

## Appendix 8

### Financial Aid Programs

#### Explanatory Note A8.1 Definitions of Federal and State Title IV Financial Aid Programs

The following are definitions of the types of federal and Title IV financial aid programs available to Nebraska postsecondary students between 2003 and 2013:

- **Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG):** Created under the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005, ACGs were need-based but limited to students who had demonstrated academic achievement. To receive an ACG, a student must have been a college freshman or sophomore, a U.S. citizen, Pell Grant-eligible and have completed a program of rigorous high school course work as defined by their state and recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. ACGs provided additional funds of up to \$750 for first-year college students and up to an additional \$1,300 for second-year students who were enrolled full time and maintained a 3.0 GPA in college. Institutions began awarding these grants in the 2006–2007 academic year. This program was eliminated after the 2010–2011 academic year.
- **Federal Pell Grant:** Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduates who have not earned a bachelor's degree and who demonstrate high financial need. Pell Grants do not have to be repaid. The award range for Pell Grants for the award year 2013–2014 was \$582 to \$5,645.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** Undergraduate students with exceptional need and who have not received a bachelor's degree are eligible to receive the FSEOG. FSEOG awards can range from \$100 to \$4,000 and do not have to be repaid, but awards are subject to the availability of funds at a student's institution.
- **Federal Work-Study (FWS):** The FWS provides on- and off-campus jobs for graduate and undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need. Work-study amounts awarded vary from institution to institution.
- **Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG):** State grants are awarded to Nebraska-resident students who demonstrate high financial need and who attend eligible Nebraska postsecondary institutions to assist with the students' educational expenses. Funding for the grant comes from the state through the Nebraska Lottery and the state's general fund. The Nebraska State Grant (NSG) program was in effect from 2003–2004 through 2009–2010. In 2010–2011, the program was renamed the Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG).
- **National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant:** Created under the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005, SMART grants were need-based but limited to students majoring in specified fields who maintained B averages in college. To receive a SMART grant, a student must have been a third- or fourth-year college student; a U.S. citizen; Pell Grant-eligible; enrolled full time; majored in a designated science, technology, mathematics, or critical language; and maintained a 3.0 GPA. Students who met these criteria would receive up to \$4,000 in additional financial aid. Institutions began awarding SMART grants in the 2006–2007 academic year. This program was eliminated after the 2010–2011 academic year.

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- **Perkins Loans:** Perkins Loans are fixed, low-interest (5%) loans available to graduate and undergraduate students with financial need. Undergraduate students may borrow up to \$4,000 per year, and graduate students may borrow up to \$6,000 per year, depending on the availability of funds at their institution.
- **PLUS Loans:** PLUS loans are available to the parents of dependent undergraduate students. These loans are not need-based. Parents may borrow up to the student's cost of attendance, less any other financial aid received.
- **PLUS Loans for Graduate and Professional Degree Students (Grad PLUS):** Graduate and professional degree students are eligible to borrow under the PLUS loan program up to their cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance. The terms and conditions applicable to PLUS also apply to GRAD PLUS. Applicants must apply for their annual loan maximum eligibility under the Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan Program before applying for a Graduate/Professional PLUS loan.
- **Subsidized (Sub) and Unsubsidized (Unsub) Stafford Loans:** Sub and Unsub Loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students. Students must demonstrate financial need in order to qualify for a Subsidized Loan, where the federal government pays the interest while the student is in school. Unsubsidized Loans are available to all students, but borrowers are responsible for the interest while in school. Limits for Sub and Unsub Loans range from a maximum of \$5,500 to \$20,500 depending on grade level and dependency status.
- **Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant:** The TEACH grant program was established under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) to benefit current and prospective teachers. Beginning in 2008–2009, students may be awarded up to \$4,000 per academic year. Undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students may receive up to a total of \$16,000, while graduate students may receive up to \$8,000. Eligible students must be currently completing or planning to complete coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching. There are, however, graduate degree alternatives for teachers or retirees with experience in a teacher shortage area. To be considered for a grant, a student must have a score above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on an admissions test, such as SAT, ACT or GRE and at least a 3.25 GPA. Students must sign an understanding of terms document to certify they understand the terms of the grant and the teaching service requirements. The student must teach full time for at least four years within eight years of completing the program at a Title I school as a highly qualified teacher and/or in a specified subject area (mathematics, science, foreign language, bilingual education, special education, reading or another "high need" field). If service is not met, the grant must be repaid as an unsubsidized direct Stafford Loan with interest from the date(s) of original disbursement.

Students must demonstrate financial need to be considered for all aid programs listed except for the TEACH, the Unsubsidized Loan, the PLUS, and the GRAD PLUS. Financial need is the difference between the student's costs to attend his or her respective institution and the ability of the family to contribute toward college costs. That ability is determined through completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For example, if the cost of attendance is \$8,000 and the student's contribution is \$1,000, the student demonstrates a need of \$7,000.

**Explanatory Note A8.2**  
**Definitions of Income Groups and**  
**Changes in the College Continuation Rates by Type of High School Attended for**  
**Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**The following definitions are used for Table A8.4a through Table A8.4f:**

- **Low-income students:** Students approved to receive free or reduced-price school lunches.
- **Non-low-income students:** Students not approved for free or reduced-price school lunches. The non-low-income students include students in low-income households that have not applied for free or reduced-price school lunches. Participation in the free or reduced-price school lunch program is the only indicant of household income in the student records maintained by the Nebraska Department of Education; therefore, low-income students in the non-low-income category cannot be identified and excluded for the purposes of analysis.
- **Other low-income graduates:** The numbers for these students are determined by subtracting the numbers of male and female ACE scholarship recipients from the total numbers of male and female low-income graduates reported by the Nebraska Department of Education.

**Changes in the College Continuation Rates by Type of High School Attended for Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

In preparing for the 2015 Progress Report, it was discovered that one public high school was incorrectly coded as nonpublic (private). The data has been corrected in this year's report, and the college continuation rates in Table A8.4b (2008–09), Table A8.4c (2009–10), Table A8.4d (2010–11), and Table A8.4e (2011–2012) have been updated.

**Table A8.1  
Nebraska State Grants Awarded by Sector  
2013–2014 Compared to 2003–2004 Baseline**

|  | 2003–2004   | 2013–2014    | % Change |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------|
| <b>Nebraska Public Institutions</b>  |             |              |          |
| Number of NOG-Eligible Students <sup>a</sup>   | 21,373      | 36,831       | 72.3%    |
| Number of Students Awarded a NOG   | 8,740       | 11,072       | 26.7%    |
| Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG   | 40.9%       | 30.1%        | -26.5%   |
| Total Amount Awarded   | \$4,970,800 | \$11,322,929 | 127.8%   |
| Average Amount Award   | \$569       | \$1,023      | 79.8%    |
| <b>Independent Colleges &amp; Universities</b>   |             |              |          |
| Number of NOG-Eligible Students <sup>a</sup>   | 3,837       | 5,967        | 55.5%    |
| Number of Students Awarded a NOG   | 2,674       | 3,208        | 20.0%    |
| Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG   | 69.7%       | 53.8%        | -22.9%   |
| Total Amount Awarded   | \$2,559,826 | \$3,136,611  | 22.5%    |
| Average Amount Award   | \$957       | \$978        | 2.1%     |
| <b>Private Career Schools</b>  |             |              |          |
| Number of NOG-Eligible Students <sup>a</sup>   | 3,012       | 3,387        | 12.5%    |
| Number of Students Awarded a NOG   | 1,617       | 1,664        | 2.9%     |
| Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG   | 53.7%       | 49.1%        | -8.5%    |
| Total Amount Awarded   | \$1,204,537 | \$1,960,178  | 62.7%    |
| Average Amount Award   | \$745       | \$1,178      | 58.1%    |
| <b>Total Nebraska State Grants Awarded</b>   |             |              |          |
| Number of NOG-Eligible Students <sup>a</sup>   | 28,222      | 46,185       | 63.6%    |
| Number of Students Awarded a NOG   | 13,031      | 15,944       | 22.4%    |
| Percent of Eligible Students Awarded a NOG   | 46.2%       | 34.5%        | -25.2%   |
| Total Amount Awarded   | \$8,735,163 | \$16,419,718 | 88.0%    |
| Average Amount Award   | \$670       | \$1,030      | 53.6%    |
| Data source: Nebraska Opportunity Grant Expenditure Reports, September 2004 and October 2014.<br><sup>a</sup> To be eligible for a NOG, the student must be a Nebraska resident, attend a Nebraska postsecondary institution, and have a minimum EFC as determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who would otherwise qualify for a NOG but do not complete the FAFSA are not included in the number of NOG-eligible students. |             |              |          |

**Table A8.2  
Nebraska State Grants Awarded by Sector and Income of Recipient  
2013–2014 Compared to 2003–2004 Baseline**

| Income Level of<br>Nebraska State Grants<br>Recipients by Sector | 2003–2004          |                    | 2013–2014          |                    | % Change<br>in # of<br>Recipients |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | # of<br>Recipients | % of<br>Recipients | # of<br>Recipients | % of<br>Recipients |                                   |
| <b>Nebraska Public Institutions</b>                              |                    |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| \$0 to \$19,999  | 4,398              | 50.3%              | 4,563              | 41.2%              | 3.8%                              |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999   | 3,079              | 35.2%              | 3,174              | 28.7%              | 3.1%                              |
| \$40,000 or Higher   | 1,263              | 14.5%              | 3,335              | 30.1%              | 164.1%                            |
| Total  | 8,740              |                    | 11,072             |                    | 26.7%                             |
| <b>Independent Colleges and Universities</b>                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| \$0 to \$19,999  | 946                | 35.4%              | 1,358              | 42.3%              | 43.6%                             |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999   | 1,147              | 42.9%              | 871                | 27.2%              | -24.1%                            |
| \$40,000 or Higher   | 581                | 21.7%              | 979                | 30.5%              | 68.5%                             |
| Total  | 2,674              |                    | 3,208              |                    | 20.0%                             |
| <b>Private Career Schools</b>                                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| \$0 to \$19,999  | 1,353              | 83.7%              | 1,083              | 65.1%              | -20.0%                            |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999   | 202                | 12.5%              | 363                | 21.8%              | 79.7%                             |
| \$40,000 or Higher   | 62                 | 3.8%               | 218                | 13.1%              | 251.6%                            |
| Total  | 1,617              |                    | 1,664              |                    | 2.9%                              |
| <b>Total Nebraska State Grants Awarded</b>                       |                    |                    |                    |                    |                                   |
| \$0 to \$19,999  | 6,697              | 51.4%              | 7,004              | 43.9%              | 4.6%                              |
| \$20,000 to \$39,999   | 4,428              | 34.0%              | 4,408              | 27.6%              | -0.5%                             |
| \$40,000 or Higher   | 1,906              | 14.6%              | 4,532              | 28.4%              | 137.8%                            |
| Total  | 13,031             |                    | 15,944             |                    | 22.4%                             |

Data source: Nebraska Opportunity Grant Expenditure Reports, September 2004 and October 2014.

**Table A8.3  
Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Program Funding and Awards  
2007–2008 to 2014–2015 to Date<sup>a</sup>**

| Academic Year                  | NE State Funding             | Federal Funding           | Total Available Funding          | \$ Amount of Scholarships Awarded                           |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 2007–2008                      | \$115,000                    | \$0                       | \$115,000                        | \$114,856   |
| 2008–2009                      | \$116,754                    | \$100,000                 | \$216,754                        | \$216,754   |
| 2009–2010                      | \$275,250                    | \$100,000                 | \$375,250                        | \$339,624   |
| 2010–2011                      | \$484,652                    | \$250,000                 | \$734,652                        | \$723,923   |
| 2011–2012                      | \$499,000                    | \$294,034                 | \$793,034                        | \$787,225   |
| 2012–2013                      | \$580,000                    | \$300,000                 | \$880,000                        | \$813,760   |
| 2013–2014                      | \$640,000                    | \$285,000                 | \$925,000                        | \$921,071   |
| 2014–2015 to Date <sup>a</sup> | \$685,000                    | \$268,890                 | \$953,890                        | \$573,880   |
| Academic Year                  | # of Student Recipients      | # of Scholarships Awarded | Average Scholarship              | Average Received per Student                                |
| 2007–2008                      | 294                          | 363                       | \$316                            | \$391   |
| 2008–2009                      | 643                          | 825                       | \$263                            | \$337   |
| 2009–2010                      | 1,020                        | 1,302                     | \$261                            | \$333   |
| 2010–2011                      | 1,554                        | 2,273                     | \$318                            | \$466   |
| 2011–2012                      | 1,706                        | 2,314                     | \$340                            | \$461   |
| 2012–2013                      | 1,705                        | 3,445                     | \$236                            | \$477   |
| 2013–2014                      | 1,866                        | 3,969                     | \$232                            | \$494   |
| 2014–2015 to Date <sup>a</sup> | 1,465                        | 2,410                     | \$238                            | \$392   |
| Academic Year                  | # of Dual Enrollment Courses | # of Credit Hours         | # of NE High Schools Represented | # of NE Colleges & Universities Where Students Took Courses |
| 2007–2008                      | 497                          | 1,698                     | 110                              | 11  |
| 2008–2009                      | 912                          | 3,050                     | 135                              | 13  |
| 2009–2010                      | 1,369                        | 4,558                     | 191                              | 12  |
| 2010–2011                      | 3,191                        | 10,396                    | 220                              | 12  |
| 2011–2012                      | 3,214                        | 10,889                    | 216                              | 15  |
| 2012–2013                      | 3,445                        | 11,877                    | 210                              | 15  |
| 2013–2014                      | 3,969                        | 13,592                    | 217                              | 20  |
| 2014–2015 to Date <sup>a</sup> | 2,410                        | 8,279                     | 195                              | 17  |

*Note.* For the first year of the program in 2007–08, eligible students were allowed to apply for scholarships for as many courses as they wanted to take. In 2008–09 and 2009–10, scholarships were limited to funding only one course per term per eligible student, so that a student could receive scholarships for a maximum of two or three courses during the school year, depending on whether courses were taken on a semester or quarter basis. Beginning in 2010–11 and continuing through 2014–15, eligible students again have been allowed to apply for scholarships for as many courses as they want to take. Data source: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, August 2011, January 2013, January 2014, and December 2014.

<sup>a</sup>As of December 18, 2014.

**Table A8.4.a**  
**College Continuation Rates of**  
**2007–2008 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Gender and Type of High School Attended**

| Type of High School Attended | # HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships | # of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 74   | 63   | 85.1%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 75   | 64   | 85.3%                     |
| <b>Females</b>               |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 141  | 117  | 83.0%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 4  | 4  | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 145  | 121  | 83.4%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 215  | 180  | 83.7%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 5  | 5  | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 220  | 185  | 84.1%                     |

**Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Gender and Student Income Status**

| Student Category           | # HS Grads | # of Grads Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 74         | 63                             | 85.1%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,082      | 986                            | 43.0%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 7,803      | 5,536                          | 70.9%                     |
| Total                      | 9,959      | 6,585                          | 66.1%                     |
| <b>Females</b>             |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 141        | 117                            | 83.0%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,282      | 1,216                          | 53.3%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 7,654      | 5,913                          | 77.3%                     |
| Total                      | 10,077     | 7,246                          | 71.9%                     |
| <b>Total</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 215        | 180                            | 83.7%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 4,364      | 2,202                          | 50.5%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 15,457     | 11,449                         | 74.1%                     |
| Total                      | 20,036     | 13,831                         | 69.0%                     |

*Note.* The college continuation rate is the number 2007–08 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 7, 2009, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2007–08. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), July 2009; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), April and July 2009; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), April 2009.

**Table A8.4.b  
College Continuation Rates of  
2008–2009 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Gender and Type of High School Attended**

| Type of High School Attended | # HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships | # of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 123  | 98   | 79.7%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 2  | 2  | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 125  | 100  | 80.0%                     |
| <b>Females</b>               |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 317  | 257  | 81.1%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 10   | 10   | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 327  | 267  | 81.7%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 440  | 355  | 80.7%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 12   | 12   | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 452  | 367  | 81.2%                     |

**Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Gender and Student Income Status**

| Student Category           | # HS Grads | # of Grads Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 123        | 98                             | 79.7%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,200      | 1,032                          | 46.9%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 7,354      | 5,314                          | 72.3%                     |
| Total                      | 9,677      | 6,444                          | 66.6%                     |
| <b>Females</b>             |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 317        | 257                            | 81.1%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,180      | 1,204                          | 55.2%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 7,320      | 5,769                          | 78.8%                     |
| Total                      | 9,817      | 7,230                          | 73.6%                     |
| <b>Total</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 440        | 355                            | 80.7%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 4,380      | 2,236                          | 51.1%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 14,674     | 11,083                         | 75.5%                     |
| Total                      | 19,494     | 13,674                         | 70.1%                     |

*Note.* The college continuation rate is the number 2008–09 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before April 20, 2010, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2008–09. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), April 2010 and February 2015 (corrected); National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), April 2010; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), April 2010.

**Table A8.4.c**  
**College Continuation Rates of**  
**2009–2010 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Gender and Type of High School Attended**

| Type of High School Attended | # HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships | # of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 186  | 136  | 73.1%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 11   | 11   | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 197  | 147  | 74.6%                     |
| <b>Females</b>               |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 368  | 293  | 79.6%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 23   | 22   | 95.7%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 392  | 316  | 80.6%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 554  | 429  | 77.4%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 34   | 33   | 97.1%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 589  | 463  | 78.6%                     |

**Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Gender and Student Income Status**

| Student Category           | # HS Grads | # of Grads Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 186        | 136                            | 73.1%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,343      | 1,185                          | 50.6%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 7,165      | 5,321                          | 74.3%                     |
| Total                      | 9,694      | 6,642                          | 68.5%                     |
| <b>Females</b>             |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 368        | 293                            | 79.6%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,399      | 1,365                          | 56.9%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,947      | 5,648                          | 81.3%                     |
| Total                      | 9,714      | 7,306                          | 75.2%                     |
| <b>Total</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 554        | 429                            | 77.4%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 4,742      | 2,550                          | 53.8%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 14,112     | 10,969                         | 77.7%                     |
| Total                      | 19,408     | 13,948                         | 71.9%                     |

*Note.* The college continuation rate is the number 2009–10 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before March 25, 2011, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2009–10. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), March 2011 and February 2015 (corrected); National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), March 2011; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), March 2011.

**Table A8.4.d**  
**College Continuation Rates of**  
**2010–2011 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Gender and Type of High School Attended**

| Type of High School Attended | # HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships | # of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 291  | 232  | 79.7%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 14   | 12   | 85.7%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 305  | 244  | 80.0%                     |
| <b>Females</b>               |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 604  | 495  | 82.0%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 20   | 18   | 90.0%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 625  | 514  | 82.2%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 895  | 727  | 81.2%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 34   | 30   | 88.2%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 930  | 758  | 81.5%                     |

**Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Gender and Student Income Status**

| Student Category           | # HS Grads | # of Grads Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 291        | 232                            | 79.7%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,417      | 1,191                          | 49.3%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,872      | 5,044                          | 73.4%                     |
| Total                      | 9,580      | 6,467                          | 67.5%                     |
| <b>Females</b>             |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 604        | 495                            | 82.0%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,428      | 1,341                          | 55.2%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,747      | 5,489                          | 81.4%                     |
| Total                      | 9,779      | 7,325                          | 74.9%                     |
| <b>Total</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 895        | 727                            | 81.2%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 4,845      | 2,532                          | 52.3%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 13,619     | 10,533                         | 77.3%                     |
| Total                      | 19,359     | 13,792                         | 71.2%                     |

*Note.* The college continuation rate is the number 2010–11 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before March 26, 2012, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2010–11. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), April 2012 and February 2015 (corrected); National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), March and April 2012; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), April 2012.

**Table A8.4.e**  
**College Continuation Rates of**  
**2011–2012 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Gender and Type of High School Attended**

| Type of High School Attended | # HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships | # of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 341  | 276  | 80.9%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 16   | 14   | 87.5%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 358  | 291  | 81.3%                     |
| <b>Females</b>               |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 631  | 524  | 83.0%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 21   | 21   | 100.0%                    |
| Home-schooled                | 0  | 0  |                           |
| Total                        | 652  | 545  | 83.6%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 972  | 800  | 82.3%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 37   | 35   | 94.6%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 1,010                                      | 836  | 82.8%                     |

**Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Gender and Student Income Status**

| Student Category           | # HS Grads | # of Grads Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 341        | 276                            | 80.9%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,606      | 1,247                          | 47.9%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,687      | 4,820                          | 72.1%                     |
| Total                      | 9,634      | 6,343                          | 65.8%                     |
| <b>Females</b>             |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 631        | 524                            | 83.0%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,609      | 1,495                          | 57.3%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,501      | 5,355                          | 82.4%                     |
| Total                      | 9,741      | 7,374                          | 75.7%                     |
| <b>Total</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 972        | 800                            | 82.3%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 5,215      | 2,742                          | 52.6%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 13,188     | 10,175                         | 77.2%                     |
| Total                      | 19,375     | 13,717                         | 70.8%                     |

*Note.* The college continuation rate is the number 2011–12 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before May 31, 2013, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2011–12. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), September 2013 and February 2015 (corrected); National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), August and September 2013; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), August 2013.

**Table A8.4.f**  
**College Continuation Rates of**  
**2012–2013 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Recipients**

**Part 1: College Continuation Rates of ACE Recipients by Gender and Type of High School Attended**

| Type of High School Attended | # HS Seniors Who Received ACE Scholarships | # of Senior ACE Recipients Who Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 342  | 283  | 82.7%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 12   | 11   | 91.7%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 1  | 1  | 100.0%                    |
| Total                        | 355  | 295  | 83.1%                     |
| <b>Females</b>               |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 609  | 536  | 88.0%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 22   | 19   | 86.4%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 3  | 2  | 66.7%                     |
| Total                        | 634  | 557  | 87.9%                     |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  |  |                           |
| Public                       | 951  | 819  | 86.1%                     |
| Nonpublic (Private)          | 34   | 30   | 88.2%                     |
| Home-schooled                | 4  | 3  | 75.0%                     |
| Total                        | 989  | 852  | 86.1%                     |

**Part 2: College Continuation Rates of Public High School Recipients of ACE Scholarships and Other Public High School Graduates by Gender and Student Income Status**

| Student Category           | # HS Grads | # of Grads Enrolled in College | College Continuation Rate |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Males</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 342        | 283                            | 82.7%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,705      | 1,283                          | 47.4%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,689      | 4,921                          | 73.6%                     |
| Total                      | 9,736      | 6,487                          | 66.6%                     |
| <b>Females</b>             |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 609        | 536                            | 88.0%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 2,766      | 1,534                          | 55.5%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 6,342      | 5,208                          | 82.1%                     |
| Total                      | 9,717      | 7,278                          | 74.9%                     |
| <b>Total</b>               |            |                                |                           |
| ACE Scholarship Recipients | 951        | 819                            | 86.1%                     |
| Other Low Income Graduates | 5,471      | 2,817                          | 51.5%                     |
| Non-Low Income Graduates   | 13,031     | 10,129                         | 77.7%                     |
| Total                      | 19,453     | 13,765                         | 70.8%                     |

*Note.* The college continuation rate is the number 2012–13 public high school graduates who enrolled in college on or before March 27, 2014, divided by the total number of students who graduated from Nebraska public high schools in 2012–13. National Student Clearinghouse records do not include students who enrolled in small private not-for-profit colleges or for-profit colleges and career schools that do not submit enrollment records to the Clearinghouse. Data sources: Nebraska’s Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (numbers of ACE recipients), June 2014; National Student Clearinghouse (college continuation data), March and April 2014; and Nebraska Department of Education (numbers of low-income and non-low-income graduates), April 2014.

**Table A8.5  
ACE Plus Scholarship Recipients  
2011–2012 through 2014–2015**

|  | 2011–2012 |       | 2012–2013 |       | 2013–2014 |       |
|--|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|  | N         | %     | N         | %     | N         | %     |
| <b>Year in College</b>   |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| First Year in College  | 234       | 73.8% | 242       | 61.4% | 181       | 51.6% |
| Second Year in College   | 83        | 26.2% | 152       | 38.6% | 170       | 48.4% |
| Total  | 317       |       | 394       |       | 351       |       |
| <b>Cumulative High School GPA<sup>a</sup> for ACE Plus Recipients<br/>Who Received ACE Plus Scholarships for Their First Year of College</b>   |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| 2.0–2.9  | 15        | 6.4%  | 32        | 13.2% | 9         | 5.0%  |
| 3.0–3.4  | 51        | 21.8% | 64        | 26.4% | 33        | 18.2% |
| 3.5–4.0  | 168       | 71.8% | 146       | 60.3% | 139       | 76.8% |
| Total  | 234       |       | 242       |       | 181       |       |
| <b>Freshmen Year (College) GPA<sup>b</sup> for ACE Plus Recipients<br/>Who Received ACE Plus Scholarships for Their Second Year of College</b> |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| 2.0–2.9  | 2         | 2.4%  | 25        | 16.4% | 34        | 20.0% |
| 3.0–3.4  | 11        | 13.3% | 44        | 28.9% | 52        | 30.6% |
| 3.5–4.0  | 70        | 84.3% | 83        | 54.6% | 84        | 49.4% |
| Total  | 83        |       | 152       |       | 170       |       |
| <b>College Attended</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| Nebraska Colleges  | 279       | 88.0% | 349       | 88.6% | 314       | 89.5% |
| Out-of-State Colleges  | 38        | 12.0% | 45        | 11.4% | 37        | 10.5% |
| Total  | 317       |       | 394       |       | 351       |       |
| <b>Nebraska Colleges Attended by Sector</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| University of Nebraska   | 136       | 48.7% | 160       | 45.8% | 173       | 55.1% |
| Nebraska State Colleges  | 39        | 14.0% | 45        | 12.9% | 49        | 15.6% |
| Community Colleges   | 64        | 22.9% | 79        | 22.6% | 48        | 15.3% |
| Independent Colleges   | 39        | 14.0% | 64        | 18.3% | 44        | 14.0% |
| For-Profit Schools   | 1         | 0.4%  | 1         | 0.3%  | 0         | 0.0%  |
| Total  | 279       |       | 349       |       | 314       |       |
| <b>Gender</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| Female   | 219       | 69.1% | 276       | 70.1% | 236       | 67.2% |
| Male   | 98        | 30.9% | 118       | 29.9% | 115       | 32.8% |
| Total  | 317       |       | 394       |       | 351       |       |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |           |       |           |       |           |       |
| White (non-Hispanic)   | 248       | 78.2% | 297       | 75.4% | 265       | 75.5% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander   | 11        | 3.5%  | 8         | 2.0%  | 10        | 2.8%  |
| Hispanic   | 33        | 10.4% | 56        | 14.2% | 55        | 15.7% |
| Native American  | 2         | 0.6%  | 5         | 1.3%  | 2         | 0.6%  |
| Black (non-Hispanic)   | 5         | 1.6%  | 11        | 2.8%  | 10        | 2.8%  |
| Two or More Races  | 18        | 5.7%  | 17        | 4.3%  | 9         | 2.6%  |
| Minority Total   | 69        | 21.8% | 97        | 24.6% | 86        | 24.5% |
| Total  | 317       |       | 394       |       | 351       |       |

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|--|------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
|  | <b>2014–2015</b> |          |  |  |  |  |
|  | <b>N</b>         | <b>%</b> |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Year in College</b>   |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| First Year in College  | 188              | 49.9%    |  |  |  |  |
| Second Year in College   | 189              | 50.1%    |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 377              |          |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Cumulative High School GPA<sup>a</sup> for ACE Plus Recipients Who Received ACE Plus Scholarships for Their First Year of College</b>   |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| 2.0–2.9  | 16               | 8.5%     |  |  |  |  |
| 3.0–3.4  | 35               | 18.6%    |  |  |  |  |
| 3.5–4.0  | 137              | 72.9%    |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 188              |          |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Freshmen Year (College) GPA<sup>b</sup> for ACE Plus Recipients Who Received ACE Plus Scholarships for Their Second Year of College</b> |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| 2.0–2.9  | 38               | 20.1%    |  |  |  |  |
| 3.0–3.4  | 55               | 29.1%    |  |  |  |  |
| 3.5–4.0  | 96               | 50.8%    |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 189              |          |  |  |  |  |
| <b>College Attended</b>  |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Nebraska Colleges  | 338              | 89.7%    |  |  |  |  |
| Out-of-State Colleges  | 39               | 10.3%    |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 377              |          |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Nebraska Colleges Attended by Sector</b>  |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| University of Nebraska   | 193              | 57.1%    |  |  |  |  |
| Nebraska State Colleges  | 45               | 13.3%    |  |  |  |  |
| Community Colleges   | 49               | 14.5%    |  |  |  |  |
| Independent Colleges   | 50               | 14.8%    |  |  |  |  |
| For-Profit Schools   | 1                | 0.3%     |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 338              |          |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Gender</b>  |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| Female   | 271              | 71.9%    |  |  |  |  |
| Male   | 106              | 28.1%    |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 377              |          |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |                  |          |  |  |  |  |
| White (non-Hispanic)   | 277              | 73.5%    |  |  |  |  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander   | 13               | 3.4%     |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic   | 58               | 15.4%    |  |  |  |  |
| Native American  | 1                | 0.3%     |  |  |  |  |
| Black (non-Hispanic)   | 14               | 3.7%     |  |  |  |  |
| Two or More Races  | 14               | 3.7%     |  |  |  |  |
| Minority Total   | 100              | 26.5%    |  |  |  |  |
| Total  | 377              |          |  |  |  |  |

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Data source: Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, September 2011, November 2012, November 2013, and November 2014.

<sup>a</sup> High school GPA is equal to the student's unweighted high school GPA, unless the student's transcript only contained a weighted GPA. GPAs greater than 4.0 were rounded to 4.0. For 2011–12, 2012–13, and 2013–14: high school GPA was self-reported by the student at the time of his/her ACE Plus application. For 2014–15: high school GPA was obtained by Commission staff from the student's unofficial high school transcript.

<sup>b</sup> College GPA was obtained by Commission staff from the student's unofficial college transcript.

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