

Nebraska State Flag

Cornhusker State • Capital: Lincoln • Statehood: 1867

Overview

Dark blue with the state seal in gold: steamboat, train, cabin, smith with hammer, and mountains beyond. It is a panorama of industry and frontier. Words around it proclaim “Great Seal of the State of Nebraska, March 1st 1867.” A textbook in emblem form.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1925-04-02
Designer: Florence Hazen Miller
Ratio: Not specified in law
Blue field with gold state seal at center.

Colors

 #002D72

 #FFD700

 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

blacksmith	Represents labor and industry.
steamboat	Symbolizes commerce on the Missouri River.
motto	‘Equality before the law.’

Historical timeline

- 1867: Nebraska admitted as 37th state.
- 1925: Official flag adopted.

Notable facts

- One of several state flags criticized for being a seal on blue.
- Motto emphasizes fairness and equality.
- The state seal is the central element of the flag.
- The motto ‘Equality Before the Law’ appears across the seal.
- A steamboat represents commerce on the Missouri River.
- A blacksmith symbolizes labor and industry.
- The flag features a deep blue field.
- The design was officially adopted in 1925.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal

The Great Seal of the State of Nebraska centered on a dark blue field.
Meaning: Industry, agriculture, transportation, westward expansion, and settlement

blacksmith

A blacksmith working at an anvil in the foreground.
Meaning: Hard work, craftsmanship, and economic self-reliance

landscape

A scene showing a river with a steamboat, plains, cabin, and distant mountains.
Meaning: Transportation, settlement, and Nebraska’s role in westward migration

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on blue field

Complexity: 9/10
Readability: 3/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.