ACT score. See * comment above. Board of Trustees: 25 ACT & personal statement = Full Tuition No Boundaries: Submit ACT Scores & personal statement = Full Tuition Invest in Success Awards – based on GPA: 3.85=\$2,500/year; 3.5=\$2,250/year; 3.2=\$2,000/year; 2.7=\$1,750/year Cooperating Schools: cooperative agreement between Peru State College and eligible high schools. 14 ACT/2.5 GPA = half tuition waiver for 4 years. Visit Eligible Cooperating Schools for more information. Rural Health Opportunities Program – full tuition at Peru State College and automatic acceptance to UNMC. See <u>RHOP SCHOLARSHIP page</u> for important information.
University of Nebraska at Kearney*	\$6,270	 Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub: 30 ACT and 3.85 GPA = Full tuition, books, room/board, fees Kearney Health Opportunities Program: 23 ACT, rural NE resident, willingness to practice in rural Nebraska = full tuition up to 120 credit hrs. See Kearney Health Opportunities Program brochure for more information. Kearney Law Opportunities Program: 27 ACT, 3.5 GPA, rural NE resident and willingness to practice in rural Nebraska = full tuition up to 120 credit hours * For now, the scholarships listed below may not need an ACT score. See * comment above. Nebraska Merit Scholarships; 3.7-4.0 GPA required: Board of Regents: 29-34 ACT = Full tuition Distinguished Scholar: 25-31 ACT = \$3,000/year Loper Achievement Award: 23 ACT = \$2,000/year Honors Program: 27 ACT or 3.75 GPA to apply – scholarships vary



University of Nebraska at Lincoln*	\$7,770	 Nebraska Career: 28 ACT, competitive, declare in-demand major = \$8,000/year, renewable for four years with GPA of 2.5. See <u>NE Career</u> <u>Scholarship Guidelines</u> Chancellor's: 28 ACT, National Merit or National Hispanic Recognition finalist = full tuition, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.5 * For now, the scholarships listed below may not need an ACT score. See * comment above. Regents: 32 ACT = full tuition, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.5 David Distinguished: 30 ACT = \$3,500/year, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.5 Husker Traditions: 27 ACT = \$2,000/year,renewable for four years with GPA of 3.25 Husker Power: 23 ACT = \$1,500 (one-time award)
University of Nebraska at Omaha	\$7,050	 Regents: 30 ACT and 3.5 GPA or top 25% = full tuition, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.25 Chancellor's: 28-29 ACT and 3.5 GPA or top 25% = \$4,000/year, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.0 Dean's: 26-27 ACT and 3.5 GPA or top 25% = \$3,000/year, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.0 Faculty: 23-25 ACT and 3.5 GPA or top 25% = \$1,000/year, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.0 Maverick: tiered scholarship, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.0 Maverick: tiered scholarship, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.0 ACT 23-25, GPA 3.25-3.49, \$1,000 per year ACT 26-27, GPA 3.25-3.49, \$2,500 per year ACT 28-29, GPA 3.25-3.49, \$5,500 per year Urban Health Opportunities Program: 24 ACT Composite and 24 ACT Math = full tuition at UNO, guaranteed UN Medical Center admission. See <u>UHOP</u> <u>Scholarship page</u> for more information UNO Alumni Association: 24 ACT and 3.5 GPA or top 25% and demonstrated leadership/involvement to apply = \$2,500/year, renewable for four years with GPA of 3.0
Wayne State College	\$5,580	 Neihardt Scholars Program: 25 ACT or 1200 SAT and 3.5 GPA = full tuition, housing, and \$500 stipend, renewable for four years Presidential: 30 ACT or 1390 SAT = full tuition and half housing costs, renewable for four years NSCS Board of Trustees: 25 ACT or 1200 SAT = full tuition, renewable for four years Rural Health Opportunities Program – full tuition at Wayne State College and automatic acceptance to UN Medical Center. See <u>RHOP Scholarship page</u>. Rural Law Opportunities Program – full tuition at Wayne State College and automatic acceptance to UNL College of Law. See <u>RLOP Scholarship page</u>.

Private 4-Year Schools	Tuition	Merit-Based Scholarships
Bellevue University	\$10,050	Merit-based scholarships are available to recognize outstanding academic achievement by incoming freshmen. Students can apply for all institutional scholarships in a single online application.
Bryan College of Health Sciences	\$17,910	Over 250 scholarship awards available to students who demonstrate qualities such as academic achievement, leadership involvement, and financial need; amounts range from \$1,000 and up
Clarkson College	\$18,960	Students considered for scholarships following their acceptance. 3.4 GPA required. Students who are accepted early will be given priority.
College of Saint Mary	\$22,450	 Tiered scholarships based on ACT/SAT score and GPA: President's: \$6,000/year Dean's: \$4,000/year Academic Achievement: \$2,000/year
Concordia University	\$37,000	 President's: 31 ACT = \$23,500 Regent's: 4.0 GPA = \$19,500; 3.85-3.99 GPA = \$18,500 Dean's: 3.60-3.84 GPA = \$17,500; 3.30-3.59 GPA = \$16,500 Achievement Award: 2.00-3.29 GPA = \$15,500
Creighton University	\$43,684	 Academic Opportunity Award = \$10,000/year minimum (guaranteed for all new students who are US citizens) All applicants are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships including University Awards, Founders Awards, and Magis Awards.
Doane University	\$38,190	 Perry: 4.0+ GPA = \$21,000/year President'sl: 3.75-3.99 GPA = \$19,000/year Board of Trustees: 3.5-3.74 GPA = \$17,000/year Van Hoy: 3.0-3.49 GPA = \$15,000/year Doane Community: > 2.8 GPA = \$13,000/year
Hastings College	\$34,580 including fees	 Crimson: 4.0+ GPA = \$17,000/year Ambassador: 3.75-3.99 GPA = \$15,000/year Ringland: 3.20-3.74 GPA = \$14,000/year Pro Rege: 2.65-3.19 GPA = \$12,000/year Student Success: < 2.64 GPA = \$9,000/year
Midland University	\$37,500	 Anderson Leader: 23 ACT/3.0 GPA Presidential: 21 ACT/3.0 GPA Board of Directors: 20 ACT/2.5 GPA
Nebraska Methodist College	\$17,940	 Upfront Merit Scholarships: 3.7 GPA = \$4,500/year; 3.3 GPA = \$3,500/year; 3.0 GPA = \$2,500/year Becker Presidential: 3.5 GPA = \$9,000/year Wischmeier Dean's: 3.5 GPA = \$6,000/year Excellence in Allied Health: 3.2 GPA = \$6,000/year



Nebraska Wesleyan University*	\$38,898	 * For now, the scholarships listed below may not need an ACT score. See * comment above. Huge-NWU: one full ride scholarship; \$4,000/year for select finalists; \$1,000/year for select semi-finalists. 3.75 GPA to apply, essay, letters of recommendation Board of Governors: 30 ACT/3.75+ GPA = \$20,000/year Presidents: 27 ACT/ 3.5-3.74 GPA = \$18,000/year Black & Gold: 24 ACT/up to 3.49 GPA = \$16,000/year
Summit Christian College	\$6,600	 President's: requires additional application, based on high school academic excellence (one-year awards): 27 ACT/3.75 GPA = 100% tuition 25 ACT/3.50 GPA = 50% tuition 23 ACT/3.00 GPA = 25% tuition
Union College	\$25,920	 Board of Trustees: 33 ACT/3.9 GPA = full tuition Academic Achievement: 3.80-4.00 GPA = \$10,000/year; 3.65-3.79 GPA = \$8,000/year; 3.35-3.64 GPA = \$6,000/year; 3.00-3.34 GPA = \$5,000/year; admission = \$4,000/year
York College	\$20,950 including fees	 Distinguished Faith and Learning: 23 ACT = \$10,000/year (requires separate application, essay, and campus visit by April 1) Trustees: 33-36 ACT/3.75+ GPA = \$5,500/year Larsen: 30-32 ACT/3.5-3.74 GPA = \$4,500/year Founders: 27-29 ACT/3.25-3.49 GPA = \$3,500/year York: 24-26 ACT/3.00-3.24 GPA = \$3,000/year

2-Year Schools	Tuition	Merit-Based Scholarships
Central Community College	\$2,820	Scholarship info at https://ccc.awardspring.com/Home/Scholarships
Little Priest Tribal College	\$4,320	Scholarships available through the American Indian College Fund (AICF); apply at https://collegefund.org/
Metropolitan Community College	\$2,040	 Board of Governors: 2.75 GPA = full tuition/fees up to 8 quarters Academic Excellence: 26 ACT/2.75 GPA = full tuition/fees for 8 quarters Take It Further: complete 2 MCC courses with a C or better in high school = \$250/quarter for 3 quarters Future Forward: enrolled in career & technical education program with 2.0 GPA = \$500/quarter for 3 quarters Builders of the Future: HS program participant with 2.0 GPA = \$500/quarter for 3 quarters



Mid-Plains Community College	\$3,000	 25+ ACT or 3.8+ GPA = full tuition paid 23-24 ACT or 3.50-3.79 GPA = 75% tuition paid 21-22 ACT or 3.25-3.49 GPA = 50% tuition paid
Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture	\$4,170	 Dean's: 18 ACT/3.0 GPA = \$4,000/year for up to 2 years (nomination by NCTA coach or administrator required) Rawson: 4.0 GPA = \$2,500/year; 3.5-3.99 GPA = \$2,000/year; 3.00-3.49 GPA = \$1,500/year NCTA Aggie: 2.5 GPA = \$2,000/year for up to 2 years Numerous Foundation Scholarships. Check the website for information.
Nebraska Indian Community College	\$5,100 including fees and books	 HS Graduate Success: Nebraska resident or Native American descent = \$1,000/year. Scholarships available through the American Indian College Fund (AICF); apply at https://collegefund.org/
Northeast Community College	\$3,240	 Board of Governors: 23 ACT to apply = full tuition for 4 semesters Dean's: graduate of 20-county Northeast service area = \$500 (one-time) President's for Early College Students: complete one Northeast course in high school, 18 ACT = half tuition for 4 semesters
Southeast Community College	\$3,060	Apply for scholarships at https://www.southeast.edu/financialaid/
Western Nebraska Community College	\$3,195	 25-36 ACT = full tuition for 4 semesters 22-24 ACT = 50% tuition for 4 semesters Presidential: 3.7-4.0 GPA = \$1,000/year, renewable for 2 years with 2.7 GPA Dean's: 3.4-3.69 GPA = \$750/year, renewable for 2 years with 2.7 GPA Blue & Gold: 3.0-3.39 GPA = \$500/year, renewable for 2 years with 2.7 GPA

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South Dakota Schools Offering In-State Tuition to NE Residents	Tuition	Merit-Based Scholarships
Black Hills State University	\$7,616	 BHSU Scholarships of Distinction based on ACT and/or GPA: Platinum: 36 ACT/3.6 GPA or 35 ACT/3.85 GPA or 33 ACT/4.0 GPA = \$4,000/year Gold: 36 ACT/3.2 GPA or 33 ACT/3.6 GPA or 22 ACT/4.0 GPA = \$3,000/year Silver: 36 ACT/2.6 GPA or 28 ACT/3.5 GPA or 22 ACT/3.99 GPA = \$2,000/year Bronze: 34 ACT/2.6 GPA or 25 ACT/3.3 GPA or 18 ACT/3.8 GPA = \$1,000/year See <u>Scholarships of Distinction</u> for entire calculation grid.
Dakota State University	\$7,616	 Presidential Champion: 32-36 ACT/3.0 GPA = \$5,000/year Elite Champion: 28-31 ACT/3.0 GPA = \$3,500/year Merit Champion: 24-27 ACT/3.0 GPA = \$2,500/year Achievement Champion: <=23 ACT/4.0 GPA = \$1,500/year, <=23 ACT/3.5-3.99 GPA = \$1,000/year, 21-23 ACT/3.0-3.49 GPA = \$750/year Rising Scholarship: 30-36 ACT and 3.0 GPA, enrolled in an undergrad program within the Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences = \$5,000/year
Northern State University	\$7,615	WolfPACT tiered scholarships: • 28-36 ACT and 3.75 GPA=\$3,000/yr; 3.5 GPA=\$2,750/yr; 3.25 GPA=\$2,500/yr • 24-27 ACT and 3.75 GPA=\$2,250/yr; 3.5 GPA=\$2,000/yr; 3.25 GPA=\$1,750/yr • 20-23 ACT and 3.75 GPA=\$1,500/yr; 3.5 GPA=\$1,250/yr; 3.25 GPA=\$1,000/yr
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	\$7,616	 Presidential: 35-36 ACT = \$7,000/year Gold: 34 ACT = \$5,000/year Silver: 31-33 ACT = \$4,000/year Copper: 28-30 ACT = \$3,000/year Miner: 25-27 ACT = \$2,000/year Hardrock: 24 ACT = \$1,000/year
South Dakota State University	\$7,773	 Jackrabbit Guarantee: 32 ACT/3.5 GPA or 28 ACT/4.0 GPA = \$4,000/year 32 ACT/3.25 GPA or 28 ACT/3.9 GPA or 22 ACT/4.0 GPA = \$3,000/year 32 ACT/3.0 GPA or 26 ACT/3.75 GPA or 22 ACT/3.9 GPA = \$2,000/year 28 ACT/3.0 GPA or 24 ACT/3.5 GPA or 22 ACT/3.75 GPA = \$1,500/year 26 ACT/3.0 GPA or 22 ACT/3.5 GPA = \$1,000/year See Jackrabbit Eligibility for entire calculation grid
University of South Dakota	\$7,773	Coyote Commitment Program: up to \$3,500/year based on GPA, test scores, and committee review.

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