

Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars

The Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST) is pleased to announce a major initiative to bring critical financial literacy education to Nebraska high school students and their families. NEST has underwritten the cost of the *EverFi - Financial Literacy™* platform, which provides an interactive, web-based financial management program to high schools across Nebraska **at no cost to the schools or taxpayers**. In addition, the program provides Nebraska parents with a no-cost, web-based tutorial on 529 college savings plans and financing their children's higher education.



Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars for Students makes use of the *EverFi - Financial Literacy*™ program, an award-winning, web-based course that uses video, animations, 3-D gaming, avatars, and social networking to bring financial concepts to life for today's digital generation. The course curriculum aligns with both Nebraska and national financial literacy standards and Common Core State Math Standards. Topics covered include savings, banking, credit cards and interest rates, credit scores, financing higher education, renting vs. owning, taxes and insurance, consumer fraud, and investing.

529 Savings Program for Families

Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars for Families provides an interactive overview of 529 college savings plans, including the advantages of a 529 plan, how they work, frequently asked questions, and more. By spotlighting a family who started saving for a child's college education expenses, the program provides essential knowledge from calculating how much to save each month to achieve savings goals, to learning about common myths and facts regarding 529 plans and other related topics. This online program is flexible to fit around a busy schedule and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.



Financial literacy is a critical life skill.

Nebraska students and families need this essential knowledge to prepare them to make wise financial decisions in their lives. We are happy to work with EverFi to reimagine the way financial education is taught today."

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Gaining Tools to Build a Better Future

Financial literacy gives people the tools to build better lives and better futures. Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars is a unique education program that empowers both students and adults with a basic understanding of personal finance that is necessary for future financial achievement, confidence, and wellbeing. EverFi and the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust are proud to partner together to offer the award-winning high school curriculum and the 529 online course at no cost to local schools or taxpayers.

Getting Started

Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars for Students is an opportunity for high school students to learn about personal finance, guided by their teachers. To learn more about bringing Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars to your school, contact

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Nebraska NEST Financial Scholars for Families offers the opportunity to learn about saving for college through state-sponsored 529 college savings plans like the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST). Nebraska high school teachers, students, and families can access more information on the program through the State Treasurer's website at **www.treasurer.org**. To learn more, contact

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Images from the Program:







High school students experienced a

increase in financial knowledge after completing the EverFi curriculum.

 Based on results from a sixmonth study of high school students using EverFi, 2012

EverFi is the leading technology platform that teaches, assesses and certifies students in critical skills. The courses have touched the lives of nearly 6 million students.

