



# NEBRASKA **CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS**

## **2020 LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Nebraska Career Scholarships program, implemented in January 2021 with the passage of LB1008 (2020), is a workforce collaboration between the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) and Nebraska community colleges. It provides scholarships to students who are pursuing degrees in programs of study related to industries where a workforce shortage has been identified, or within in-demand skilled trades pertinent to those industries.

Governor Pete Ricketts in 2020 stated, “Connecting the next generation of Nebraskans to great opportunities in our state is key to helping our kids make Nebraska their home. These scholarships will help to equip young Nebraskans to enter careers in fields with high demand for new talent, such as engineering, healthcare and IT. This adds to the pipeline we’ve been building to connect young Nebraskans with great-paying careers so that they can enjoy the Good Life. Now, students will also have the opportunity to apply for a Career Scholarship as they prepare to enter fields where our state has a workforce shortage.”

Scholarships are awarded to first-time students and transfer students, and can be up to \$5,000 per year. Students must be enrolled in an eligible program, defined as one leading to a career in an identified shortage area or an in-demand skilled trade related to the shortage area, as determined by DED. Identified shortage areas and related in-demand skilled trades all fall within the following nine categories:

1. Business, Financial & Administrative Operations
2. Computer & Technology Assistance
3. Architecture & Engineering
4. Healthcare Practitioners & Technical
5. Farming, Fishing & Forestry
6. Construction & Extraction
7. Installation, Maintenance & Repair
8. Production
9. Transportation & Material Moving

DED has been directed to allocate General Funds among Nebraska community colleges, and to report information to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor each year. The community colleges are directed to determine the eligibility of scholarship recipients; receive and process applications for awards to individual scholarship recipients; disperse awards directly to eligible scholarship recipients during the fiscal year; and collect information on each scholarship recipient and report to DED.

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

One million dollars in aid was disbursed to the Nebraska community colleges in March 2021 for the purposes of this program.

	Total Aid Awarded in March 2021
Central Community College (CCC)	\$141,900.00
Metropolitan Community College (MCC)	\$328,470.00
Mid-Plains Community College (MPCC)	\$67,667.00
Northeast Community College (NECC)	\$120,703.00
Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC)	\$11,170.00
Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC)*	\$10,508.00
Southeast Community College (SCC)	\$248,773.00
Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC)	\$70,809.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>

\*NICC has not requested the funds as of this publication; if NICC chooses not to request funds, the amount awarded to them will be distributed to the other colleges.

## REPORT

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 1:** The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study in the prior academic year, and such program's enrollment as of the census date each year thereafter.

Reporting notes:

- Enrollment reflects total program enrollment, regardless of individual student scholarship eligibility.
- Enrollment could include a duplicated headcount if a student is enrolled in more than one program category.
- Enrollment in for-credit programs includes the number of students enrolled on October 15; enrollment in non-credit programs includes total students enrolled in programs that began within the fall term's beginning and end dates.
- Enrollment data for LPTC and NICC were not available at the time of this publication.

	CCC		MCC		MPCC	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Business, Financial & Administrative Ops	365	419	1,072	911	387	291
Computer & Technology Assistance	172	179	789	690	45	253
Architecture & Engineering	51	40	34	36	0	0
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	574	551	1,650	1,548	130	130
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	59	58	66	59	0	0
Construction & Extraction	49	42	574	494	16	16
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	314	299	536	453	51	56
Production	170	163	228	157	25	25
Transportation & Material Moving	33	32	23	22	0	0
Degree Programs	1,741	1,575	3,722	3,480	269	276
Diploma Programs	14	3	401	350	62	60
For-Credit Certificate Programs	410	325	232	267	15	16
Non-Credit Certificate Programs	1,781	1,713	617	273	308	419
<b>Total, All Eligible Programs</b>	<b>5,733</b>	<b>5,399</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>771</b>

	NECC		SCC		WNCC	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Business, Financial & Administrative Ops	587	373	729	737	125	99
Computer & Technology Assistance	179	94	407	380	55	68
Architecture & Engineering	79	73	269	237	0	0
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	617	451	646	1,042	165	266
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0	0	181	188	0	0
Construction & Extraction	36	37	318	327	0	0
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	408	314	335	377	80	80
Production	57	62	238	198	20	17
Transportation & Material Moving	68	47	13	15	0	3
Degree Programs	804	768	2,732	3,114	327	431
Diploma Programs	130	127	319	254	90	68
For-Credit Certificate Programs	8	10	85	133	28	31
Non-Credit Certificate Programs	1,089	546	0	0	0	3
<b>Total, All Programs</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>533</b>

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 2:** The number of scholarship recipients in each program.

Reporting notes:

- The count of scholarship recipients is deduplicated across terms and programs of study (if a scholarship recipient is enrolled in more than one program of study, a primary program of study is identified).

Data not available; scholarships have not yet been awarded as of this publication.

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 3:** The total number of first-time freshman scholarship recipients retained in year two, and a comparison of the retention rate of first-time freshman scholarship recipients to the overall retention rate for first-time freshmen.

Reporting notes:

- Scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an eligible program as of the census date of the following academic year's fall term are considered retained.
- Data includes only first-time students; it does not include transfer students.

Data not available; scholarships have not yet been awarded as of this publication.

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 4:** The total number of first-time freshman scholarship recipient completers (certificates, diplomas, degrees) and a comparison of the on-time award completion rate of scholarship recipients to the overall on-time completion rate for all first-time freshman students.

Reporting notes:

- On-time completion for this report means full-time and part-time students completing a for-credit program of study within 150% of normal time and/or the completion of a non-credit certification.
- The on-time completion rate compares on-time completers to all students, including students who drop out or stop out.
- Data does not include scholarship recipients enrolled in programs that have not reached the on-time completion definition above.
- Data includes only first-time students; it does not include transfer students.

Data not available; scholarships have not yet been awarded as of this publication.

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 5:** The number of scholarship recipients obtaining jobs in Nebraska within five quarters of completing the program of study using Department of Labor data.

Reporting notes:

- Data includes scholarship recipients who obtained a job in Nebraska within five quarters after the quarter in which they completed their program of study, or as of September 30 each year, whichever is sooner.
- Due to the timing of the report, this may not include all program completers where five quarters after the quarter in which they completed the program of study have not passed.

Data not available; scholarships have not yet been awarded as of this publication.

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 6:** The average salary of scholarship recipients, as determined by the Department of Labor, for the fifth quarter following program of study completion.

Reporting notes:

- Data includes scholarship recipients who completed their program of study and five quarters have passed after the quarter in which they completed their program of study by September 30.
- Due to the timing of the report, this may not include the salaries of all program completers where five quarters after the quarter in which they completed the program of study have not passed by September 30.

Data not available; scholarships have not yet been awarded as of this publication.

**Legislative Reporting Requirement 7:** The number of students in each program of study participating in an internship, apprenticeship, clinical position or major-related field of employment during enrollment, and comparing participation rates for scholarship and non-scholarship recipients.

Data not available; scholarships have not yet been awarded as of this publication.