Nebraska State Treasurer Shane Osborn, along with the Omaha Royals Baseball Club, are pleased to announce the kick-off of the 8th Annual, “Why I Want to Go to College” essay contest.

The essay contest is open to all seventh and eightth grade students residing in and outside of Nebraska.

“We are excited to continue our partnership with the Omaha Royals for an event that is not only fun and interactive, but also provides a valuable learning experience for these students,” Osborn said. “We want every child to realize their dream of attending college and hope this essay contest will help them achieve their future goals.”

Essays must be post-marked by Monday, April 19, 2010. The essay should be no more than 750 words and should articulate the student’s goals and dreams for the future.

Each essay, along with the required cover sheet, should be mailed to:

The Omaha Royals

Attn: Diann Spataro

1202 Bert Murphy Ave.

Omaha, NE 68107

A first, second and third place winner will be selected from each of Nebraska’s three

congressional districts. Each district winner will receive the following:

- First Place -$1,000 towards one of Nebraska’s College Savings Plans
- Second Place - $500 towards one of Nebraska’s College Savings Plans
- Third Place - $300 towards one of Nebraska’s College Savings Plans

In addition, each winner will receive four tickets to the Nebraska vs. Creighton baseball game on Tuesday, May 18 at Omaha’s Rosenblatt Stadium and four Henry Doorly Zoo passes.

First Place winners will also be treated to a one night stay at a premier Omaha hotel.

Out-of-state participants (non-Nebraska residents) will receive monetary prizes of $1,000, $500, and $300 towards one of Nebraska’s College Savings Plans for first, second, and third place respectively.

Prizes are courtesy of the Omaha Royals and the Nebraska State Treasurer’s Office.

For more information on contest requirements, contact Rachel Biar at 402-471-1088 or visit www.treasurer.org.