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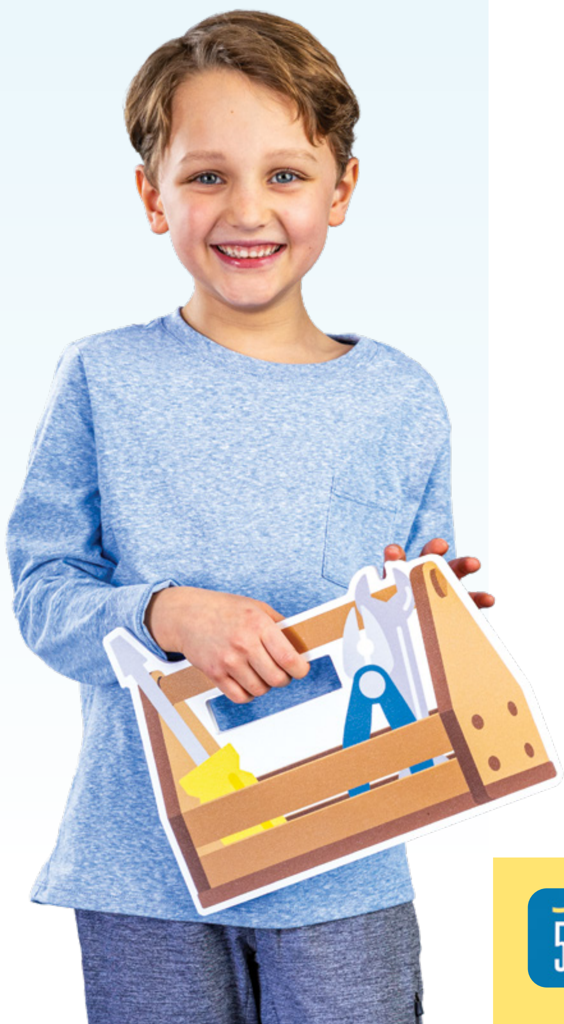


Next steps for your NEST 529 funds.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE TREASURER

As students prepare to head to college this fall, it's a great time to plan your NEST 529 account withdrawals.

You can request a withdrawal online by logging in to your account, mobile app, or by downloading and submitting the appropriate form at **NEST529.com/Forms**. Funds can be disbursed in several convenient ways: directly to you as the account owner, to the Beneficiary, to a college or university, or into your bank account.

Plan ahead when requesting funds. If you choose to have a check mailed, we recommend allowing 7–10 days for delivery and for the school to process the payment.

Whether it's tuition, room and board, or other qualified expenses[1], your NEST 529 account helps you turn years of planning into meaningful moments as your student begins this exciting journey.

Want more details about how and when you can use your funds? Visit **NEST529.com/Use-of-Funds**.

Nebraska Legislature to expand qualified expenses.

TWO THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LB748

Earlier this year, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 748, which will make NEST 529 accounts even more flexible for families in the state. The bill was written to align state law with recent federal updates and expands access to more educational possibilities:

Postsecondary and Career Training

Starting on July 17, 2026, NEST 529 funds can be used to pay for qualified postsecondary credentialing expenses. This includes professional certifications and trade-specific training that might not involve a traditional degree (like HVAC, welding, IT, and construction).

K–12 Education Expenses

Beginning January 1, 2029, withdrawals used to pay K–12 Expenses are set to be treated as Nebraska Qualified Expenses, subject to the federal annual limitation (currently $20,000 per Beneficiary per taxable year).

From essays to opportunity.

2026 WRITING SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

The “Why I Want to Go to College” Writing Sweepstakes, sponsored by the Nebraska State Treasurer’s Office, continues to inspire students to share their goals and dreams through the power of writing. Now in its 24th year, the program invites seventh and eighth graders to reflect on how higher education can shape their futures while encouraging early conversations about planning for college.

This year, 335 talented students from across Nebraska and beyond submitted thoughtful essays. Each first-place winner received a $2,000 contribution with second and third-place winners receiving $1,000 and $500, respectively.

1st Congressional District – Nebraska

- **First:** Summer Korth, Humphrey
- **Second:** Hailey Schroeder, Columbus
- **Third:** Isabel Hernandez, Lincoln

2nd Congressional District – Nebraska

- **First:** Ashleigh Hopp, Springfield
- **Second:** Abby Lovely, Omaha
- **Third:** Paige Brabec, Omaha

3rd Congressional District – Nebraska

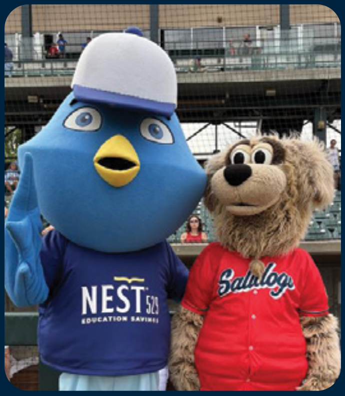
- **First:** Bentley McHargue, Central City
- **Second:** Jettlyn Pierson, Arcadia
- **Third:** Rowdie Lynch, Callaway

Out-of-State Winners

- **First:** Alexandria Danielle Hain, Alabama
- **Second:** Matthew Jones, Texas
- **Third:** Brecken Booth, Illinois

Meet Nester at Lincoln Saltdogs games.

It’s baseball season once again, which means Nester’s headed to Haymarket Park to cheer on the Saltdogs! Don’t miss out on photo opportunities and wing-bumps from our fine-feathered friend.



- July 15: All-Star Game and Home Run Derby
- August 22

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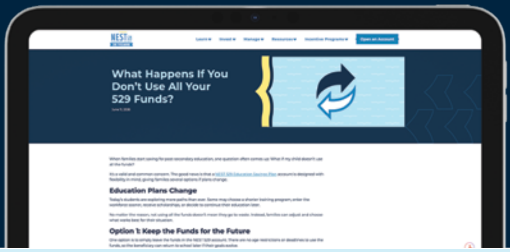
CHECK OUT OUR BLOG TO PLAN AHEAD

Another graduation season has come and gone — but what if your student didn’t use all their 529 funds? Discover flexible options that can adapt to changing plans and keep your savings working for your family’s future. Scan the QR code to explore what’s possible and learn more.



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