



# NEBRASKA'S COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

# FACT SHEET

Coordinating Commission  
BY THE NUMBERS:

**86.1**

Percentage of 2012-13 Access  
College Early scholarship  
recipients who went to  
college after high school -  
compared to 51.5% of other  
low-income students. The  
Commission administers  
this program.

**15,944**

The number of low-income  
Nebraska college students who  
received a Nebraska  
Opportunity Grant in 2013-14.  
The Commission administers  
this program.

**VIII-14**

Article in the  
Nebraska constitution that  
created the current  
Coordinating Commission

**11**

Commissioners, appointed by  
the Governor and confirmed  
by the Legislature, who serve  
as voting members of the  
Commission

**11.5**

State-funded Commission  
employees—fewer than in 2005.

Originally formed in 1976, Nebraskans amended the state constitution in 1990 to create a new **Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education** with increased duties and responsibilities. Those duties and responsibilities now include:

- Creating and putting into action a **comprehensive statewide plan** to guide Nebraska's higher education system
- Partnering with Legislators to develop **innovative and results-driven higher education policy**
- **Helping low-income Nebraska students** attend college by awarding more than \$17 million in need-based financial aid programs and developing state financial aid strategy
- Administering the **Community College Gap Assistance Program**, which offers financial aid to students who want to work in high-need fields
- Ensuring the **efficient use of taxpayer funds** by approving or disapproving postsecondary construction projects that rely on tax funds and reviewing institutional biennial budget requests
- **Approving or disapproving academic programs based on specific criteria:** need, demand, unnecessary duplication, resources, and cost
- Assembling and analyzing **statewide data** and publishing reports **tied to the state's higher education goals**. The Coordinating Commission is the only Nebraska entity that does this kind of work on a statewide level
- Administering roughly **\$95 million** in annual State appropriations to **Nebraska's six community colleges**
- **Helping teachers and underserved populations** through the administration of federal education grants
- **Saving Nebraska colleges and universities thousands of dollars** through the administration of a nationwide distance learning agreement.

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