

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Nebraska Rural Veterinarian Grant Program

#### **1. What is the Nebraska Production Animal Rural Veterinarian Grant Program?**

The program is designed to attract recent veterinary graduates and new veterinarians to rural Nebraska by offering financial grants to establish or join production animal veterinary practices.

#### **2. Who is eligible to apply for the grant?**

Eligible applicants include recent new practicing veterinarians who have accepted a job offer in a rural Nebraska veterinary clinic focused on production animals or established a new clinic in rural Nebraska.

#### **3. What are the requirements to receive the grant?**

To receive the grant, applicants must:

- Accept a position in a Rural Nebraska veterinary clinic dedicated to a minimum of 80% production animal work or establish a new clinic with the same dedication.
- Reside in Nebraska after job acceptance or clinic establishment.
- Commit to practicing in Nebraska for at least eight years in a qualifying clinic.

#### **4. What is the grant amount, and how many recipients will be selected?**

The program will award \$150,000 each to 13 new entrants.

#### **5. What does "Rural Nebraska" mean?**

Rural Nebraska refers to counties in Nebraska with a population of less than 40,000.

#### **6. When will the grant be paid?**

The grant will be paid in full after the grantee successfully meets all requirements for eight consecutive years.

#### **7. How can I apply for the grant?**

The application form is available at [dol.nebraska.gov/ruralvetgrant](https://dol.nebraska.gov/ruralvetgrant).

**8. What selection criteria will be used?**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their aptitude for production animal veterinary practice, including:

- Demonstrated interest in production animal health.
- Relevant experience in animal health or production livestock.
- Involvement in agricultural or veterinary co-curricular activities.
- Academic success.
- Commitment to serving rural Nebraska.

**9. Are there any exclusions from the program?**

Yes, Nebraska's Elite 11 scholarship recipients are excluded from applying for this grant program.

**10. What obligations do grant recipients have?**

Grant recipients must agree to the terms of the grant and report annually to the Nebraska Department of Labor.