



## MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

### Apply for the Chab Scholarship to Study in the Czech Republic!

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This scholarship may provide the opportunity for you to study abroad for a year, semester, or summer at a college or university in the Czech Republic. It is made possible by generous gifts from the **Victor and Nita F. Chab Czech Heritage Fund** and the **Czech Heritage Program Committee** in the hope of promoting interest in Czech language and culture. Find out more about the establishment of these funds on the back.

## Who Can Apply

To apply, you must be:

- A full-time UNL student
- Studying the Czech language, having completed (or in the process of completing) two years of Czech at UNL
- Willing to communicate with the Czech Heritage Program Committee both before and after your study abroad experience
- Open to sharing your experience with Nebraska high school and UNL students to inspire interest in the Czech language and culture

## When to Apply

Early in the semester, you can meet with the Education Abroad Office to explore which universities and study abroad programs would be a good fit for you and your goals. The deadline to the UNL Education Abroad Office for studying abroad in the spring semester is October 1, February 1 for the summer, and March 1 for the following fall semester or entire academic year. Your travels will be verified through the Education Abroad Office.

Applications are due in the main office of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures by November 1.

# How to Apply

Students will apply for this scholarship by writing an essay and attaching a resume.

First, on a cover page, please include your:

- Name
- NUID
- College Address & Permanent Address
- Email
- Phone Number
- Year in School
- Major/Minor
- High School Attended
- UNL GPA
- Semester and year you will be in the Czech Republic

Next, attach your resume and include a one-page, typed essay that addresses these questions:

- Why do you want to study at a Czech University? What do you want to study there?
- How will studying in the Czech Republic enhance your education? How will it help you reach your goals?
- How confident are you in your ability to communicate in Czech? Are you fluent in any other language(s)?
- Have you been abroad before? If so, where and why?
- Please discuss your willingness to communicate with the Czech Heritage Program Committee both before and after your study abroad experience.
- Please discuss your willingness to share your experience at UNL and Nebraska high schools, to inspire new interest in this study abroad opportunity

## Honoring Victor and Nita Chab

Victor Chab was born on a farm near Wilber, Nebraska. He graduated from UNL cum laude with a degree in civil engineering in 1934. While at UNL, he joined the Army Reserves and after graduation served on active duty for four years during World War II. After the war, he had a long career in the Federal Aviation Agency. He married Nita Elsea in 1950. Nita was from Kansas City and graduated from Moberly College. Victor continued to serve in the Army Reserves, reaching the rank of colonel before his retirement in 1969. After retiring from the Federal Aviation Agency, he and his wife returned to live in Wilber. Nita was named one of the Ladies of Libuse by the Nebraska Czechs of Wilber in 1993. Victor died in 1994 and Nita died 10 years later.

The Chabs were enthusiastic supporters of all things Czech. Out of love for their Czech heritage, they set up an endowment to benefit and support Czech education and studies at UNL, including education abroad.

## The Czech Heritage Program Committee

A group led by U.S. Sen. Roman Hruska and Nebraska State Sen. Joe T. Vosoba was formed in the 1980s to preserve and promote the Czech culture at UNL through language, history, music, art, drama, scholarship, and student exchanges. Financing was sparse but the lofty objectives remained an inspiration for others of like interest, such as Victor and Nita Chab. The Chabs embraces these goals as their own, including financing students to study in the Czech Republic with the Chab Scholarship and otherwise encouraging interest in the Czech language and culture.

Want to help support study abroad and other enriching student experiences? Please contact Joye Fehring (402-472-1187 | [joye.fehring@nufoundation.org](mailto:joye.fehring@nufoundation.org)) or Greg Jensen (402-472-1181 | [greg.jensen@nufoundation.org](mailto:greg.jensen@nufoundation.org)) with the University of Nebraska Foundation.