

Susan T. Buffett Foundation Scholarship Information
Scholarship Application Can Be Found at: <https://buffettscholarships.org>

Eligibility

- Be a resident of the state of Nebraska.
- Graduate from a Nebraska high school.
- Earn at least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA.
- Be a first-time freshman when entering college.
- Plan to enroll in a Nebraska public institution.
- Be in need of financial assistance (SAI below \$10,000).
- Do not need to be Pell Grant eligible.

Scholarship Details

-This scholarship renews for up to five years at a four-year college or up to three years at a two-year college or until student graduates- whichever comes first.

Deadlines

-The following are due **February 1, 2024 before 5:00 p.m. CST:**

- Application forms- students must click submit, answer final survey questions, and sign a consent to release by this date, or the application will be locked.
- 1 recommendation (on-line template) Fill in the email address of the recommender so an email can be sent to them. (Teacher, School Administrator, School Counselor, Employer, Clergy, Coach, or other professional adult)
- High School transcript in PDF form (can be an unofficial transcript).
- Short Answer Section completed.

Financial Part due by **March 15, 2024 before 5:00 p.m. CST:**

- Upload all pages of FAFSA Submission Summary as pdf.
- SAI must be between -1,500 and 9,999.

Short Answer Section

-Answer the following questions/topics. Each answer should be between 150 - 350 words:

1. Tell us about yourself. (In your response, include important things you would want us to know about you and discuss a meaningful time / experience in your life that has shaped who you are.)
2. Tell us about your academic experiences in high school. (In your response include how you think these experiences have or have not prepared you for college.)

3. In what ways would receiving this scholarship impact your life? In your response, please think about your life now, during college, and / or future after college.

-Max of 350 words for each prompt.

-Check out the how to video on answering the short answer prompts on Susan T. Buffett website.

-Have someone read your essay to provide feedback before submitting.

Email Address

-Make sure to enter your email address correctly. Do not use your high school email address.

Communication about Decisions

-An email will be sent to all students who **completed** the application.

-Scholarship decisions will be sent prior to May 1 via email.

Common Errors

-Short answer prompts are not addressed.

-Student gives general essay responses, without sharing personal experiences / stories. (Lacks student's voice)

-Incorrect documents uploaded.

-Student did not officially submit after the consent to release.

-Students ask recommenders who cannot answer the questions.

-Incorrect email address for recommenders.

-Forgetting to check the status page.

-Procrastination by students and recommenders.

-Using family friend or neighbor as a recommender.

-Check out the videos embedded in the application or on the Buffet website for help as well as the checklist of needed materials. There is also a Live Chat Option during specific times if you need help with the application. Check out videos and more information at <https://buffettscholarships.org/>

New This Year

-Must include the school counselor's phone number in the application.

The Susan T. Buffett Scholarship Application Checklist

- Create an Account**
 - Social Security number* (if you have one)
 - Username and password (save these)
 - Confirm email address
- Online application forms**
- One recommendation**
 - Enter person's full name, title, and email
 - Must be submitted by February 1st deadline
- FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)***
 - You and parent/guardian will need FSA IDs
 - FSS must include full name and SAI
 - SAI must be between -1,500 and 9,999
 - Must be uploaded by March 15 deadline
- Consent form**

When you are ready to submit the application:

 - Read the online consent form
 - Complete your electronic signature
 - Obtain parent/guardian electronic signature (if you are under 19 years of age)
- Short Answer Section**

Complete the following prompts. Each response should be between 150-350 words:

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 2. Tell us about your academic experiences in high school. In your response include how you think these experiences have or have not prepared you for college.
 3. In what ways would receiving this scholarship impact your life? In your response, please think about your life now, during college, and/or future after college.
- High school transcript PDF which includes:**
 - Full name, date of birth, and high school name
 - Cumulative unweighted GPA (2.0 or above)
 - High school coursework with grades
 - Current work in progress

*DACA, undocumented or DACA eligible students need to complete and upload the Federal Student Aid Estimator: <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>