



News from Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg - February 2016

Treasurer Stenberg Introduces Enable Savings program for people with disabilities

In a momentous news conference Nov. 19 in the Capitol Rotunda, Treasurer Stenberg announced that Nebraska's Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) program will be managed by First National Bank of Omaha and will be operational by summer 2016.



The program, which allows people with disabilities to create tax-advantaged savings accounts, will be known as the Enable Savings Plan. Stenberg said he expects the Nebraska program to be one of the first in the nation to be up and running. Residents of other states can set up accounts in the Nebraska Enable Plan.

Stenberg, who is Trustee of Enable, said Nebraska is building a savings program to address the unique needs of account owners, keeping in mind convenience, ease of use, and cost. [Read more https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2015/1119/.](https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2015/1119/)

Lives Touched by Enable

Click on the video below to meet some of the Nebraskans whose lives will be touched by the Enable Savings Plan. The video was produced for First National Bank of Omaha, program manager for Enable.



NEST Writers to Celebrate at Werner Park

Seventh and eighth graders are encouraged to enter the 14th annual "Why I Want to Go to College" writing contest for a chance to win a NEST scholarship and tickets to the May 1 Storm Chasers game at Werner Park in Papillion.



Treasurer Stenberg at Werner Park with one of the 2015 "Why I Want to Go to College" essay winners, Priscilla Lebesse, center, and her family of Lincoln.

The annual writing contest is sponsored by the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office and the Omaha Storm Chasers. Entries are due March 18.

Three winners will be chosen in each of Nebraska's three U.S. Congressional districts, and three winners will be selected from outside Nebraska. Each first-place winner will each receive a \$2,000 contribution to a NEST college savings plan. Second-place winners will each receive a \$1,000 contribution to a NEST plan, and third-place winners will each receive a \$500 contribution to a NEST plan. Each Nebraska winner receive four tickets to the May 1 game. [Read more https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/college/2016/contest-announcement/](https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/csp/scholarships/essay/college/2016/contest-announcement/)

Encouraging Teachers, Students to Sign up for Finance Challenge 2016

Treasurer Stenberg sat down with Josh Hinrichs, business teacher at Lincoln Southwest High School, in the Drawing Room of the Governor's Residence to talk about the value of financial literacy education and to encourage Nebraska high school students to enter the Personal Finance Challenge 2016. The Nebraska Educational Savings Trust will provide \$14,000 in NEST scholarships to members of the top three team in the state competition, sponsored by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education.

Listen to Treasurer Stenberg's conversation with Mr. Hinrichs in the 2-minute, 48-second video below. Learn more about the competition at <https://treasurer.nebraska.gov/news/2016/0201/>



More than 117,000 New Names in Upcoming Unclaimed Property Report

Watch your weekend newspapers in March and April for the 2016 Unclaimed Property Report featuring stories of six Nebraskans who collectively found more than \$90,000 last year, plus a list of 117,530 new names added to the unclaimed property database. The report will appear first in the Omaha World-Herald and the Scottsbluff Star-Herald on March 6. Look for the tabloid insert in other daily newspapers on the following dates:

- March 19 - Beatrice Daily Sun, Fremont Tribune, Norfolk Daily News, York News-Times, Columbus Telegram
- March 20 - Lincoln Journal Star
- April 1 - Holdrege Citizen, McCook Gazette, Sidney Sun-Telegraph
- April 2 - Alliance Times-Herald, Hastings Tribune, Kearney Hub
- April 3 - Grand Island Independent, North Platte Telegraph

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