



College Pathway Program Guidelines- [Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-3701](#)

Purpose: Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-3701, the College Pathway Program Act provides “eligible providers with grants to provide educational services to underrepresented and low-income students in high school and postsecondary education.”

Definitions: For the purposes of the College Pathway Program, as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-3702 and §79-3703:

- **Low-income student** means a student eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in high school or a student whose family’s taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level.
- **Underrepresented student** means a student whose race is not proportionately represented at the institution at which the student is enrolled or applying for admission as the representation of such race in the population of Nebraska.
- **Eligible provider** means a provider which exclusively offers educational services to low-income and underrepresented students.
- **Educational services** mean materials, services, and supports to help a student graduate from high school, apply for admission to a postsecondary institution, and complete the requirements to receive an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree. Such services may include:
 - Assistance and tutorials which help students in completing applications for a college or university, including applying for aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or other scholarships.
 - Assistance and materials which help students:
 - Take the appropriate high school courses in an area or field of study a student is interested in and any classes necessary for a student to gain acceptance at a postsecondary institution or
 - Complete the requirements and take the appropriate postsecondary education classes to receive an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree.

Application Process

- **Application:** In order to be considered for this grant, an eligible provider must complete an application by 11:59 pm on July 12, 2024. The application can be found here, <https://www.education.ne.gov/csds/>.
- **Grant amount:** For fiscal year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025), the estimated total grant amount is \$480,000. These funds are dependent upon lottery proceeds and are available on a quarterly basis, with approximately \$120,000 available on or after October 1, 2024. These funds are subject to availability.
- **Grant timeline:**
 - Open application: June 26, 2024
 - Close application: July 12, 2024
 - Review submissions: week of July 15, 2024
 - Anticipated State Board approval: August 2, 2024
 - Anticipated grant awarded: August 9, 2024
 - Submit report to the Legislature: December 1, 2024