

COLLEGE FAIRS/OPEN HOUSE/COLLEGE REPS

START PREPARING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

Provided by EducationQuest

1. **Contact your top colleges NOW** and ask about application deadlines for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid; if you need a separate application for scholarships; and about application fees.
2. **Visit with college representatives** at College Fairs, Educational Planning programs, during campus visits, and when they visit the high school. Obtain your barcode at www.NebraskaCollegeFairs.org
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. **Update your Activities Resume.** Because extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date by using the Activities Resume at www.educationquest.org. In many cases, you can simply copy and past your resume information into the application. New features of the Activities Resume are unlimited entries for each category, spell check, the ability to “drag and drop” items within a category and rearrange categories and four options for layout.

EducationQuest has new and enhanced college and career planning features:

Activities Resume: www.educationquest.org/activities-resume/

College Funding Estimator: [www.educationquest.org/college-funding-estimator./](http://www.educationquest.org/college-funding-estimator/)

College Profiles: www.educationquest.org/college-profiles/

ScholarshipQuest: www.educationquest.org/scholarshipquest/

Reality Check: www.educationquest.org/realitycheck/ A new tool that lets students estimate how much they will have to earn to support their future desired lifestyle.

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITATIONS

Augustana College – February 11, February 17. Register at: www.augie.edu/myvisit

Central Community College – Talk N Tour Thursdays (Columbus campus only); Campus Visit Days – all campuses-February 17, March 7, April 11 beginning at 9:00 and ending at noon. Register at www.cccneb.edu

Dakota Wesleyan University – Presidential Scholarship Day – February 20. Register at www.dwu.edu/admissions/visit.htm.

Iowa Western Community College – Reiver Fever Fridays: February 24, March 9, April 27, May 11

Midland College – Open house - February 10. Scholarship days – February 25. Register at www.midlandu.edu

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Red Letter Days:

February 20

Register online at: www.admissions.unl.edu/rld

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Big Red Open House:

March 12

April 6

April 20

University of Nebraska-Kearney – Loper Preview Day – February 7

University of Nebraska-Omaha – February 13, 25; March 26. Register at www.BEaMAV.com

Wayne State College – February 10, 24; March 2, 23

Register online at: www.wsc.edu/admissions/visit_campus

CAMPUS VISITS

Campus visits are highly recommended and may be scheduled through the admissions office of the college. The following websites have information regarding contact information and suggestions for making the most of a campus visit:

Nebraska Career Information System: <http://necis.intocareers.org>

User name: 09fremonths

Password: H011309 (0=zero)

Education Quest: www.educationquest.org

ACT: www.act.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

Tools to help you find the right fit for college:

Check out the updated *College Profiles* at www.educationquest.org to research colleges in Nebraska and across the country that are the best fit for you.

By using *College Profiles*, you can search for schools based on location, size, school type, cost, major, activities and services for students with disabilities. Your search results page will list colleges that match your criteria and provide a link to more information about the school.

Know How to Go Nebraska: www.knowhow2gonebraska.org

Many college representatives come to the high school to talk with seniors. Next to visiting the campus, the best means of learning about the college is to talk to the representative. Parents are welcome. Sign-up sheets are available outside the counseling office. Representatives are available during the lunch hours of 11:30-1:30. Students may pick up a “cut in line” pass in the counseling office to pick up their lunch and bring it with them to visit with college representatives.

**COLLEGE VISITATIONS AT FHS
(DURING LUNCH 11:30-1:30)**

Northwest Missouri State	February 6
UNL	February 14
Wayne State	February 15
UNK	February 16
Metro CC	February 23
Iowa State	February 27
Iowa Western CC	March 6
Northeast CC	March 7