

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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Attend a College Fair this fall!

Register for a barcode that will streamline your College Fair visit

This fall, EducationQuest will sponsor six College Fairs featuring schools across the state, region and nation.

Before you attend, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Print the barcode and take it to the fair. College reps will scan it to retrieve your information - and you won't have to complete their information cards. You should also register for a barcode if you plan to attend an Educational Planning Program in your area (see article below).

2015 College Fairs

[Norfolk Area College Fair](#), Sunday, September 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Northeast Community College
[Scottsbluff/Gering Area College Fair](#), Sunday, September 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. – Gering Civic Center
[Tri-State Area College Fair](#), Sunday, October 4, 12:30-3:00 p.m. – Marina Center, South Sioux City
[Grand Island Area College Fair](#), Sunday, October 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Pinnacle Bank Expo Center
[Lincoln Area College Fair](#), Sunday, October 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Southeast Community College
[Omaha Area College Fair](#), Sunday, October 25, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – University of Nebraska at Omaha

For more details and for a list of colleges that will participate in each fair, see the [College Fair article](#) at **EducationQuest.org**.

Meet with college reps at an Educational Planning Program

If you can't make it to a College Fair, attend [an Educational Planning Program \(EPP\) at an area school](#). These "mini college fairs" feature state and regional colleges along with college planning information.

If you plan to attend an EPP, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Print the barcode and take it to the event so that college reps can scan it.

Senior students and parents...start preparing for college admission!

Admission deadlines will start hitting later this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

- 1. Contact your top colleges NOW** and ask about application deadlines for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.
- 2. Visit with college representatives** at [College Fairs](#), [Educational Planning Programs](#), during campus visits, and when they visit your high school.

3. Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline. Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA and ACT/SAT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay, and an interview.

4. Ask if your school is holding an [Apply2College event](#) this fall. If so, you can complete your college applications during the school day and get help from school, college and community volunteers.

What will go on your Activities Resume?

The start of the school year is a great time to get involved in school activities. Track your activities throughout high school as they may help you qualify for certain scholarships. A great tool to use is the [Activities Resume](#) at **EducationQuest.org**. It's now mobile-friendly so you can update your resume via your mobile device.

September “To Do” List

Juniors and seniors ... complete these college planning tasks during September:

- Attend a College Fair or Educational Planning Program (EPP) in your area.
 - Before you attend a College Fair or EPP, register for a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#).
 - Seniors, [register](#) by September 3 for the October 3 SAT.
 - Seniors, [register](#) by September 18 for October 24 ACT.
 - Juniors, ask your school counselor about PSAT registration deadlines and test dates.
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