



## Engler Entrepreneurship Program Scholarship Application – New to UNL Fall 2026

### About The Engler Scholarship

This scholarship is available due to the generosity of The Paul and Virginia Engler Foundation. Paul was a native Nebraskan who through vision, hard work, sweat equity and tenacity built an exceptional career as an entrepreneur, industry leader, and dedicated advocate for building bridges for the next generation to cross. It is our honor and privilege to administer the thoughtful and intentional process of selecting scholarship recipients. However, the scholarship is only a small component of the value available to you through engagement in the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program.

**\*\*You do NOT have to receive a scholarship to be involved in the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program.\*\***

### Scholarship Process and Schedule

- The scholarship application process will open on October 1, 2025 with a deadline for all submissions of midnight (CST) on December 15, 2025.
- Semi-finalists will be notified on January 13, 2026.
- Phone interviews will be conducted from January 20-23, 2026.
- Finalists will be notified on or before January 27, 2026 and awards offered to those not advancing to the Finals.
- Finalist interviews will be conducted on campus February 6, 2026.
- Final awards will be offered by March 1, 2026.

### Submission Instructions

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 15, 2025 at 11:59 P.M.**

- 1) Please save your completed application as a PDF document and use the below format to name your document:
  - a) INC.FirstName.LastName (example: INC.Michelle.Bassford)
- 2) Email your completed application to [engler@unl.edu](mailto:engler@unl.edu) by the above deadline.

Reach out to Michelle Bassford ([mbassford7@unl.edu](mailto:mbassford7@unl.edu)) if you experience any difficulty with completing or submitting the application.



# Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program

## Scholarship Application – Incoming Student

Applications Due by **11:59 PM December 15, 2025**

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in High School? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your graduation month/year? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a transfer student, please identify the community college or 4-year institution you are attending (if any):

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you an active, reserve, or veteran member of the US military: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Have you applied and been accepted to UNL? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## References

*Please list two professional references.*

Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Email: _____	Phone: _____
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Email: _____	Phone: _____

## Requirements

- Recipients of the Engler Scholarship **must have had FFA or 4-H experience** as well as have a declared major in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Have you participated in 4-H or FFA?

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you declared or do you plan to declare a CASNR major in the 2026-2027 academic year?

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Questions

- Tell us your story in 50 words or less.
- Why do you want to be an entrepreneur?
- Explain the value and purpose of a free enterprise system. What are the responsibilities and roles of entrepreneurs in a free enterprise system?

4. Explain your interest in the Engler Entrepreneurship Program and why you are a good fit for the community related to our mission and pillars?

5. What are you most curious about? Why?

6. What skill are you pursuing mastery in? Why?

7. Tell us about a time you failed at something important to you. What did you learn, and how did that experience shape who you are today?

## Involvements & Experience

*You may list up to three experiences in this category; if you do not have relevant involvement, you may leave it blank.*

### **Work Experience** *(may include part-time jobs, your own business, or unpaid internships)*

1. **Organization/Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Responsibilities/Projects (2–3 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Organization/Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Responsibilities/Projects (2–3 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Organization/Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Responsibilities/Projects (2–3 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### **Leadership Experience** *(positions in clubs, athletics, student government, etc.)*

1) **Organization/Club/Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Role & Responsibilities (2–3 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2) **Organization/Club/Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Role & Responsibilities (2–3 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Organization/Club/Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Role & Responsibilities (2–3 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service / Volunteer Work (school, church, nonprofit, or community-based activities)**

**1) Organization/Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Contributions (1–2 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Organization/Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Contributions (1–2 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Organization/Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Involvement (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Contributions (1–2 bullet points):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer and Signature**

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_