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# Preparing for fall? Here's how to use your NEST 529 funds.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE TREASURER

As summer approaches, many families are preparing for a major milestone: sending their students off to college. If you have a student starting or returning this fall, now is the time to plan your NEST 529 account withdrawals.

Requesting a withdrawal is easy. You can do so online by logging into your account or by downloading and submitting the Withdrawal Request Form at **NEST529.com/forms**. Funds can be disbursed in several convenient ways: directly to you as the account owner, to the beneficiary, to the educational institution, or to the account owner's bank account on file.

To ensure your funds arrive when needed, we recommend planning ahead. If you are sending a physical check to the school, please allow 7–10 days for mailing and processing time by the institution.

Whether you're covering tuition, room and board, or other qualified expenses, your NEST 529 account is designed to help your family make the most of this exciting season.

Want more details about how and when you can use your funds? Visit **NEST529.com/uses**.

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#### **OPEN DOORS FOR THEIR FUTURE**

Career planning can feel overwhelming, but your NEST 529 Education Savings Plan means you're already one step ahead — it's a strategic launchpad for your child's dreams.

As higher education costs continue to rise, your timely investment provides the flexibility to support your child's unique path. Learn how early savings can open doors to a range of career opportunities and reduce future financial stress.

Read the full article at **NEST529.com/blog**.

### Stay tuned for new updates from NEST 529.

We're excited to share that new enhanced online tools are coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information to come.

To make sure you don't miss updates like this, follow NEST 529 on Facebook and Instagram, where we regularly share education savings tips and encouragement.







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## Four items to mark off your NEST 529 checklist.

Want to simplify your NEST 529 experience this summer? Take these steps to organize your account information and set yourself up for successful saving:

- Sign up for e-delivery of statements and plan updates
- Make sure your beneficiary's contact information is accurate and up to date
- Plan ahead for one-time contributions for your beneficiary's birthday, holidays, or other special events
- Set aside time to review your contributions and investment options

# **Scholarship Results:** "Why I Want to Go to College" **Writing Sweepstakes.**

#### **WINNERS RECOGNIZED AT STORM CHASERS GAME**

The 23rd annual "Why I Want to Go to College" Writing Sweepstakes has ended, and 12 student winners will receive contributions to their NEST 529 account. As part of the sweepstakes, each winner submitted a brief essay about what they hope to achieve through higher education. Three winners were selected from each of Nebraska's three Congressional districts, plus three winners from outside of the state.

▶ 1st Congressional District – Nebraska

First: Marian Perez Suchite, Lincoln Second: Hudson Corder, Schuyler Third: Addison Zupancic, Lincoln

> 2nd Congressional District - Nebraska

First: Jack Schaefer, Elkhorn Second: Alexander Beavers, Omaha Third: Hailey Hanson, Omaha

> 3rd Congressional District - Nebraska

First: Rylee Amen, Grand Island Second: Ali Wondercheck, Atkinson Third: Bentley Beilke, Giltner

Out-of-State Winners

First: Elijah Berney, Shreveport, LA Second: Isabella Gomez, Ridgefield Park, NJ Third: Micah Beardsley, Harrison, TN

Read the winning entries and learn more at NEST529.com/Essay2025

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An investor should consider, before investing, whether the investor's or beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in such state's 529 plan. Investors should consult their tax advisor, attorney, and/or other advisor regarding their specific legal, investment, or tax situation.

The NEST Direct College Savings Plan (the "Plan") is sponsored by the State of Nebraska, administered by the Nebraska State Treasurer, and the Nebraska Investment Council provides investment oversight. Union Bank and Trust Company serves as Program Manager for the Plan. Union Bank and Trust Company is registered as a municipal advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). The Plan offers a series of Investment Options within the Nebraska Educational Savings Plan Trust (the "Trust"), which offers other Investment Options not affiliated with the Plan. The Plan is intended to operate as a qualified tuition program.

Except for any investments made by a Plan participant in the Bank Savings Underlying Investment up to the limit provided by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance, neither the principal contributed to an account, nor earnings thereon, are guaranteed or insured by the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Treasurer, the Nebraska Investment Council, the Trust, the Plan, any other state, any agency or instrumentality thereof, Union Bank and Trust Company, the FDIC, or any other entity. Investment returns are not guaranteed. Account owners in the Plan assume all investment risk, including the potential loss of principal.

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