

“Nebraska faces complex challenges in this new economy. Now, more than ever, we need well-informed, connected leaders to move this state forward.”

Bryan Slone, NE Chamber President

The newly created NE Chamber Foundation marks the renewal and expansion of the NE Chamber’s commitment to supporting Nebraska’s No. 1 resource – **strong leaders.**

The NE Chamber Foundation is focused both on meeting the needs of current business, community and state leaders, and equipping Nebraska’s next generation of leaders with the experiences, information and research they need to generate **big ideas** and **bold moves.**

1 Leadership Nebraska

The cornerstone of NE Chamber Foundation programming is Leadership Nebraska, the only statewide civic leadership development program, now in its 13th year. The nine-month program allows class participants to develop and hone leadership skills, while gaining a broader understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Nebraska, in the following areas:

- ▶ Economic Development
- ▶ Workforce & Education
- ▶ Agriculture & Environment
- ▶ Government & Politics
- ▶ Health & Human Services

Participants graduate from the program with a network of fellow leaders with diverse backgrounds and experiences from many geographic areas of Nebraska.

2 College Scholarships

The Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship program recognizes it is imperative we build on our future to ensure strong business growth and support Nebraska’s next generation of business leaders. Thus the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship program was established.

The purpose of this Scholarship program is to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students attending recognized Nebraska colleges or universities and seeking degrees in business-related fields of study. Since 1997, \$214,000 in scholarships were awarded to 107 students in business fields.

3 Nonpartisan Research

Economic and outcomes-based research gives policy leaders fuel to make bold decisions. The NE Chamber Foundation has plans to produce:

- ▶ Nebraska Competitiveness Redbook, a 50-state comparison of business climate rankings (available today)
- ▶ Annual Tax & Spending Report
- ▶ Annual Technology & Innovation Report
- ▶ Annual Nebraska Economic Development Survey

Business, government and community trends, CEO insights, and economic benchmarks are valuable commodities for policy, business and community leaders and critical when demonstrating the return on investment of pro-growth policies.

4 Economic and Workforce Dashboard

The crown result of the NE Chamber Foundation’s nonpartisan research initiative is the compilation of data into two, nearly real-time interactive dashboards.

- ▶ **Economic & Workforce**
This dynamic online tool will help leaders across the state monitor the key indicators and trends that impact employer and state growth.
- ▶ **Manufacturing Index**
Manufacturing and policy leaders can examine key indicators and trends in Nebraska’s largest business sector and measure growth and innovation outcomes.

About the NE Chamber Foundation

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational foundation focused on serving current and future business, community and state leaders to advance economic prosperity in Nebraska.

PROGRAMS

- ▶ Leadership Nebraska, the state’s premier civic leadership development program
- ▶ Educational scholarships in business-related fields
- ▶ Nonpartisan research
- ▶ Serve current and future business, community and state leaders
- ▶ Proven Record
- ▶ Nearly 300 Leadership Nebraska alumni, including current elected leaders
- ▶ \$214,000 supporting 107 students in business fields

Strong Leaders. Strong Communities.