

# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION YOUTH SURVEYS



More than 5,000 responses have been collected since 2020 in Nebraska Community Foundation's Youth Survey, co-created with University of Nebraska-Omaha's Center for Public Affairs Research. The survey is administered to schools in Greater Nebraska communities of varying sizes and geography each school year. The results of this youth survey have revealed the priorities, values, and desires of these students as well as factors that may influence their decision to return to or remain in Greater Nebraska. These data serve as a resource for Nebraska Community Foundation's network of 1,500 community volunteers, as well as other entities that share our interest in people attraction.

## YOUTH SURVEY STEPS TO SUCCESS

- 1.** Discuss with NCF your interest in a survey. NCF staff will support you in determining your goals for youth engagement and assessing if a survey is the best tool to meet those goals.
- 2.** Ensure school officials will partner with you to do a youth survey.
- 3.** Vote as an FAC to invest \$500 in a youth survey for your community.  
*This cost includes a unique survey code, analysis of results, and NCF staff support in guided interpretive conversations with the FAC and with local youth to analyze results and determine next steps.*
- 4.** Send meeting minutes and disbursement of fees to your Affiliated Fund Development Coordinator and the Youth Engagement Specialist.
- 5.** Work with school officials to determine start and end dates for the survey.
- 6.** Schedule an FAC meeting to take place after the end date to review survey results.
- 7.** Work with school officials to schedule an in-person meeting with 10–30 students for a facilitated conversation. FAC members should also plan to attend this meeting.
- 8.** Survey results will be delivered after follow-up meetings are scheduled.
- 9.** Be prepared for young people to be excited about getting involved!

### Notes

- *This project must take place during the academic school year.*
- *Follow-up conversations with the FAC and with youth are an expectation of the survey process.*
- *The survey platform is hosted by the University of Nebraska–Omaha's Center for Public Affairs Research. At no time during the survey process will NCF or UNO have access to a student's personal information. The surveys are anonymous.*



## QUESTIONS?

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# YOUTH SURVEY DETAILS

**AFFILIATED FUND NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Our fund has voted to pay the \$500 fee to conduct the survey

Meeting minutes are attached

Disbursement form is attached or has been submitted

Our FAC has scheduled a follow-up conversation with NCF staff to review survey results.

*It is recommended that this take place no less than one month after the survey link is distributed by the school district.*

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

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

The school district and FAC have scheduled a follow-up conversation with students and NCF staff to review survey results and facilitate further conversation.

*This should take place after the FAC meeting to review results.*

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

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFILIATED FUND POINT OF CONTACT FOR SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## SCHOOL POINT OF CONTACT FOR SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# YOUTH SURVEY STEPS TO SUCCESS

## *For High School Officials*

Thank you for participating in the 2025 Nebraska Community Foundation Youth Survey. The survey is a joint effort between Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) and your local community-based affiliated fund to better understand youth perspectives about your hometown. The results of this survey reveal the priorities, values, and desires of students as well as factors that may influence their decision to return or remain in Greater Nebraska. The hope is that these data may serve as a resource for Nebraska Community Foundation's network of 1,500 community volunteers as well as other organizations and entities that share our interest in people attraction.

### **Here are the steps for participating schools:**

- 1.** Determine dates to begin and end survey.
- 2.** Determine a date for NCF and the community-based affiliated fund to hold a guided discussion with a sample of your students (10–30 students that are representative of the full student body). This must be scheduled before the survey link will be shared.
- 3.** Have 9th–12th grade students take the electronic survey. The link will be shared with you to distribute. Students need around 15 minutes to complete the survey. To increase participation, it is best to administer surveys during a designated segment of the school day. It's important for students to understand this is voluntary and may result in the community listening to their interests and preferences in future decisions.
- 4.** Notify the NCF Youth Engagement Specialist once all students have had the opportunity to participate. We will then close the survey. It is recommended to leave the survey open for no more than a week.
- 5.** The fund will receive the survey results and share the report with the school.
- 6.** NCF and the fund will conduct a conversation with the selected group of students to dig deeper into survey results and gain better understanding of their dreams for the community. Students may be invited to participate in future activities as part of the fund's broader youth engagement efforts.

## **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Chloe Higgins, NCF's Youth Engagement Specialist at [ChloeH@nebcommfound.org](mailto:ChloeH@nebcommfound.org) or **402.323.7326**.

***Thank you for your participation in this important statewide effort!  
We look forward to hearing what your local youth have to say  
about their hometown.***

