

OUR
STUDENTS
OUR
FUTURE



PROTECTING EVERY STUDENT AT NEBRASKA

A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT AN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
FUND FOR LGBTQA STUDENTS IN NEED

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EVERY STUDENT

Every student at Nebraska should feel he or she has a home. A team of students, faculty and staff that will advocate for them, an administration that will listen and look out for them. This is the promise of Nebraska — a welcoming place where every student deserves a voice and a helping hand.

But for some students in marginalized communities, asking for help can be a complex and intimidating process. A system that overwhelms can be the difference between reaching out and feeling isolated, between making it to class and missing an exam and between being safe at home and having nowhere to go. This is what we want to change — with your help.

BUILDING BRIDGES FOR LGBTQA STUDENTS

For every student at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, emergency assistance is available when the unexpected happens; whether it's a broken-down

vehicle that makes getting to class on time difficult, a family emergency that requires a missed test or an untenable housing situation, UNL offers a lifeline. But for many LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, or asexual/aromantic and allies/advocates) students, the situations they encounter don't fit into standard categories, or they may find them difficult to talk about openly. Some students face hostile roommates or a family that cuts off support when they come out as LGBTQA. Some even face bullying or violence. These students need a place to go where they can discuss their unique situations and find understanding and access to aid.

LGBTQA EMERGENCY FUND \$5,000

UNL, in partnership with PFLAG Lincoln, has established a new fund designed to specifically address the needs of LGBTQA students. The fund will offer support for any student facing a financial emergency as a result of their sexual orientation, gender identity

or expression or support of activities that promote the well-being of the LGBTQA community. PFLAG has offered to match gifts until the fund reaches \$1,000, generously kickstarting our efforts to provide a secure line for LGBTQA students in need.

THE RIGHT TIME TO STAND UP

It has never been more urgent for students, faculty and staff on university campuses to stand up for all students and particularly ensure LGBTQA students are protected and assisted when in need. In the wake of a national debate over bathroom access for transgender people, and, more recently, the tragic killing of 49 people in a gay nightclub in Florida, the time is now to ensure a welcoming home for LGBTQA students in Nebraska. Join us in providing for *every* student. Please contact Jennifer Katz at the University of Nebraska Foundation at 402-502-4717 or jennifer.katz@nufoundation.org to make a gift today. Thank you.