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NCTA Dean’s Column

Student opportunities through Earn to Learn
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February has kicked off with exciting adventures and opportunities at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

This week we are unveiling a new program that will begin in the Fall semester for up to 25 students to receive financial assistance and work scholarships in “Earn to Learn.”

Basically, Earn to Learn is a program we designed to cover all standard college expenses. Successful Earn to Learn scholars can receive financial scholarships covering their semester tuition and fees, coupled with a paycheck for campus duties to cover their room, board and related expenses.

Earn to Learn is limited to the first 25 successful applicants. Students will have a chance to work on campus in an area of interest, for up to 20 hours a week as an NCTA student worker.

Their duties may be directly related to their major area of study at NCTA or will be in an important aspect of our campus environment. The 12 categories of student employment will be under the tutelage of NCTA faculty and staff.

In turn for their work, they will be paid every two weeks. That income will then be available to pay for their room and board.

All applicants are asked to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by June 1. Students will be notified of their selection and work position before the Fall semester.

The Earn to Learn program is the latest in a series of initiatives designed to make a quality NCTA education affordable. Last year, we instituted the Dean’s Scholarships based on academic performance in high school. Coaches on our competitive teams for Ranch Horse, Livestock Judging and Collegiate Rodeo also offered scholarships to deserving students and athletes.

And, for the first time in 2014, NCTA became part of the University of Nebraska “CollegeBound Nebraska” program, which can supplement federal financial assistance.

An important part of the mission of NCTA is to provide Nebraska residents with access to higher education services. Our Student Services team uses programs like this to provide Nebraskans with an opportunity to attend college. The student services, registration and financial aid, admissions and recruiting staff members at NCTA are very customer-service oriented. The individuals working behind the scenes and on the front lines are critical to the college’s success.
I appreciate the commitment this group provides to student advising, counseling, financial assistance, reviewing transcripts, working on transfers, making high school presentations, our web site development, marketing and so much more.

Our Student Services team is Tina Smith, Kassie Starkey, Bailey Michaels, Vicky Luke and Kevin Martin. Thank you to each of these dedicated individuals!

Our campus is your campus. Come for a visit, and discover more about Earn to Learn at 1-800-3CURTIS or visit the web site at ncta.unl.edu.

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NCTA Mission:

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is devoted to a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology, food and related industries. The college provides open access to innovative technical education resulting in associate degrees, certificates, diplomas and other credentials.

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