

Guideline Sheet for the Access College Early Scholarship Student Application

The Nebraska Legislature in LB192 (2007) authorized the Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program Act. High school students who are taking dual-enrollment or early enrollment classes from an approved Nebraska based college or university may apply for funding under this program by completing the ACE Student Application. **This application must be completed in its entirety, all supporting documentation must be submitted, and the student must be enrolled in a college course before the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) will review the application and award a scholarship.** In order to assist with the completion of the application, please follow the guidelines listed below:

Application: A new application and supporting documentation is required for each term a student is applying for a scholarship.

Gender/Birthday/Ethnicity/GPA/Year in High School: This information is being requested for reporting purposes only. It will not be used to determine eligibility for a scholarship.

Year in High School: This is the year the student will be at the time they take the college course.

Attending College/University: This is the institution that is offering the class the student will be taking. This institution must be approved by the CCPE to participate in the program. A list of approved institutions may be found at http://www.ccpe.state.ne.us/publicdoc/ccpe/ACE/Part_Institutions.asp.

Federal Benefit Programs: Documentation must be submitted with the application confirming the student or student's parent(s)/guardian(s) have been approved to receive benefits from one of the listed programs. For example, a letter from the state WIC office certifying eligibility for the program, a letter from a high school administrator or counselor certifying eligibility for the free or reduced lunch program, etc. **Please note:** Social Security SSI benefits are not Survivor's Benefits...they are two different programs.

Extreme Hardship: Examples include (but are not limited to) parent/guardian losing a job, illness or accident that results in time off from work, death of a parent, etc. The student applicant must submit a one page document explaining the hardship circumstance, and documentation must be submitted with the application confirming the extreme hardship (for example, statement for physician regarding an illness, letter from employer indicating loss of job, etc.).

Parent Signature: Due to federal regulations, all high school students applying for this scholarship must have parent/guardian permission for the release of college information. The scholarship will not be approved without the approval of the parent/guardian.

Counselor Signature: Your high school counselor must sign this application to verify your eligibility to enroll in a college or university while still in high school. The scholarship will not be approved without the approval of the high school counselor.

Citizenship Attestation Form: The student applying for the scholarship must complete this form and submit it with the scholarship application.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship. Additionally, applicants must be enrolled in their college course before a scholarship will be awarded.

If you have any questions while completing this application, please contact Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator with the CCPE via e-mail at Ritchie.Morrow@Nebraska.gov or phone at 402.471.0032.

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(Please type or print legibly in pen. All information required unless indicated otherwise.)

_____	____/____/____	Gender*: <input type="checkbox"/> Male
First	Birth Date*	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
_____	(MM/DD/YYYY)	
_____	_____	
Home Address/City/Zip	GPA (A=4.0)*	
_____	_____	
High School/City	Year in High School (9, 10, 11 or 12)*	
_____	_____	
Student/Parent/Guardian E-mail (if available)	Attending College/University	

Race/Ethnicity* (optional; check one box only):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Black, non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races |

* For research purposes only. This information will not be used to determine your eligibility for the ACE Scholarship.

I certify that I am qualified for a scholarship under the Access College Early Act based on myself or my parent(s)/guardian(s) qualifying for at least one of the following federal benefit programs or an extreme hardship:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Free or Reduced Price Lunches | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Extreme Hardship |

(Documentation verifying above information **required**.)

I certify that the above information is accurate and correct. I acknowledge that this scholarship will only apply to tuition and mandatory fees at the college and that the scholarship will pay the tuition and mandatory fee balance after other grants/scholarships are applied as required in the Act. I certify that I intend to graduate from a Nebraska high school and that I intend to maintain Nebraska residency upon graduation. I authorize the attending college/university listed above to release my tuition and fees statement and grades to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education upon request. This authorization is good for one year from the date of this form.

_____	_____
Student Signature	Date

I, the parent/guardian of the above named student, verify that the above information is correct. I authorize the high school listed above or the federal agency that administers a benefit program listed above to release documentation confirming eligibility for the benefit program checked above. I authorize the attending college/university listed above to release my child's tuition and fees statement and grades to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education when requested.

_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

_____	(____)_____
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)	Phone number

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I, a counselor at the high school named above, verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the above named student or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) do qualify for the federal benefit program or has experienced an extreme hardship as indicated above.

_____	_____	_____
Signature	Date	E-mail Address

Please return this form via mail to J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Coordinator, CCPE, PO Box 95005, Lincoln, NE 68509-5005, e-mail to Ritchie.Morrow@Nebraska.gov, or fax to 402.471.2886.

United States Citizenship Attestation Form

For the purpose of complying with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, I attest as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States.

— OR —

I am a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act. My immigration status and alien number are as follows: _____ and I have provided a copy of my USCIS documentation.*

I hereby attest that my response and the information provided on this form and any related application for public benefits are true, complete, and accurate and I understand that this information may be used to verify my lawful presence in the United States.

PRINT NAME	<hr/> <u>(first, middle, last)</u>
SIGNATURE	<hr/> <hr/>
DATE	<hr/> <hr/>

* Acceptable documentation include: I-327, I-551, I-571, I-766, Certificate of Citizenship, Naturalization Certificate, or I-94. A copy of the document must accompany the ACE application.