

# Nebraska Education Association Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee

Hispanic Reps.  
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## **Graham, Durbin Introduce Bipartisan ‘Bridge Act’ for DACA Beneficiaries**

[https://www.fredlaw.com/news\\_media/2016/12/28/1410/graham\\_durbin\\_introduce\\_bipartisan\\_bridge\\_act\\_for\\_daca\\_beneficiaries](https://www.fredlaw.com/news_media/2016/12/28/1410/graham_durbin_introduce_bipartisan_bridge_act_for_daca_beneficiaries)

Key points of the BRIDGE Act include:

- A current DACA recipient would receive provisional protected status until the expiration date of his or her DACA status and could apply for provisional protected presence prior to this expiration.
- An individual who is not a DACA recipient but who is eligible for DACA could also apply for provisional protected presence.
- Applicants would be required to pay a reasonable fee, be subject to criminal background checks, meet a number of eligibility criteria indicating that they came to the U.S. as minors, grew up in the U.S., have pursued an education, have not committed any serious crimes and do not pose a threat to the United States.
- An individual’s provisional protected presence and employment authorization would be subject to revocation by the Department of Homeland Security if the individual no longer met the eligibility criteria.
- The provisional protected presence and employment authorization would be provided for three years after the date of enactment of the legislation.

## **Trump’s Cabinet Will Be The First Without A Hispanic Member In Nearly Three Decades**

<http://www.salon.com/2017/01/19/lack-of-latinos-in-trump-cabinet-draws-ire-for-setback/>

# **BOARD APPLICATIONS OPEN**

## **STATE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The State of Nebraska Governor's Office has released a list of current and upcoming openings on Boards and Commissions that are appointed by the Governor.

This is an excellent opportunity for civic engagement; to have your voice heard and represent your community.

If interested, please complete the online application prior to the end of the month of their deadlines.  
Upcoming Deadlines:

January 2017

1. Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board
2. Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board
3. Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing
4. Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
5. Game & Parks Commission
6. Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force
7. Commission on Indian Affairs
8. Judicial Nominating Commission-Supreme Court-Chief Justice
9. Judicial Nominating Commission-Supreme Court-District 1
10. Judicial Nominating Commission-Supreme Court-District 2

<http://www.latinoac.nebraska.gov/>

## **Nebraska Department of Education: Scholarships specific to minorities.**

<https://www.education.ne.gov/migrant/scholarship%20opportunities.html>

## **Nebraska Hispanic Leadership & Diversity Inclusion Conference**

**A time to share, educate, connect and celebrate**

November 10, 2017 | Bellevue University

<http://nhldiconference.com/cms/>

The main goals of this conference are to foster leadership, and attain greater diversity and inclusion for the Latino population in the corporate and civic environments. Equally important is our goal to increase the representation of the Latino – Hispanic population in business, industry, nonprofit, foundations, boards and government sectors. Ultimately, a diverse workforce enhances the quality of individuals needed to address the needs of our increasingly diverse and complex communities and, in this particular case, the Latino/Hispanic community.