



COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

# Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG)

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## Overview

The Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) program provides financial aid to students who are residents of Nebraska, have not earned a bachelor's, graduate or professional degree, have high financial need, and who are attending eligible Nebraska colleges and universities to earn a degree or credential. NOG is the State of Nebraska's only need-based financial aid program for postsecondary students.

## By the Numbers (2019-20)

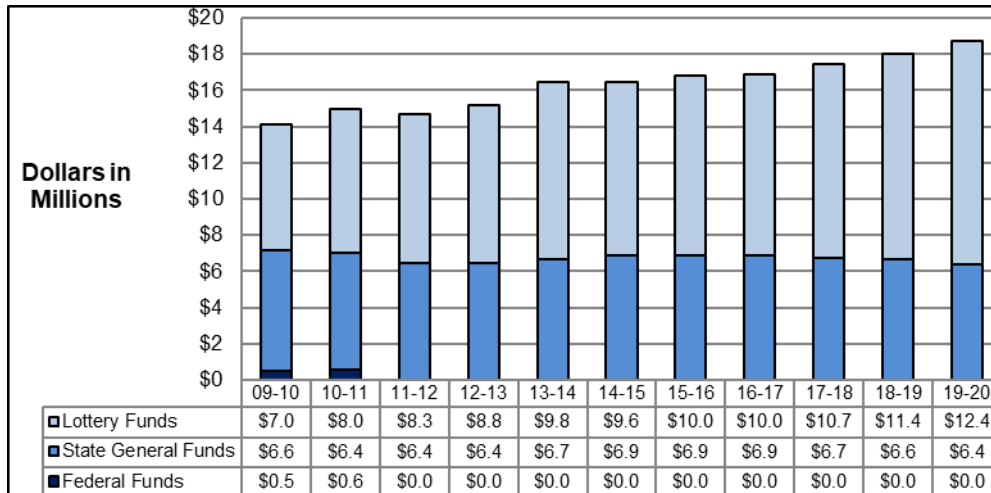
**Amount awarded:** \$18,740,356

**Recipients:** 12,956

**Recipients by sector:** 38% - University of Nebraska; 10% - State Colleges; 29% - Community Colleges; 21% - Independents; 2% - Private Career Schools

**Average grant:** \$1,446

**NOG recipients by income level:** 33.8% - \$19,999 or less; 27.2% - \$20,000-\$39,999; 39.0% - \$40,000+

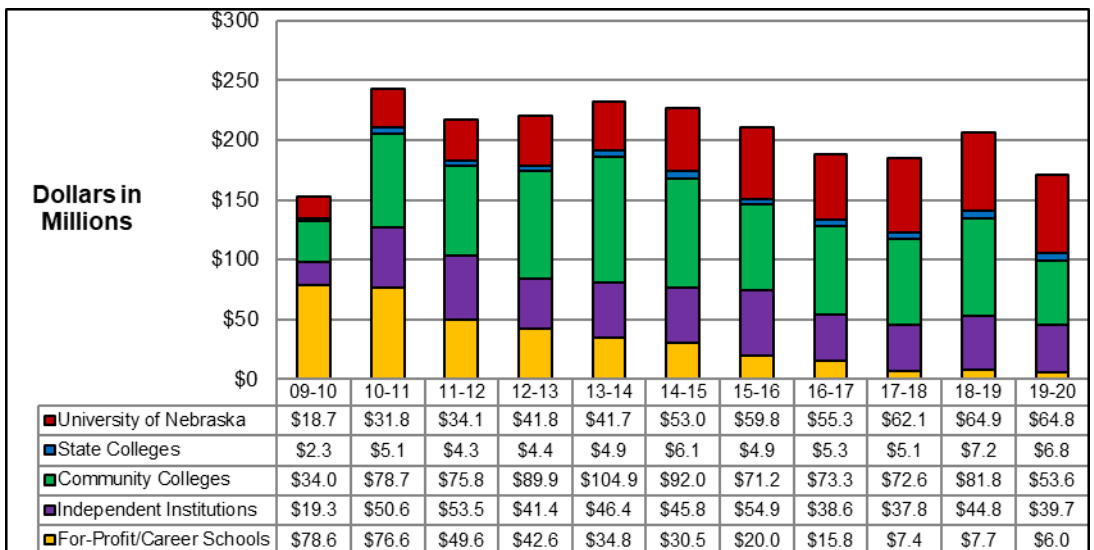


## Funding

NOG is funded through General fund appropriations and lottery funds. As indicated on the chart to the left, General funds have remained stagnant since 2008-09; the only increase in NOG funding has come from lottery funds. Student need has continued to increase at a rate that outpaces any increase in funding.

## Unmet Financial Need

Nearly 13,000 students received NOG awards in 2019-20 — but over 18,000 students qualified for grants and did not receive them due to a lack of NOG funds. The chart to the right illustrates the unmet financial need of Nebraska students who qualified for Pell grants. A

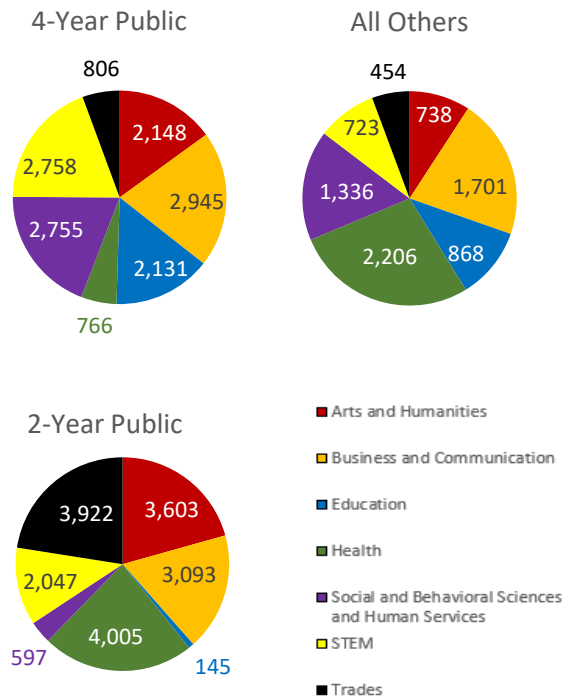


lack of State-sponsored financial aid is a contributing factor to this — Nebraska ranked 34th in the country for 2018-19 in the amount of State-provided need-based financial aid on a per student basis.

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is a not-for-profit organization that serves as a central repository of postsecondary student enrollment, degree, and diploma data voluntarily submitted by more than 3,700 colleges and universities. These institutions enroll an estimated 97.0% of the college students in the United States that attend Title IV, degree-granting institutions. In Nebraska, all institutions except three private career schools report to NSC.

The cumulative graduation rates tables include only first-time students that also received a NOG scholarship beginning in their first year. Graduation rates were calculated for the student's initial enrollment institution regardless of the type of institution of the subsequent graduation.

### Majors Conferred to NOG Recipients after Receiving a NOG Scholarship, by Discipline Cluster



All degree majors earned after a student received a NOG scholarship are included in the above charts. NSC data provides discipline information at the degree major level only. Not all institutions report the degree earned or degree major.

### By the Numbers: 2010-11 through 2018-19

Unique students awarded a NOG scholarship	73,445
Unique NOG recipients that earned a degree, diploma, or certificate after receiving a NOG (Does not include students currently attending an institution that have not earned a first award.)	37,489
Majors conferred to NOG recipients after receiving a NOG scholarship	39,747
Number of first-time freshman awarded a NOG scholarship in their freshman year	13,671

### Cumulative Graduation Rates by Year: First-time Students Initially Enrolled in a 2-Year Institution and Received NOG Beginning with Their First Academic Year

Academic Year First Received NOG Scholarship	n	Years to Graduate							
		1 or less	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010-11	803	1.5%	21.4%	34.2%	40.6%	45.2%	48.3%	50.2%	51.9%
2011-12	713	1.1%	22.9%	34.2%	41.5%	46.6%	49.5%	52.2%	53.6%
2012-13	1,055	0.6%	15.4%	25.5%	30.4%	35.2%	37.9%	39.1%	
2013-14	1,098	3.8%	19.0%	29.5%	36.2%	41.1%	44.4%		
2014-15	903	4.4%	22.7%	33.1%	37.5%	41.6%			
2015-16	796	7.5%	27.3%	37.4%	44.2%				

### Cumulative Graduation Rates by Year: First-time Students Initially Enrolled in a 4-Year Institution and Received NOG Beginning with Their First Academic Year

Academic Year First Received NOG Scholarship	n	Years to Graduate							
		1 or less	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010-11	929	0.3%	3.4%	6.6%	29.0%	49.1%	58.4%	61.9%	63.4%
2011-12	702	2.6%	5.4%	9.3%	29.5%	49.7%	56.3%	59.3%	61.1%
2012-13	722	0.6%	3.2%	5.0%	23.3%	45.4%	54.0%	58.2%	
2013-14	846	0.6%	1.7%	4.4%	24.6%	44.9%	52.6%		
2014-15	952	1.4%	4.8%	7.6%	27.4%	47.4%			
2015-16	946	1.1%	3.8%	6.4%	22.5%				