

**The following message is posted on behalf of The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation.**

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Students applying for the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship may start their online application on January 1, 2012. This online application can be found at: [www.buffettscholarships.org](http://www.buffettscholarships.org). There is also an online survey the student will complete after completing the application. This information is being gathered for statistical purposes only. The deadline for the scholarship is March 1, 2012. Students that are granted the scholarship will start college in the fall of 2012.

**To be considered for a scholarship from The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, a student must:**

1. Be an incoming freshman\*
2. Have graduated from a high school in Nebraska
3. Be a resident of the state of Nebraska
4. Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend school
5. Have achieved at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA in high school
6. Have applied for federal financial aid and have already received back the Student Aid Report that contains your Expected Family Contribution (EFC); see Filing for FAFSA
7. Be attending or applying to a Nebraska state public school (for example – UNO, UNL, UNK, Chadron State, Peru State, Wayne State) or a two-year public college within Nebraska (for example – Southeast Community College, Metropolitan Community College, Northeast Community College)

**Please note that if you receive any other full-tuition scholarship, you may not be eligible for the Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship.**

**\*Students obtaining dual enrollment credits while in high school are still eligible to apply.**

**Documents students will need to apply for the scholarship:**

1. **Student Aid Report (SAR):** This document is the result of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); which will be available 3-5 days after completing the FAFSA. You will need to complete and submit your FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You, and at least one parent, will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and you can get that *now* at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).
2. **School Transcript**—When you submit your application online, you will need an **Official Copy** of your most up-to-date high school transcript. Talk with a counselor or teacher now to find out how you can get this when the time comes.
3. **Two Letters of Recommendation**—You will need two letters of reference that tell us why you should get the scholarship. You may want to consider asking a teacher, employer or clergy. References cannot be from friends or family. Your references will submit their recommendation letters via an online link.
4. **Personal Essay**—You will need at least a one-page explanation of your life circumstances, including why you need a scholarship and your reasons for attending college. The more you explain, the better.

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