



FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN — FALL 2026
ADMITTED STUDENT GUIDE

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UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA *at* KEARNEY



NEXT STEPS >>>

SET UP MYBLUE / DO NOW

Your MyBLUE account is an important tool as a student; it's available immediately after you submit your application.

- Go to **myblue.nebraska.edu**. Log in requires the 8-digit NUID# you received upon application and the password you set up in TrueYou.
- Go to **trueyou.nebraska.edu** to claim your identity, enroll in two-factor authentication, and create your password.
- Check MyBLUE for any items in your "My To Do's" list.
- Questions? Contact the UNK Help Desk at 308-865-8363 or email nusupport@nebraska.edu.

CONFIRM YOUR INTENT / IN OCT

- When you decide where you're going to college, tell us. In MyBLUE, confirm your intent to enroll or decline your admission offer – a form will be available in October.
- **Pro tip:** Institutions want to know if you're coming or not so don't keep them guessing. If you're still deciding, that's okay. Tell us when you're ready.

SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS & SCORES

- Your high school transcript showing your sixth semester GPA will be used for scholarship consideration. Due **March 1**.
- Official test scores will also be needed for scholarships. Due **March 1**. UNK's school codes: ACT – 2468, SAT – 6467.
- If you earned any college credits while in high school, your institutions must send us official college transcripts.
- Ask your high school to send **official final transcripts** reflecting your GPA to UNK Admissions **after you graduate**.

MAXIMIZE FINANCIAL AID / DO ASAP

Pursue as many types of aid as possible to help offset the investment of college. Contact Financial Aid at 308-865-8520 or finaid1@unk.edu with any questions.

FAFSA IS IMPORTANT

- The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) provides eligibility for grants (money you don't repay), loans, and work study. Visit **FAFSA.gov** and unk.edu/finaid.
- When the 2026-27 FAFSA opens in October at **FAFSA.gov**, submit it as soon as possible. UNK's school code: 002551.

NEVER ASSUME YOU WON'T QUALIFY FOR AID

90% of first-time freshmen submit the FAFSA.

SCHOLARSHIPS – MARCH 1 IS A HUGE DEADLINE

- Your high school transcript showing your sixth semester GPA will be used for scholarship consideration. This includes merit awards such as the Regents and Presidential scholarships. **Official transcripts and ACT scores are required by March 1.**
- Top scholarships **require official ACT/SAT scores by March 1.**
- Complete the **Admitted Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application** in your MyBLUE. This is ONE application to be eligible for many scholarships. **The deadline is March 1.**
- Some scholarships require a separate application. Visit unk.edu/scholarships to see deadlines and how to apply.
- Non-residents receive in-state tuition automatically with their admissions application (does not apply to exclusively online degree programs). No other application is needed.

HAVE FINAL TRANSCRIPTS
SENT IN BEFORE NSE



CHECK YOUR EMAIL OFTEN. WATCH FOR:

- > Emails and mail reminders for scholarships and FAFSA.
- > Emails about applying for housing – in January.
- > Emails and mail to register for NSE – in March.



SECURE HOUSING / DO BEFORE NSE

Campus living connects you to great experiences. When the housing application opens, complete your contract. Questions? Contact Residence Life at 308-865-8519 or housing@unk.edu.

- **Residence Halls** – See all halls at unk.edu/housing.
- **Meal Plan** – Learn more at go.unk.edu/mealplans.
- **Learning Communities** – Live with those who share your major, interests, or scholarship. It contributes greatly to your success. Visit unk.edu/communities.



Emails will be sent to both you and your parents to remind you when the housing application opens.



HOUSING OPENS JAN. 7

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See all your steps in
more detail, or visit
go.unk.edu/Fchecklist

HEALTH RECORDS / DO BEFORE NSE

Admitted students are required to submit a copy of their immunization records showing two measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccinations or a positive rubeola and mumps titer. This information **must be submitted to UNK before you can register for classes** at New Student Enrollment (NSE). Questions? Contact Student Health & Counseling at 308-865-8218 or unkhealth@unk.edu.

TO UPLOAD IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:

- To obtain immunization records, most states have an immunization database. For Nebraska, google “NESIIS.”
- Go to myblue.nebraska.edu. Use your NUID# and password.
- Go to **Profile**, then **Immunization**. Follow instructions.
- Upload your records – this can be a scan or photo, and we can accept a .jpg, .pdf, or Word document.

STUDENT EMAIL / DO BEFORE NSE

- You will be assigned a “LoperMail” email account prior to New Student Enrollment.
- The password is the same password you use to log into MyBLUE. Visit unk.edu/office365 for details.

REGISTER FOR NSE / IN MARCH

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

NSE (New Student Enrollment) is a half-day event in June to **enroll in classes** and learn about campus services and resources. Parents or guardians should also attend. Remote options are available. Visit unk.edu/nse to learn more. Before you can register for classes at NSE, you must:

- > Upload immunization records. See left.
- > Complete Housing Contract or exemption paperwork.

NSE REGISTRATION
STARTS MARCH 2026

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to your Admissions Recruiter, or contact us at admissions@unk.edu or 308-865-8526.



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SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

308.865.8520 | finaid1@unk.edu | unk.edu/finaid

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

308.865.8526 | admissions@unk.edu | unk.edu/admissions

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

308.865.8519 | housing@unk.edu | unk.edu/housing

LOPER SUCCESS HUB

308-865-8728 | successhub@unk.edu | unk.edu/SuccessHub

OTHER RECOMMENDED STEPS

☐ **PLAN FOR CAMPUS LIFE**

- See 150+ organizations – unk.edu/studentlife
- Fraternity & Sorority Life – unk.edu/FSL
- Campus Recreation & Wellness, which includes Intramurals – unk.edu/wellness

☐ **PLACEMENT EXAMS**

Students who did not submit an ACT/SAT score or want to be placed in a higher level class for English, mathematics and modern languages may take placement exams prior to attending NSE. Learn more at unk.edu/placement.

☐ **MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS**

UNK supports our military and veteran students with services, resources, and military education benefits. For assistance, contact us at **308-865-8677** or unkveterans@unk.edu. Visit unk.edu/military.

☐ **DISABILITY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (DSS)**

Students with a documented disability may arrange for accommodations in and out of the classroom. Schedule an appointment at unkdso@unk.edu or **308-865-8214**, or visit in person at Loper Success Hub, 2nd floor of Calvin T. Ryan Library. Visit unk.edu/dss for details.