

The Nebraska Department of Education is accepting applications for federally-funded scholarships that provide postsecondary education opportunities for Nebraska high school seniors with outstanding academic achievements.

Nebraska seniors who receive a scholarship will receive up to \$1,500 a year for four years. About 40 new scholarships are awarded each year. In addition, scholarships previously awarded to applicants are renewed.

The selection process gives primary consideration to ACT composite test scores. Recipients are chosen to ensure equitable and statewide distribution without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, economic background or financial need.

Eligibility information and the scholarship application form are available online at www.education.ne.gov/byrd.

For more information about the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, applicants may call 402.471.3962 or email mardi.north@nebraska.gov.

The application deadline is March 15, 2011.