



\$1,500 INSURANCE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska Foundation is now accepting applications for two Insurance Studies Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each. **Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to students (1) graduating from high school this year, and (2) a nontraditional student seeking to further their education. Each applicant must be registered as a full-time student in a Nebraska community college with an accredited program of study recognized by Project InVEST®.** Project InVEST® is a national insurance studies educational organization which is based in Alexandria, Virginia.

The current accredited program in Nebraska is at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. The Insurance Services program includes a one-year certificate option, and a two-year business degree option. **Both programs can be completed online. Go to www.northeast.edu for more information on the Business- Insurance Services program.**

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska in 1989 for educational uses and purposes.

Selection of the scholarship winner will be based on scholastic application, as well as participation and leadership in school, community activities, and educational goals. There are no criteria relative to gender or financial need.

Scholarship guidelines and an application are enclosed. Please announce the availability of the scholarship to your senior students. **The application must be postmarked or e-mailed by March 1, 2012.** Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail the Foundation office, in Lincoln at 1-800-377-3985, office@biginebraska.org, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Chastain".

Dave Chastain, CPCU, CLU
President



INSURANCE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicant **MUST** be registered as a full-time student in the Insurance Services program at Northeast Community College in Norfolk - the **ONLY** accredited program of study in Nebraska recognized by Project InVEST. Go to www.northeast.edu for more information on the Business –Insurance Studies program. (**NOTE:** Project InVEST is a national insurance studies educational organization which is based in Alexandria, Virginia.)
2. The Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska Foundation will determine the number and amount of scholarships to be awarded each year. These numbers and amounts may change annually. This year:
 - **Up to two \$1,500 Scholarships will be awarded to a student who is registered as a full-time student in the NECC program.**
 - One \$1,500 Scholarship to be awarded to a student who has already graduated from high school, and who has prior work experience and/or has completed coursework at a post-secondary institution.
3. **Applicants must intend to complete an accredited one-year or two-year program.** Applicants who graduate from high school in the current year, or have attended college in the last 12 months, **must demonstrate scholastic application.**

The selection committee will also consider the applicant’s participation and leadership in college/community activities and/or work-related achievements, along with educational and/or career goals.
4. There are no criteria relative to gender or financial need.
5. Selections are made by a committee consisting of Foundation directors and community business and professional leaders.
6. There is no limitation on persons who are eligible recipients of scholarships. Scholarships will be given without regard to race, creed, religion, nation origin, sex, or employment status of prospective recipients or of any relative of any prospective recipient.
7. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the community college where the recipient is enrolled on a term-by-term basis, in advance of each term. Recipient must submit evidence of being enrolled in an accredited program. Any remaining funds will be paid to the recipient.
8. **Notices will be sent to applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship. Applicants may call the Foundation office after deadline, to inquire about the status of their application at (402) 476-2951 in Lincoln or 1-800-377-3985.**

Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska Foundation

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Application for Insurance Studies Scholarship

This application must be postmarked or e-mailed by **March 1, 2012** and mailed to:

Selection Committee
Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska Foundation
8231 Northwoods Dr., Ste B
Lincoln, NE 68505 – office@biginebraska.org

****APPLICANT MUST PRINT OR TYPE SECTION I INFORMATION:**

Section I. Information to be supplied by applicant:

Student's Full Name: _____

Current Status (**check one**): High School Senior Post-High School - Prior College/Business Experience

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

If a minor, full name of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

If a minor, permanent address of parent(s) or guardian(s): Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of community college in which you are enrolled: _____

Date you expect to enter (Month/Year): _____

Please list all other scholarships, awards or financial aids for which you have applied, or have been granted for the coming school years.

Name of Financial Aid	Value	Has it been granted?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Section II. On a separate sheet of paper, include the following. (This section may be handwritten or typed.)

1. **In a paragraph (no more than one page)**, why do you believe you should be awarded this scholarship?
2. **In a paragraph (no more than one page)**, what are your educational plans/career goals?
3. **Graduating High School Students:** Using a separate sheet, attach a resume of your high school career. Please limit to years while in high school.
Post-High School Students: Using a separate sheet, attach a resume of your college/and work business career.

Areas to possibly include, **but not limited to**, are:

- School organizations/memberships and offices held.
- Athletic involvement: number of years for each and honors earned.
- School Volunteer Opportunities.
- Community involvement opportunities.
- Employment history, if applicable.
- Work/business achievements.

The applicant herewith consents that the Scholarship Selection Committee be fully informed as to the applicant's scholastic standing and other factors having a bearing on this application. If the applicant is chosen as a scholarship winner, the applicant agrees to provide the Selection Committee with evidence of completing the coursework necessary to qualify for the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Section III. Additional information required.

1. Submit **proof of enrollment** in an accredited program.
2. **Post-High School Students:**
 - Include a **letter of recommendation** from your college advisor and/or employer **with this application**.
 - If you have attended college in the last 12 months, **an official college transcript must be attached** to be considered for a scholarship.
4. **Graduating High School Students:** After you have completed your part of this application, present the following form to your school counselor or principal for certification and delivery to the scholarship selection committee.

Check out the Business – Insurance Services program at Northeast Community College, www.northeast.edu

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Graduating High School Students: Information to be supplied by Principal or Counselor

1. This is to certify that the above applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____ seniors.
2. Date of high school graduation will be _____, 2011.
3. The applicant has taken the following college entrance examinations under a statewide testing program: (Please note if ACT or other test was taken more than once, you may list the highest only or list in chronological order from previous to present.)

<u>Name of Test</u>	<u>Score(s)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. The Committee would appreciate a brief statement/letter concerning your evaluation of this applicant's citizenship and worthiness for scholarship consideration. (Use a separate sheet for statement.)

Date: _____

Principal or Counselor

Name of High School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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