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*This guide does not include for-profit colleges, trade schools or technical schools.*

*For a complete list of Iowa colleges and universities, go online to [nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)*

# Not sure what you want to do?

No worries, you've got time to decide on a major and a career

## YOU DON'T NECESSARILY NEED TO PICK YOUR MAJOR BASED ON A CAREER CHOICE

Students in law or medical school don't need to major in pre-law or pre-med. A philosophy major can end up as a researcher, and a science major may end up in the theater. The important thing to ask is: Will this major teach me the skills I'll need later in life?

## YOU MAY CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE MAJOR

Sometimes called a double major, choosing two majors may increase the amount of time you spend in college (but not necessarily), but it doubles your skills and makes you more marketable as an employee.

## YOU CAN ENTER COLLEGE WITHOUT CHOOSING A MAJOR

It might be called an undecided major, an undeclared major or an exploratory major, but what it really means is you're still looking around, deciding who you are and what you want to be. You will need to eventually declare your major though.

## MAJORS DON'T NEED TO BE SET IN STONE

If, after you take a few classes in your major, you decide it's not right for you, you can change. Colleges have staff who can help you choose another major that may even use some of the classes you've already taken.

## DO SOME RESEARCH

- Print out a list of college majors; then cross out everything you know you're not interested in. Does what's left give you any ideas?
- Talk to students and faculty in a particular major to find out what the course work and careers are really like. Meet with adults with that job to find out more about the day-to-day work.
- Find out if Eastern Iowa colleges or universities have an information session about the major you're interested in coming up in the near future.

*Iowa College Access Network*



## more resources online

### IOWA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

[icansucceed.org](http://icansucceed.org)

You will find tons of information here about planning for college, career options and so much more. ICAN also has eight offices around the state, including Hiawatha and Coralville, that you can visit for free, in-person help with the FAFSA and more.

### KNOWHOW2GO

[knowhow2go.acenet.edu](http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu)

Get great advice on how to start planning for college.

### BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

[bls.gov/k12/content/students/careers/career-exploration.htm](http://bls.gov/k12/content/students/careers/career-exploration.htm)

Check out the Occupational Outlook Handbook and learn detailed information about specific jobs, including how much you can earn on the job.

### MY NEXT MOVE

[mynextmove.org](http://mynextmove.org)

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# Look in the mirror to find your path

Many high school students feel that they need to have their whole lives planned out before graduation. That's a lot of pressure to take on, and it really isn't practical because your goals and desires change over time. At this point, the best way to prepare for the process of career planning is to take some steps to get to know more about yourself.

Start by considering your options. You can take many paths, and you may discover new talents and passions in the process of exploring. The quick exercises below can help lead you in the right direction.



## 1. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU LOVE

What classes have you found especially inspiring? What activities keep you so absorbed that you don't even notice how much time has passed? Listing 10 things you love can help reveal possible paths. Can you make connections between elements on your list? Are a group of items related to the arts or social activities or technology? What can you build by combining your passions? Many people work in a few different jobs before choosing a career path.

## 2. IDENTIFY DEFINING EXPERIENCES

Think about three experiences that taught you something about yourself. Choose the one that gave you the greatest sense of satisfaction, and write a sentence that explains why that was so. If you can

pinpoint what makes you happy, you can aim toward a career that will provide those types of experiences.

## 3. CREATE A SELF-PORTRAIT

Are you friendly, creative, impatient, funny or organized? Try writing down a list of 10 qualities you feel describe your personality. Ask your friends and family to name some of your qualities — sometimes other people see us more clearly than we see ourselves. Add their suggestions to your list. Now think about what sort of career fits the person your list describes.

## 4. CONSIDER YOUR STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

Make a list of your five top strengths and weaknesses. What sorts of employers would be interested in your strengths? If you're a good public speaker, for example, explore what types of careers call for that skill. Your weaknesses can also tell you a lot about where you might go. You can

either steer away from careers that require skills you're not confident about or work to improve weaknesses that may keep you from your goals.

## 5. EXPLORE CAREERS

What do actuaries or archaeologists really do? What sorts of opportunities will there be in the future for architects or art directors? You can find information online about hundreds of careers. Remember, even if you know someone who has been planning to be a doctor since the age of 7, most young people don't know what they want to do or be. Many adults actually work in a few different jobs before finding a career path. You have time to get to know yourself and find a career that suits you.

*College Board*



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# Filing for financial aid step by step

As you get ready for college, it's important to learn about the FAFSA form — the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

By submitting your FAFSA, you're applying for need-based aid like federal Pell Grants or work study programs. You also need to submit a FAFSA if you want to take out a federal loan for college tuition.

Completing the FAFSA form is not a complicated process, but it can be tedious. You can file the FAFSA as early as this fall. You will want to file as early as you can to receive the most aid.

## GET ORGANIZED

There are a few things you need to do before you begin filling out the form. First, look at the FAFSA submission deadlines for each college you're applying to. They can vary. Once you know your deadlines, collect your family's tax forms and financial information.

## FOR EASE, FILE ONLINE

It's possible to print out the FAFSA form and mail it, but it's much easier to fill it out online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Plus, now the online form will automatically fill in tax information from the IRS if you've already filed.

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Families can't comment on their own special circumstances on the FAFSA form. They'll have to contact a college's financial aid office to share this information.

## DON'T GET TRICKED

It's important to remember the first "f" in FAFSA stands for "free." Make sure, if you're filling out the form online, that you're at a Web address that has a ".gov" in it, which means it's a legitimate government website.

## IT'S A SPRINGBOARD, NOT CASH

Once you submit your FAFSA form, you'll receive an SAR, or student aid report. This can take two to five weeks after submitting the FAFSA online. Because the federal government loves acronyms, you'll find your EFC, or expected family contribution, in the SAR. That amount is what the government expects your family could pay toward your tuition. That doesn't mean you're supposed to write a check of that amount to the school you're attending. Instead, it shows how much aid you qualify for. But it doesn't mean you will automatically receive that amount of aid.

## FORECAST WHAT YOU MIGHT QUALIFY FOR

Use the FAFSA4caster to get an early look at what federal financial aid you might qualify for. Go online to [fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm](http://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm)

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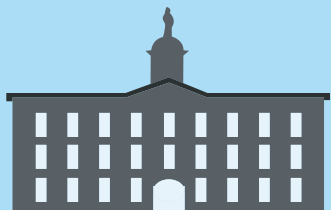
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## EASY TRANSFER of COLLEGE CREDIT

**78** CREDIT HOURS  
(2-YEAR INSTITUTION)

**90** CREDIT HOURS  
(4-YEAR INSTITUTION)



# Approach scholarship search like a job

First and foremost, to keep the cost of college down, get as much free college credit in high school as you can. Look into AP classes, CLEP (College-Level Exam Program) tests, Kirkwood Academies and other opportunities to get college credit for free.

## SET UP A SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP EMAIL ACCOUNT

like another free gmail account, to help you better track what you're applying for and to organize everything in one place.

## CONNECT WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S COUNSELORS

They can be a wealth of information about available scholarships and application deadlines.

## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ONLINE

Start by signing up at [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com), [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com) and [finaid.org](http://finaid.org).

## GET CREATIVE IN ONLINE SEARCHES TO FIND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For example, search town names, employers or organizations like "Cedar Rapids scholarship winner" or "Iowa City Procter & Gamble" to find other scholarships you may qualify for. In the same way, you can often do an online search to find a scholarship's rubric or decision matrix to find out how each scholarship is awarded.

## THINK OF APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AS A SMALL, PART-TIME JOB

Dedicate 60 to 90 minutes two to four times a month. Set a time limit of how long you'll work on an application, for example, 45 minutes and then you'll be done. Otherwise, you may find yourself dragging it out all day. A finished scholarship application is better than a perfect scholarship application.

## TALK TO YOUR DEPARTMENT OF YOUR COLLEGE MAJOR

Once you select a college, introduce yourself at the college department of your major or prospective major. Ask about specific scholarships. Not all financial aid goes through a college's financial aid office.

## DON'T BE MODEST

In scholarship essays, include hardships you've endured and lessons you've learned. Dial down your modesty. You need to tell a scholarship committee why you deserve the award. And you don't have to have endured a terrible tragedy to write a heartfelt scholarship essay.

## NEVER PAY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

You'll have just as much luck finding legitimate scholarship opportunities on your own. You'll find a wealth of information available for free online. In the same way, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is just that, always free, and you should never pay to apply.

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## more resources online

### FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

[fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)  
[scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)  
[studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)

### COLLEGE SAVINGS IOWA

[collegesavingsiowa.com](http://collegesavingsiowa.com)

This 529 plan helps parents, grandparents, family and friends save for college.

### UPROMISE

[upromise.com](http://upromise.com)

This rewards program turns everyday spending into college savings.

### IOWA COLLEGE AID

[iowacollegeaid.gov](http://iowacollegeaid.gov)

The State of Iowa provides this resource for planning, preparing and paying for college.

### FINANCIAL AID ESTIMATOR

[fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://fafsa4caster.ed.gov)

Receive an early estimate of how much financial aid you may qualify for.

### FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

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# By region: Consider different areas of the state

## NORTHWEST IOWA

Briar Cliff University: SIOUX CITY  
 Buena Vista University: STORM LAKE  
 Dordt College: SIOUX CENTER  
 Iowa Central Comm. College: FORT DODGE  
 Iowa Lakes Comm. College: ESTHERVILLE  
 Morningside College: SIOUX CITY  
 Northwest Iowa Comm. College: SHELDON  
 Northwestern College: ORANGE CITY  
 St. Luke's College: SIOUX CITY  
 Western Iowa Tech Comm. College: SIOUX CITY

## CENTRAL IOWA

Central College: PELLA  
 Des Moines Area Comm. College: ANKENY  
 Drake University: DES MOINES  
 Ellsworth Community College: IOWA FALLS  
 Faith Baptist Bible College: ANKENY  
 Grand View University: DES MOINES  
 Grinnell College: GRINNELL  
 Iowa State University: AMES  
 Marshalltown Comm. College: MARSHALLTOWN  
 Mercy College of Health Sciences: DES MOINES  
 Simpson College: INDIANOLA

## SOUTHWEST IOWA

Graceland University: LAMONI  
 Iowa Western Comm. College: COUNCIL BLUFFS  
 Southwestern Community College: CRESTON

## SOUTHEAST IOWA

Eastern Iowa Comm. Colleges: DAVENPORT  
 Indian Hills Community College: OTTUMWA  
 Iowa Wesleyan College: MOUNT PLEASANT  
 Maharishi Univ. of Management: FAIRFIELD  
 Southeastern Comm. College: WEST BURLINGTON  
 St. Ambrose University: DAVENPORT  
 William Penn University: OSKALOOSA

## NORTHEAST IOWA

Allen College: WATERLOO  
 Clarke University: DUBUQUE  
 Divine Word College: EPWORTH  
 Emmaus Bible College: DUBUQUE  
 Hawkeye Community College: WATERLOO  
 Loras College: DUBUQUE  
 Luther College: DECORAH  
 North Iowa Area Comm. College: MASON CITY  
 Northeast Iowa Comm. College: CALMAR  
 University of Dubuque: DUBUQUE  
 University of Northern Iowa: CEDAR FALLS  
 Upper Iowa University: FAYETTE  
 Wartburg College: WAVERLY

## CEDAR RAPIDS & IOWA CITY AREA

Coe College: CEDAR RAPIDS  
 Cornell College: MOUNT VERNON  
 Kirkwood Comm. College: CEDAR RAPIDS  
 Mount Mercy University: CEDAR RAPIDS  
 University of Iowa: IOWA CITY



# Compare colleges with net price calculators

The federal government now mandates that all colleges and universities provide an online net price calculator so prospective students can compare and contrast the cost to attend different schools. Because the government requires colleges to provide data for first-time, first-year students, it's important to remember that financial aid packages may change after freshman year. In the same way, colleges may report their data in different ways. Also note if a school deducts a loan amount from the net price; loans still need to be repaid. And the net price is an estimate and is in no way a guarantee of what you'll pay or not pay.

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## more resources online

### COLLEGE NAVIGATOR

[nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)

Look up quick stats on any U.S. college, from tuition and the net price to acceptance rates and average ACT scores.

### U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

[usnews.com/education](https://usnews.com/education)

Find a wealth of information about colleges, how to apply and how to pay for college.

### FIRST IN THE FAMILY

[firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Downloads\\_files/Meredith%20College%20toolkit%20\(English\).PDF](https://firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Downloads_files/Meredith%20College%20toolkit%20(English).PDF)

Practical advice and information for students who will be the first in their family to attend college.

## You@UI Academic & Student Life OPEN HOUSE

**You@UI** is the University of Iowa's most immersive campus visit event. Through sample lectures and interactive sessions with fellow students, you'll get to experience life at Iowa firsthand.

Visiting campus is the best way to see for yourself what it means to be a Hawkeye. Find all the options at **[admissions.uiowa.edu/visit](https://admissions.uiowa.edu/visit)**, or call **319-335-1569**.

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## Register online

**[admissions.uiowa.edu/youatui](https://admissions.uiowa.edu/youatui)**



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# Small town, big city or something in between?

## LESS THAN 10,000 POPULATION

Cornell College: MOUNT VERNON  
 Divine Word College: EPWORTH  
 Dordt College: SIOUX CENTER  
 Ellsworth Community College: IOWA FALLS  
 Graceland University: LAMONI  
 Grinnell College: GRINNELL  
 Iowa Lakes Comm. College: ESTHERVILLE  
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 Southwestern Comm. College: CRESTON  
 Upper Iowa University: FAYETTE  
 Wartburg College: WAVERLY

## POPULATION BETWEEN 10,000 to 50,000

Buena Vista University: STORM LAKE  
 Central College: PELLA  
 Indian Hills Community College: OTTUMWA  
 Iowa Central Comm. College: FORT DODGE  
 Marshalltown Comm. College: MARSHALLTOWN  
 North Iowa Area Comm. College: MASON CITY  
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## POPULATION MORE THAN 50,000

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 St. Luke's College: SIOUX CITY  
 University of Dubuque: DUBUQUE  
 University of Iowa: IOWA CITY  
 University of Northern Iowa: CEDAR FALLS  
 Western Iowa Tech Comm. College: SIOUX CITY

# Thinking of college as an investment, what will be your ROI?

With rising college costs, students and their families should think of college as an investment and research what a student can expect to earn in a full-time job after college. You'll find a number of return on college investment (ROI) tools online; Iowa Student Loan has one with detailed salary information for specific college majors.

Go online to:  
[iowastudentloan.org/smart-borrowing/return-on-college-investment/tool.aspx](http://iowastudentloan.org/smart-borrowing/return-on-college-investment/tool.aspx)

Experts recommend that your total student loan debt not exceed what you expect to earn in your first year out of college.



## Explore Your Options

*Planning for life after high school.*

College costs have risen dramatically over the past decade or more. Unfortunately, financial aid hasn't kept up with tuition increases, making college more expensive for students and parents.

Student debt is a major issue in America and will likely become one of the largest financial obligations of a student's life.

**GROWING  
COST  
OF A 4-YEAR  
DEGREE**

1982

**\$42K**

2014

**\$99K**



**Average student owes**

**\$30,000**

after graduation.



**85%**

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U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2015

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# Junior year checklist:

## 1. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHERS

It's a great time to take stock of the teachers you've connected with, to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones. When senior year begins, consider asking those teachers for recommendation letters.

## 2. FIGHT EARLY-ONSET SENIORITIS

You're not a senior just yet, so don't fall victim to a slow second semester. Good grades in high school are critical for college admissions — including junior year. Take rigorous courses. Don't be discouraged from applying to college if you have some lower grades on your transcript, though. It's never too late to make academics a priority, and colleges accept students at all GPA ranges. And don't forget to check in with your dream schools to ensure you're fulfilling admission requirements.

## 3. START RESEARCHING COLLEGES NOW

Yes, now. Get familiar with sites like [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org), [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) and [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org). Before the year ends, find out about upcoming visits and campus events. While you're at it, ask your counselors if and when admissions officers will be visiting your school. Don't miss out on those super personal opportunities.

## 4. SLAY YOUR ACT, SAT AND/OR AP EXAMS

Preparation is the key to success with big tests you'll take this year and next. First, figure out which tests you'll need to take to get into your dream schools. Find out your weaknesses and the score you need to attend your dream school. If you don't get the score you want, you can always retake the test.

## 5. HIT UP A COLLEGE FAIR

Attending college fairs and events can really help you get to know your options. Talk with the people who work at the school and know it best.

Before you go, check out which colleges will be attending so you have a better idea of which booths you want to visit.



## 6. TAKE YOUR SENIOR SCHEDULE SERIOUSLY

Next year is the best time to branch out from those run-of-the-mill classes and focus on what actually interests you. Find out if your school offers an independent study program, where you can dive into subjects like Russian literature or microbiology.

Try to take AP classes you're sure you'll pass or take college bridge classes.

If that's not an option, check out advanced courses in the subjects you enjoy most and might consider for a college major. These specialized classes could help land you an internship or put your application over the top in the admissions process.

## 7. START LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

After you take the ACT, you might think it's time to sit back and take a break from college planning. Sorry, but you've still got work to do. Toward the end of the school year and throughout the summer, start applying for scholarships that will put you ahead of the curve and ease some of the financial struggles you'll face senior year.

Research your dream schools and know when you are eligible for scholarships. Lots of schools have a priority deadline in the winter, which you must meet to be eligible for any money they give. Make sure to look up those deadlines on school websites and keep them in mind.

# By the numbers: Compare enrollments\*

## PRIVATE FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Upper Iowa University	4,111
Drake University	3,338
St. Ambrose University	2,490
Luther College	2,337
Buena Vista University	1,976
Grand View University	1,921
University of Dubuque	1,842
Grinnell College	1,705
Simpson College	1,623
Graceland University	1,554
William Penn University	1,553
Mount Mercy University	1,543
Wartburg College	1,537
Loras College	1,462
Coe College	1,411
Dordt College	1,385
Morningside College	1,307
Central College	1,274
Northwestern College	1,120
Cornell College	1,037
Briar Cliff University	1,022
Clarke University	868
Mercy College of Health Sciences	789
Iowa Wesleyan College	455
Allen College	370
Maharishi University of Management	353
Faith Baptist Bible College	229
Emmaus Bible College	247
St. Luke's College	244
Divine Word College	81

## STATE UNIVERSITIES

Iowa State University	30,034
University of Iowa	23,357
University of Northern Iowa	10,169

\*undergraduate enrollment

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Des Moines Area Comm. College	22,298
Kirkwood Community College	14,368
Eastern Iowa Community Colleges	8,383
Iowa Western Comm. College	6,472
Western Iowa Tech Comm. College	6,152
Iowa Central Community College	5,634
Hawkeye Community College	5,370
Northeast Iowa Community College	4,865
Indian Hills Community College	4,773
North Iowa Area Community College	2,947
Southeastern Community College	2,868
Iowa Lakes Community College	2,315
Marshalltown Community College	1,923
Southwestern Community College	1,656
Northwest Iowa Community College	1,612
Ellsworth Community College	830

## Other helpful websites:

### KNOW BEFORE YOU OWE

[consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/](http://consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/)

Part of the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, this website helps consumers understand the benefits — and potential pitfalls — of student loans. Its Financial Aid Shopping Sheet, which includes one-year costs of college as well as graduation, borrowing and loan default rates, is an easy-to-read financial aid template used by more than 2,000 schools nationwide.

### BIGFUTURE

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

Sponsored by the non-profit College Board, the site offers easy-to-use explanations on paying for college, financial aid, scholarship searches and other tips.

### COLLEGEREALITYCHECK

[collegerealitycheck.com](http://collegerealitycheck.com)

Sponsored by the Chronicle of Higher Education, this is a simple, clear site that offers easy-to-use comparison tools to look at graduation rates, loan repayments and other realities of college costs.

### AFFORDABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

[collegecost.ed.gov](http://collegecost.ed.gov)

Sponsored by the federal Department of Education, this site has links to “net price” calculators, schools with highest/lowest tuition rates and other tools.

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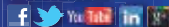
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# Invest time in preparing for the ACT or SAT

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TESTS.** Find out if the colleges you're interested in require the SAT or the ACT, which can also include a writing section. Read more about the ACT at [act.org](http://act.org). Go to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) to learn about the SAT. Take a few mock tests online at [number2.com](http://number2.com) or other free sites.

**REVIEW.** Now that you know the types of questions on the test, look over old class notes. Refresh your memory on algebraic formulas and predicate nominatives. If you didn't understand it the first time, ask for help; it may make more sense to you now.



**AVOID "CRAMMING."** Trying to pack your head full of information two days before the test isn't going to help; in fact, it may increase your stress to the point where you hurt your results. Instead, review over weeks rather than hours.

**PRACTICE SOME MORE.** Try taking mock pencil-and-paper tests under real test-taking conditions. That means sitting in a quiet, well-lit area with no music, no snacks and no breaks. Check out your bookstore or library for test prep books. Consider at least two types of books: an official guide from the test makers and a more general test prep book.

**STRENGTHEN YOUR WEAKNESSES.** Especially if you have limited time to prepare, concentrate on the subject areas you're weakest in.

**NEATNESS COUNTS.** Fill in blanks completely without being messy. If you must change an answer, erase thoroughly.

**CHOOSE YOUR BLANKS.** Math questions, for example, tend to get more difficult the farther into the test you are. If you find you can't answer the last few questions, take a shot at them but don't spend a lot of time. Extra

minutes may be better spent making sure you have the correct answers to the questions you do know how to solve.

**MAKE EDUCATED GUESSES.** Some tests (like the SAT) take points away for an incorrect answer but don't change your score for items left blank. While this makes guessing seem like a bad choice, chances are you'll actually raise your score if you make guesses after eliminating the most unlikely choices.

**UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS.** Read instructions carefully so you know what you're looking for. Test writers know the stress gets to students, and some answer choices may trip up those who rushed through directions.

**KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.** First read the instructions, then skim the questions for a reading selection. You'll be surprised how clear the answers are when you read the questions first.

**KEEP MOVING.** If a question stumps you, don't spend too much time on it. Skip it for now and come back when you've gotten through easier items.

**WATCH THE CLOCK.** Try to be about halfway through a section at half the time given for a test. For example, if you need to finish a 100-question test in an hour, you should have around 25 items answered at 15 minutes and about 50 at 30 minutes.

**TAKE IT AGAIN.** Think about registering for the next test before you get your current scores. Consider not reporting your scores to a prospective college until after you see how you do.

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## ACT test dates

### TEST DATES:

Oct. 22  
Dec. 10  
Feb. 11  
April 8  
June 10

### REGISTER BY:

Sept. 16  
Nov. 4  
Jan. 13  
March 3  
May 5

## SAT test dates

### TEST DATE:

Nov. 5  
Dec. 3  
Jan. 21  
March 11  
May 6  
June 3

### REGISTER BY:

Oct. 7  
Nov. 3  
Dec. 21  
Feb. 10  
April 7  
May 9

# Search for scholarships online

## CAREER ONE STOP

[careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org)

CareerOneStop is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration and features over 7,000 scholarship, fellowship, loan and other financial aid opportunities.

## CAPPEX

[cappex.com/scholarships](http://cappex.com/scholarships)

Cappex helps students uncover millions of dollars in scholarships from colleges, universities, private companies, foundations and more to help pay for school.

## FASTWEB

[fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

FastWeb is a free service that matches students to scholarships, internships, grants and loans from various sources.

## SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA

[scholarshipamerica.org](http://scholarshipamerica.org)

Scholarship America is one of the nation's largest nonprofit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organizations.

Dollars for Scholars, a community-based fundraising effort, awards scholarships to local students.

## GOODCALL.COM

[goodcall.com/scholarships/](http://goodcall.com/scholarships/)

Goodcall.com gives students access to all of its listings without requiring any personal information. GoodCall also makes it easy for students to find scholarships they're more likely to win by calculating the expected number of entrants for each award and assigning a competition level score.

## PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS ON IOWA COLLEGE AID

[iowacollegeaid.gov/content/private-scholarships-0](http://iowacollegeaid.gov/content/private-scholarships-0)

Iowa College Aid provides this list of private scholarships available to students.

## MYCOLLEGEDOLLARS

[apps.facebook.com/mycollegedollars/](https://apps.facebook.com/mycollegedollars/)

This Facebook app created by MTV and the College Board, guides students through finding and applying for scholarships and grants.

## THE COLLEGE BOARD

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)

The College Board website offers a scholarship search tool as well as college planning and SAT information.

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## Allen College

Waterloo / [allencollege.edu](http://allencollege.edu) / (319) 226-2000

Undergraduate enrollment: **370**

Percent admitted: **n/a**

Student to faculty ratio: **8 to 1**

Student retention rate: **n/a**

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **100%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **n/a**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$17,373**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,281**

Students receiving grants/scholarships: **95%**

Average aid received: **\$6,217**

Percent receiving loans: **92%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,877**

Average net price: **not reported**

### Top programs/majors:

- Registered nurse
- Radiologic technology
- Family practice nurse
- Clinical/medical laboratory technician

## Briar Cliff University

Sioux City / [briarcliff.edu](http://briarcliff.edu) / (712) 279-5321

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,022**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **13 to 1**

Student retention rate: **70%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **48%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,090**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,124**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **75%**

Average aid received: **\$18,294**

Percent receiving loans: **77%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,720**

Average net price: **\$18,138**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Registered nurse
- Business administration and management
- Elementary education and teaching
- Biology

## Buena Vista University

Storm Lake / [bv.edu](http://bv.edu) / (712) 749-2400

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,976**

Percent admitted: **68%**

Student to faculty ratio: **9 to 1**

Student retention rate: **67%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **51%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$31,318**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,046**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **85%**

Average aid received: **\$12,933**

Percent receiving loans: **76%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,960**

Average net price: **\$20,431**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education and teaching
- Psychology
- Criminal justice
- Accounting
- Human resources management

## Central College

Pella / [central.edu](http://central.edu) / 1-(877) 462-3687

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,274**

Percent admitted: **64%**

Student to faculty ratio: **12 to 1**

Student retention rate: **78%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **67%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$33,345**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,980**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **94%**

Average aid received: **\$21,916**

Percent receiving loans: **71%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,795**

Average net price: **\$22,164**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Kinesiology & exercise science
- Elementary education and teaching
- Athletic training
- Business administration and mgmt.
- Biology

Source: U.S. Department of Education

For a complete list of Iowa colleges, universities, trade schools and technical schools, both non-profit and for-profit, go online to <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

<sup>3</sup> Average net price in 2014-2015 for full-time beginning undergraduate students who were awarded grant or scholarship aid from federal, state or local governments, or the institution.



# Clarke University

Dubuque / [clarke.edu](http://clarke.edu) / (563) 588-6300

Undergraduate enrollment: **868**

Percent admitted: **72%**

Student to faculty ratio: **9 to 1**

Student retention rate: **76%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **57%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$29,940**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,000**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **91%**

Average aid received: **\$14,721**

Percent receiving loans: **78%**

Average federal loans: **\$ 7,264**

Average net price: **\$23,968**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Nursing
- Business administration and management
- Education
- Psychology
- Biology

# Coe College

Cedar Rapids / [coe.edu](http://coe.edu) / (319) 399-8000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,411**

Percent admitted: **63%**

Student to faculty ratio: **11 to 1**

Student retention rate: **77%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **67%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **16%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$39,080**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,510**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **95%**

Average aid received: **\$25,669**

Percent receiving loans: **73%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,585**

Average net price: **\$21,270**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Business administration and management
- Psychology
- Nursing
- History
- English

# Cornell College

Mount Vernon / [cornellcollege.edu](http://cornellcollege.edu) / (319) 895-4000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,037**

Percent admitted: **70%**

Student to faculty ratio: **11 to 1**

Student retention rate: **82%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **68%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$38,700**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,700**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **98%**

Average aid received: **\$25,489**

Percent receiving loans: **69%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,418**

Average net price: **\$26,427**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Psychology
- Economics
- Biochemistry
- Kinesiology and exercise science
- Biology

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

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# Des Moines Area Community College

Ankeny (main campus) / **dmacc.edu** / (515) 964-6241

Undergraduate enrollment: **22,298**  
 Percent admitted: **open admission**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **17 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **57%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **22%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$3,913**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,400**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **29%**  
 Average aid received: **\$3,619**  
 Percent receiving loans: **28%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$5,097**  
 Average net price: **\$10,105**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Welding technology
- Agriculture
- Nursing
- Criminal justice

# Divine Word College

Epworth / **dwci.edu** / (563) 876-3353

Undergraduate enrollment: **81**  
 Percent admitted: **100%**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **5 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **89%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **47%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **39%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$12,600**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$3,500**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **100%**  
 Average aid received: **\$16,897**  
 Percent receiving loans: **34%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$3,658**  
 Average net price: **\$7,454**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Philosophy
- Religion
- Social sciences

# Dordt College

Sioux Center / **dordt.edu** / (712) 722-6000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,385**  
 Percent admitted: **70%**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **81%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **69%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,280**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,350**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **100%**  
 Average aid received: **\$12,260**  
 Percent receiving loans: **61%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$6,433**  
 Average net price: **\$25,189**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education & teaching
- Secondary education & teaching
- Nursing
- Kinesiology and exercise science
- Agribusiness

# Drake University

Des Moines / **drake.edu** / (515) 271-2011

Undergraduate enrollment: **3,338**  
 Percent admitted: **67%**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **13 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **88%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **75%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$33,696**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,596**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **94%**  
 Average aid received: **\$17,152**  
 Percent receiving loans: **51%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$7,935**  
 Average net price: **\$27,652**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Marketing
- Actuarial science
- Accounting
- Psychology
- Pharmaceutical sciences

# Eastern Iowa Community College

Davenport (Scott, Clinton, Muscatine) / **eicc.edu** / (563) 336-3300

Undergraduate enrollment: **8,383**  
 Percent admitted: **open admission**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **19 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **66%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **29%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **19%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,480**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,702**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **58%**  
 Average aid received: **\$4,081**  
 Percent receiving loans: **30%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$5,111**  
 Average net price: **\$8,485**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Business administration & mgmt.
- Computer programming
- Health information/medical records

# Ellsworth Community College

Iowa Falls / **ecc.iavalley.edu** / 1-(800) 322-9235

Undergraduate enrollment: **830**  
 Percent admitted: **open admission**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **18 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **51%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **25%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **38%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,416**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,100**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **64%**  
 Average aid received: **\$4,652**  
 Percent receiving loans: **52%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$5,175**  
 Average net price: **\$11,219**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Administrative assistant
- Accounting technology
- Agriculture

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# Visit campuses to get a feel for a place

Many high school students plan college visits in the summer when they're out of school. But you might also want to consider visiting on a weekday in the fall or spring when classes are in full session to give you a true picture of life on campus.

There are pros and cons to both large open house visits where many high school students and their families attend at the same time and more individual campus visits. At an open house, you can benefit from hearing other students' questions and concerns. On the other hand, an individual visit can give you and your family more time to meet with professors and advisers and financial aid counselors.

Don't assume you can only visit a particular college once. If you feel you need to make a return visit (or two or three), feel free. Choosing a college is a big decision, and you want to feel comfortable with your final decision. Ask about all of the campus visit programs available. Some colleges offer you the chance to shadow a current



student. By tagging along to class with an upperclassman, you can get a real feel for what your college experience might be like. In the same way, some colleges offer overnight stays.

Remember to jot down a few notes about each visit. You'll be surprised how quickly they can all start to blend together if you don't.

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Dubuque / [emmaus.edu](http://emmaus.edu) / (563) 588-8000

Undergraduate enrollment: **247**

Percent admitted: **35%**

Student to faculty ratio: **9 to 1**

Student retention rate: **83%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **75%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$15,920**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,800**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **95%**

Average aid received: **\$11,548**

Percent receiving loans: **50%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,937**

Average net price: **\$13,288**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Biblical studies
- Business administration
- Counseling psychology
- Youth ministry
- Computer systems analysis

## Faith Baptist Bible College

Ankeny / [faith.edu](http://faith.edu) / (515) 964-0601

Undergraduate enrollment: **229**

Percent admitted: **64%**

Student to faculty ratio: **11 to 1**

Student retention rate: **80%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **66%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **7%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$16,600**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,732**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **90%**

Average aid received: **\$11,023**

Percent receiving loans: **37%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,290**

Average net price: **\$13,650**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education and teaching
- Biblical studies
- Theological and ministerial studies
- Administrative assistant

## Graceland University

Lamoni / [graceland.edu](http://graceland.edu) / (641) 784-5000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,554**

Percent admitted: **48%**

Student to faculty ratio: **16 to 1**

Student retention rate: **62%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **52%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **13%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$25,890**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,100**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **82%**

Average aid received: **\$16,780**

Percent receiving loans: **69%**

Average federal loans: **\$9,063**

Average net price: **\$17,125**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education and teaching
- Nursing
- Business administration & mgmt.
- Biology
- Athletic training

## Grand View University

Des Moines / [grandview.edu](http://grandview.edu) / (515) 263-2800

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,921**

Percent admitted: **98%**

Student to faculty ratio: **13 to 1**

Student retention rate: **74%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **47%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **39%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$24,614**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,796**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **94%**

Average aid received: **\$12,195**

Percent receiving loans: **77%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,613**

Average net price: **\$17,315**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Nursing
- Business
- Biology
- Psychology
- Graphic design

## Grinnell College

Grinnell / [grinnell.edu](http://grinnell.edu) / (641) 269-4000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,705**

Percent admitted: **25%**

Student to faculty ratio: **9 to 1**

Student retention rate: **94%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **86%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$46,990**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$11,408**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **87%**

Average aid received: **\$33,169**

Percent receiving loans: **42%**

Average federal loans: **\$4,451**

Average net price: **\$28,869**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Economics
- Political science
- History
- Biochemistry
- Psychology

## Hawkeye Community College

Waterloo / [hawkeyecollege.edu](http://hawkeyecollege.edu) / (319) 296-2320

Undergraduate enrollment: **5,370**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**

Student retention rate: **69%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **24%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,466**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,081**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **43%**

Average aid received: **\$3,759**

Percent receiving loans: **45%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,572**

Average net price: **\$9,962**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Natural resources mgmt.
- Welding/machine tool
- Commercial photography

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

<sup>3</sup> Average net price in 2014-2015 for full-time beginning undergraduate students who were awarded grant or scholarship aid from federal, state or local governments, or the institution.

# Indian Hills Community College

Ottumwa (main campus) / [indianhills.edu](http://indianhills.edu) / (641) 683-5111

Undergraduate enrollment: **4,773**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **19 to 1**

Student retention rate: **53%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **35%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **13%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$3,840**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$5,460**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **61%**

Average aid received: **\$3,823**

Percent receiving loans: **57%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,448**

Average net price: **\$8,562**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Energy management & systems
- Welding technology
- Computer/Information technology

# Iowa Central Community College

Fort Dodge / [iowacentral.edu](http://iowacentral.edu) / (515) 576-7201

Undergraduate enrollment: **5,634**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **19 to 1**

Student retention rate: **59%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **32%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,890**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,350**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **48%**

Average aid received: **\$4,245**

Percent receiving loans: **41%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,302**

Average net price: **\$9,059**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Electrical/Comm. Engineering
- Culinary arts
- Social work

# Iowa Lakes Community College

Estherville (main campus) / [iowalakes.edu](http://iowalakes.edu) / (712) 362-2601

Undergraduate enrollment: **2,315**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**

Student retention rate: **57%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **43%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$5,676**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,000**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **43%**

Average aid received: **\$4,827**

Percent receiving loans: **35%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,524**

Average net price: **\$9,439**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Surgical technology
- Business administration
- Environmental control tech.

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Ames / [iastate.edu](http://iastate.edu) / (515) 294-5836

Undergraduate enrollment: **30,034**

Percent admitted: **87%**

Student to faculty ratio: **19 to 1**

Student retention rate: **87%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **71%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **22%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$7,736**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,070**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **67%**

Average aid received: **\$6,552**

Percent receiving loans: **52%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,201**

Average net price: **\$13,647**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Finance/Accounting
- Psychology
- Elementary education and teaching
- Marketing
- Engineering

# Iowa Wesleyan College

Mount Pleasant / [iw.edu](http://iw.edu) / (319) 385-8021

Undergraduate enrollment: **455**

Percent admitted: **50%**

Student to faculty ratio: **14 to 1**

Student retention rate: **47%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **18%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$27,286**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,576**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **70%**

Average aid received: **\$7,120**

Percent receiving loans: **78%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,674**

Average net price: **\$22,301**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Business administration
- Nursing
- Elementary education and teaching
- Kinesiology and exercise science
- Psychology

# Iowa Western Community College

Council Bluffs / [iwcc.edu](http://iwcc.edu) / (712) 325-3200

Undergraduate enrollment: **6,472**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **17 to 1**

Student retention rate: **50%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **21%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **28%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$5,216**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,140**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **52%**

Average aid received: **\$4,725**

Percent receiving loans: **57%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,040**

Average net price: **\$9,673**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Automotive mechanics
- Dental hygienist
- Radio and television broadcasting

# Kirkwood Community College

Cedar Rapids (main campus) / [kirkwood.edu](http://kirkwood.edu) / (319) 398-5411

Undergraduate enrollment: **14,368**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **20 to 1**

Student retention rate: **61%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **24%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **8%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,194**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$5,940**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **40%**

Average aid received: **\$4,776**

Percent receiving loans: **36%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,514**

Average net price: **\$8,656**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Business administration
- Computer/Information Technology
- Culinary arts

# Loras College

Dubuque / [loras.edu](http://loras.edu) / (563) 588-7100

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,462**

Percent admitted: **95%**

Student to faculty ratio: **12 to 1**

Student retention rate: **81%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **70%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$30,628**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,489**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **100%**

Average aid received: **\$18,403**

Percent receiving loans: **69%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,990**

Average net price: **\$19,234**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education & teaching
- Physical education teaching & coaching
- Biology
- Marketing
- English

# Luther College

Decorah / [luther.edu](http://luther.edu) / (563) 387-2000

Undergraduate enrollment: **2,337**

Percent admitted: **67%**

Student to faculty ratio: **12 to 1**

Student retention rate: **85%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **77%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$39,190**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,920**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **97%**

Average aid received: **\$23,683**

Percent receiving loans: **68%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,183**

Average net price: **\$25,112**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Biology
- Business administration
- Music
- Psychology
- English

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

<sup>3</sup> Average net price in 2014-2015 for full-time beginning undergraduate students who were awarded grant or scholarship aid from federal, state or local governments, or the institution.



# Maharishi University of Management

Fairfield / [mum.edu](http://mum.edu) / (641) 472-7000

Undergraduate enrollment: **353**  
 Percent admitted: **37%**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **11 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **90%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students  
 who began in 2009: **46%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$26,530**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,400**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **68%**  
 Average aid received: **\$17,668**  
 Percent receiving loans: **54%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$10,244**  
 Average net price: **\$18,578**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Environmental science
- Communication and media studies
- Business administration
- Physiology
- English

# Marshalltown Community College

Marshalltown / [mcc.iavalley.edu](http://mcc.iavalley.edu) / (641) 752-7106

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,923**  
 Percent admitted: **open admission**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **24 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **62%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students  
 who began in 2012: **23%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **23%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,416**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,958**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **43%**  
 Average aid received: **\$4,635**  
 Percent receiving loans: **28%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$5,184**  
 Average net price: **\$8,037**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Electrical power transmission
- Dental assisting
- Child care provider

# Mercy College of Health Sciences

Des Moines / [mchs.edu](http://mchs.edu) / (515) 643-3180

Undergraduate enrollment: **789**  
 Percent admitted: **100%**  
 Student to faculty ratio: **9 to 1**  
 Student retention rate: **67%**<sup>1</sup>  
 Overall graduation rate for students  
 who began in 2009: **55%**<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$16,268**  
 Room and board (2015-16): **\$5,360**  
 Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **69%**  
 Average aid received: **\$6,663**  
 Percent receiving loans: **71%**  
 Average federal loans: **\$8,188**  
 Average net price: **\$19,575**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Nursing
- Physical therapy
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Sioux City / [morningside.edu](http://morningside.edu) / (712) 274-5000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,307**

Percent admitted: **56%**

Student to faculty ratio: **13 to 1**

Student retention rate: **74%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **55%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,155**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,710**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **96%**

Average aid received: **\$17,045**

Percent receiving loans: **77%**

Average federal loans: **\$9,232**

Average net price: **\$21,008**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Business administration
- Nursing
- Elementary education and teaching
- Biology
- Counseling psychology

## Mount Mercy University

Cedar Rapids / [mtmercy.edu](http://mtmercy.edu) / (319) 363-8213

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,543**

Percent admitted: **61%**

Student to faculty ratio: **14 to 1**

Student retention rate: **78%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **65%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,226**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,600**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **86%**

Average aid received: **\$12,425**

Percent receiving loans: **75%**

Average federal loans: **\$9,233**

Average net price: **\$20,274**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Nursing
- Business
- Accounting
- Elementary education and teaching
- Criminal justice

## North Iowa Area Community College

Mason City / [niacc.edu](http://niacc.edu) / (641) 423-1264

Undergraduate enrollment: **2,947**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **20 to 1**

Student retention rate: **66%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **41%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **18%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,793**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,518**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **46%**

Average aid received: **\$3,611**

Percent receiving loans: **36%**

Average federal loans: **\$4,451**

Average net price: **\$8,262**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- EMT Paramedic
- Business administration
- Computer systems networking

## Northeast Iowa Community College

Calmar (main campus) / [nicc.edu](http://nicc.edu) / (563) 562-3263

Undergraduate enrollment: **4,865**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **13 to 1**

Student retention rate: **63%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **39%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **17%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,676**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,893**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **36%**

Average aid received: **\$4,874**

Percent receiving loans: **30%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,610**

Average net price: **\$8,849**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Computer programming
- Accounting
- Welding technology

## Northwest Iowa Community College

Sheldon / [nwicc.edu](http://nwicc.edu) / (712) 324-5061

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,612**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **12 to 1**

Student retention rate: **75%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **56%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **10%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$5,550**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$4,942**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **30%**

Average aid received: **\$3,879**

Percent receiving loans: **25%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,538**

Average net price: **\$11,093**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Nursing
- Liberal arts and sciences
- Construction trades/lineworker
- Automotive mechanic
- Construction/heavy equipment

## Northwestern College

Orange City / [nwciova.edu](http://nwciova.edu) / (712) 707-7000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,120**

Percent admitted: **72%**

Student to faculty ratio: **13 to 1**

Student retention rate: **82%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **67%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,950**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,750**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **94%**

Average aid received: **\$18,654**

Percent receiving loans: **65%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,017**

Average net price: **\$21,210**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education and teaching
- Psychology
- Nursing
- Business administration
- Biology

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

<sup>3</sup> Average net price in 2014-2015 for full-time beginning undergraduate students who were awarded grant or scholarship aid from federal, state or local governments, or the institution.

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Undergraduate enrollment: **1,623**

Percent admitted: **89%**

Student to faculty ratio: **12 to 1**

Student retention rate: **81%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **68%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$34,175**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,963**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **95%**

Average aid received: **\$19,490**

Percent receiving loans: **74%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,373**

Average net price: **\$22,474**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Business
- Elementary education and teaching
- Accounting
- Biology
- Mathematics

# Southeastern Community College

West Burlington / [scciova.edu](http://scciova.edu) / (319) 752-2731

Undergraduate enrollment: **2,868**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **16 to 1**

Student retention rate: **60%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **32%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **16%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,950**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,216**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **61%**

Average aid received: **\$4,429**

Percent receiving loans: **28%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,364**

Average net price: **\$5,524**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Criminal justice
- Industrial mechanics
- Welding

# Southwestern Community College

Creston (main campus) / [swcciova.edu](http://swcciova.edu) / (641) 782-7081

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,656**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**

Student retention rate: **51%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **36%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **20%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$5,360**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,500**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **45%**

Average aid received: **\$4,506**

Percent receiving loans: **37%**

Average federal loans: **\$5,609**

Average net price: **\$7,273**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Nursing
- Business administration
- Agribusiness
- Music

# St. Ambrose University

Davenport / [sau.edu](http://sau.edu) / (563) 333-6000

Undergraduate enrollment: **2,490**

Percent admitted: **73%**

Student to faculty ratio: **10 to 1**

Student retention rate: **79%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **63%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **31%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,380**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,582**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **91%**

Average aid received: **\$18,943**

Percent receiving loans: **68%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,182**

Average net price: **\$24,884**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Nursing
- Elementary education and teaching
- Psychology
- Kinesiology and exercise science
- Business management

# St. Luke's College

Sioux City / [stlukescollege.edu](http://stlukescollege.edu) / (712) 279-3149

Undergraduate enrollment: **244**

Percent admitted: **80%**

Student to faculty ratio: **5 to 1**

Student retention rate: **not reported**

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **100%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$19,360**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$7,947**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **72%**

Average aid received: **\$6,394**

Percent receiving loans: **76%**

Average federal loans: **\$9,684**

Average net price: **\$22,884**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Registered nursing
- Medical radiologic technology
- Respiratory care therapy

# University of Dubuque

Dubuque / [dbq.edu](http://dbq.edu) / (563) 589-3000

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,842**

Percent admitted: **77%**

Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**

Student retention rate: **67%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **41%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **29%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$27,895**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,790**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **94%**

Average aid received: **\$16,503**

Percent receiving loans: **80%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,653**

Average net price: **\$21,435**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Business administration
- Elementary education and teaching
- Criminal justice
- Health and physical education
- Nursing

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

<sup>3</sup> Average net price in 2014-2015 for full-time beginning undergraduate students who were awarded grant or scholarship aid from federal, state or local governments, or the institution.



# University of Iowa

Iowa City / [uiowa.edu](http://uiowa.edu) / (319) 335-3500

Undergraduate enrollment: **23,357**

Percent admitted: **81%**

Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**

Student retention rate: **85%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **72%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **22%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$8,104**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,728**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **58%**

Average aid received: **\$8,428**

Percent receiving loans: **44%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,774**

Average net price: **\$14,558**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Finance
- Psychology
- Kinesiology and exercise science
- Speech communication and rhetoric
- English

# University of Northern Iowa

Cedar Falls / [uni.edu](http://uni.edu) / (319) 273-2311

Undergraduate enrollment: **10,169**

Percent admitted: **80%**

Student to faculty ratio: **17 to 1**

Student retention rate: **80%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **68%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **23%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$7,817**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,320**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **55%**

Average aid received: **\$5,424**

Percent receiving loans: **58%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,159**

Average net price: **\$15,133**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Elementary education and teaching
- Business administration
- Accounting
- Biology
- Psychology

# Upper Iowa University

Fayette (main campus) / [uiu.edu](http://uiu.edu) / (563) 425-5200

Undergraduate enrollment: **4,111**

Percent admitted: **66%**

Student to faculty ratio: **17 to 1**

Student retention rate: **42%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **41%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **1%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$28,073**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$8,057**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **65%**

Average aid received: **\$8,825**

Percent receiving loans: **73%**

Average federal loans: **\$9,489**

Average net price: **\$22,980**<sup>3</sup>

## Top programs/majors:

- Business administration
- Human services
- Psychology
- Accounting
- Criminology



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## Wartburg College

Waverly / [wartburg.edu](http://wartburg.edu) / (319) 352-8200

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,537**

Percent admitted: **74%**

Student to faculty ratio: **11 to 1**

Student retention rate: **80%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **70%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$37,190**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$9,010**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **94%**

Average aid received: **\$23,892**

Percent receiving loans: **66%**

Average federal loans: **\$6,919**

Average net price: **\$23,605**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Biology
- Business/commerce
- Elementary education and teaching
- Speech communication and rhetoric
- Social work

## Western Iowa Tech Community College

Sioux City (main campus) / [witcc.edu](http://witcc.edu) / (712) 274-6400

Undergraduate enrollment: **6,152**

Percent admitted: **open admission**

Student to faculty ratio: **15 to 1**

Student retention rate: **52%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2012: **27%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **6%**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$4,104**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$5,355**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **40%**

Average aid received: **\$4,093**

Percent receiving loans: **28%**

Average federal loans: **\$4,919**

Average net price: **\$7,518**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Liberal arts and sciences
- Emergency medical technology
- Nursing assistant
- Business/office automation
- Child care provider

## William Penn University

Oskaloosa / [wmpenn.edu](http://wmpenn.edu) / (641) 673-1001

Undergraduate enrollment: **1,553**

Percent admitted: **58%**

Student to faculty ratio: **16 to 1**

Student retention rate: **54%**<sup>1</sup>

Overall graduation rate for students who began in 2009: **32%**<sup>2</sup>

Overall transfer-out rate: **not reported**

Tuition and fees (2015-16): **\$23,930**

Room and board (2015-16): **\$6,544**

Percent receiving grants/scholarships: **84%**

Average aid received: **\$14,107**

Percent receiving loans: **80%**

Average federal loans: **\$7,660**

Average net price: **\$19,231**<sup>3</sup>

### Top programs/majors:

- Business/commerce
- Elementary education and teaching
- Biology
- Health and physical education
- Criminology

<sup>1</sup> Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall.

<sup>2</sup> The overall graduation and transfer-out rates track the progress of students who began their studies as full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students to see if they complete a degree or other award such as a certificate within 150% of "normal time" for completing the program in which they are enrolled.

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