Nebraska's 2- and 4-year public postsecondary institutions have consistently ranked well compared to the national average in the net price of attendance.

Percentage of Family Income Needed to Pay the Net Price for Full-Time Enrollment at Public Two- and Four-Year Institutions: Families with Median Incomes

Percentage of Family Income Needed to Pay the Net Price for Full-Time Enrollment at Public Two- and Four-Year Institutions: Families with Low Incomes ($24,600 or below for a family of 4)

Source: Midwestern Higher Education Commission (MHEC) State Performance Update

State & Local Higher Education Support per Capita FY2019

Nebraska’s public postsecondary institutions are able to keep their tuition low when compared to the national average due to the strong support they receive from Nebraska’s state and local governments.

Source: 2020 SHEF Report, State Higher Education Executive Officers
Federal Student Loans

While Nebraska’s public postsecondary students are charged lower tuition than the average of their peer institutions, tuition is only one component of a student’s total costs. As a result, many students rely on other aid, including student loans, to assist in covering those costs.