

# Agency 48 - Postsecondary Education Commission

## Statutory Authority:

The Commission's purposes, powers, and duties were established and are defined by Article VII, Section 14, of the Constitution of Nebraska and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act, §§85-1401 et seq. Nebraska Revised Statute (Reissue 1994). The main purpose of the Commission, as described in Section 85-1403, is the coordination of public postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska. The Commission has a complete set of rules and regulations on file with the Secretary of State.

## Vision Statement:

The Commission promotes cooperation and collaboration among Nebraska's postsecondary institutions. The Commission is a partner with the higher education community, the executive branch, and the legislative branch in identifying and meeting educational needs of the state. The Commission will foster changes and improvements in higher education on a continual basis while avoiding unnecessary duplication. It will strive to increase higher education's capacity to change, ensure affordability, and foster accountability, productivity and efficiency leading to long-term viability.

## Mission Statement:

The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education is a constitutional agency that coordinates the state's public postsecondary institutions. The purposes of the Coordinating Commission are:

1. to develop an ongoing comprehensive statewide plan for the operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of postsecondary education;
2. to identify and enact policies to meet the educational, research, and public service needs of the state;
3. to effect the best use of available resources through the elimination of unnecessary programs and facilities among Nebraska's public institutions.

## Goals:

The primary constitutional and statutory goals and responsibilities of the Commission include:

1. Review and update a comprehensive statewide plan for a coordinated approach to a system of postsecondary education in Nebraska.
2. Review and approve new and existing instructional programs and new private or out-of-state institutions.
3. Review and modify budget requests of public institutions and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
4. Review and approve proposed capital construction projects of public institutions and prioritize approved projects.
5. Collect and provide data and factual information about public postsecondary institutions.
6. Administer the student financial aid programs.
7. Administer the Improving Teacher Quality Improvement program (formerly Eisenhower Professional Development Program).

## Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	7,967,799	6,824,789	7,997,143	6,174,408	8,026,681	6,206,065
Cash Fund	4,989	4,100	9,500	11,592	10,000	12,143
Federal Fund	698,683	917,731	917,731	918,238	917,731	918,682
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	8,671,471	7,746,620	8,924,374	7,104,238	8,954,412	7,136,890

## Agency 48 - Postsecondary Education Commission Program 297 - Math / Science

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### Program Objectives:

The purpose of the Eisenhower Professional Development Program is to improve the teaching and learning of all students by helping to ensure that teachers, administrators, and other staff have access to sustained and intensive high quality professional development. In 2002 this program was reauthorized as the Improving Teacher Quality state grant program. The program provides grants to Nebraska partnerships comprised of teacher education and arts and sciences divisions at institutions of higher education and high need local educational agencies for projects to improve the skills of in-service teachers, principals, and para-professionals in elementary and secondary schools. Federal statutes allow support for both public and private institutions and for any core academic subject area.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	256,280	320,000	320,000	320,507	320,000	320,951
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>256,280</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>320,507</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>320,951</b>

### Performance Measures:

Eleven performance measures have been designated to evaluate the program. These include the number of in-service projects funded and the number of teachers participating, the number of pre-service projects funded and the number of student teachers participating, the number of projects that serve historically under-served and under-represented populations, and the number of local educational agencies involved in the program.

Beginning in 2003 with the implementation of the Improving Teacher Quality program, performance measures will include the number of projects funded for para-professionals and the number of para-professionals participating, the number of projects addressing the needs of low performing schools, the number of schools participating, the number of projects addressing needs of high-need local educational agencies, and the number of high need local educational agencies participating.

## Agency 48 - Postsecondary Education Commission Program 299 - State Student Incentive Grant Program

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### Program Objectives:

Programs 299/499 are combined under the State Scholarship Award Progra. Under this program grants are provided to the State's financially-neediest students at all of the State's postsecondary institutions public, private, and private career. For the biennium the Commission requests the restoration of the funding lost to budget cuts plus some increase for each year of the 2003-2005 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. Currently, Nebraska ranks 35th in the country.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	803,965	803,965	803,965	803,965	803,965	803,965
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	217,117	220,726	220,726	220,726	220,726	220,726
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,021,082</b>	<b>1,024,691</b>	<b>1,024,691</b>	<b>1,024,691</b>	<b>1,024,691</b>	<b>1,024,691</b>

### Performance Measures:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, collect data for the three financial aid programs, calculating the number of awards and average grant.
2. Continuation of the current level of funding would ensure that 8,800 needy students would be served.
3. If the additional funding of \$2 million is appropriated each year, up to 2800 additional students, with an average award of \$713, could be served by the state financial aid programs in each year of the biennium, for a total of 5,600 additional students by the end of the biennium.
4. Audit of the institutions will continue to ensure that awards are given to eligible students.

## Agency 48 - Postsecondary Education Commission Program 499 - State Scholarship Award Program

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### Program Objectives:

The State Scholarship Award Program provides grants to the State's financially-neediest students at all of the State's postsecondary institutions public, private, and private career. For the biennium the Commission requests the restoration of the funding lost to budget cuts plus some increase for each year of the 2003-2005 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. Currently, Nebraska ranks 35th in the country.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	1,241,023	1,066,448	1,241,023	879,407	1,241,023	879,407
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	225,286	371,005	371,005	371,005	371,005	371,005
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,466,309</b>	<b>1,437,453</b>	<b>1,612,028</b>	<b>1,250,412</b>	<b>1,612,028</b>	<b>1,250,412</b>

### Performance Measures:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, collect data for the three financial aid programs, calculating the number of awards and average grant.
2. Continuation of the current level of funding would ensure that 8,800 needy students would be served.
3. If the additional funding of \$2 million is appropriated each year, up to 2800 additional students, with an average award of \$713, could be served by the state financial aid programs in each year of the biennium, for a total of 5,600 additional students by the end of the biennium.
4. Audit of the institutions will continue to ensure that awards are given to eligible students.

## Agency 48 - Postsecondary Education Commission Program 500 - Scholarship Assist Program

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### Program Objectives:

The Scholarship Assistance Program provides grants to the State's financially-neediest students at all of the State's postsecondary institutions public, private, and private career. For the biennium the Commission requests the restoration of the funding lost to budget cuts plus some increase for each year of the 2003-2005 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. Currently, Nebraska ranks 35th in the country.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	2,044,988	1,870,413	2,044,988	1,683,372	2,044,988	1,683,372
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,044,988</b>	<b>1,870,413</b>	<b>2,044,988</b>	<b>1,683,372</b>	<b>2,044,988</b>	<b>1,683,372</b>

### Performance Measures:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, collect data for the three financial aid programs, calculating the number of awards and average grant.
2. Continuation of the current level of funding would ensure that 8,800 needy students would be served.
3. If the additional funding of \$2 million is appropriated each year, up to 2800 additional students, with an average award of \$713, could be served by the state financial aid programs in each year of the biennium, for a total of 5,600 additional students by the end of the biennium.
4. Audit of the institutions will continue to ensure that awards are given to eligible students.

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## Program 640 - Administration

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### Program Objectives:

Program 640 (Administration) contains the majority of the Commission's responsibilities. In performance of its responsibilities, the Commission will:

1. fulfill its Constitutional and Statutory responsibilities to the State of Nebraska,
2. foster cooperation and collaboration with the postsecondary education institutions and K/12 throughout the state,
3. promote efficiency and accountability among the institutions to affect best use of available resources through elimination of unnecessary duplication,
4. identify and develop policies to meet the postsecondary educational, research and public service needs of the state and
5. serve as an advocate for postsecondary education in Nebraska.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
<b>General Fund</b>	1,018,773	950,579	1,048,117	887,619	1,077,655	919,276
<b>Cash Fund</b>	4,989	4,100	9,500	11,592	10,000	12,143
<b>Federal Fund</b>	0	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
<b>Revolving Fund</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Fund</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,023,762</b>	<b>960,679</b>	<b>1,063,617</b>	<b>905,211</b>	<b>1,093,655</b>	<b>937,419</b>

### Performance Measures:

The Commission has established some measures of its performance which include gathering data from sources outside the Commission in its efforts to provide reports on others' performance.

1. Review each institution's progress in compliance with the Comprehensive Statewide Plan including specific indicators identified by the institutions as their unique goals for meeting their role and missions.
2. Examine and report on enrollment and graduation percentages of students by ethnicity, as compared with in Nebraska population demographics.
3. Gather and report on tuition as compared with peer institutions, examining tuition rate as a percent of total revenues and as related to percent of disposable and per capita income.
4. Request and report on number of off-campus courses delivered by information technologies and the uses of instructional technology utilized by each institution.
5. Request and report on cooperation and sharing of courses such as number of articulated programs, team teaching, joint curriculums, number of 2+2 programs and number of collaborative courses and enrollments.

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## Program 650 - Postsecondary Education Award Program

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### Program Objectives:

The purpose of PEAP is to provide tuition aid to the State's neediest students who attend eligible independent colleges and universities. For the biennium the Commission requests the restoration of the funding lost to budget cuts plus some increase for each year of the 2003-2005 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. Currently, Nebraska ranks 35th in the country.

### Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	2,859,050	2,133,384	2,859,050	1,920,045	2,859,050	1,920,045
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,859,050</b>	<b>2,133,384</b>	<b>2,859,050</b>	<b>1,920,045</b>	<b>2,859,050</b>	<b>1,920,045</b>

### Performance Measures:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, collect data for the three financial aid programs, calculating the number of awards and average grant.
2. Continuation of the current level of funding would ensure that 8,800 needy students would be served.
3. If the additional funding of \$2 million is appropriated each year, up to 2800 additional students, with an average award of \$713, could be served by the state financial aid programs in each year of the biennium, for a total of 5,600 additional students by the end of the biennium.
4. Audit of the institutions will continue to ensure that awards are given to eligible students.