

Iowa Scholarship Guide

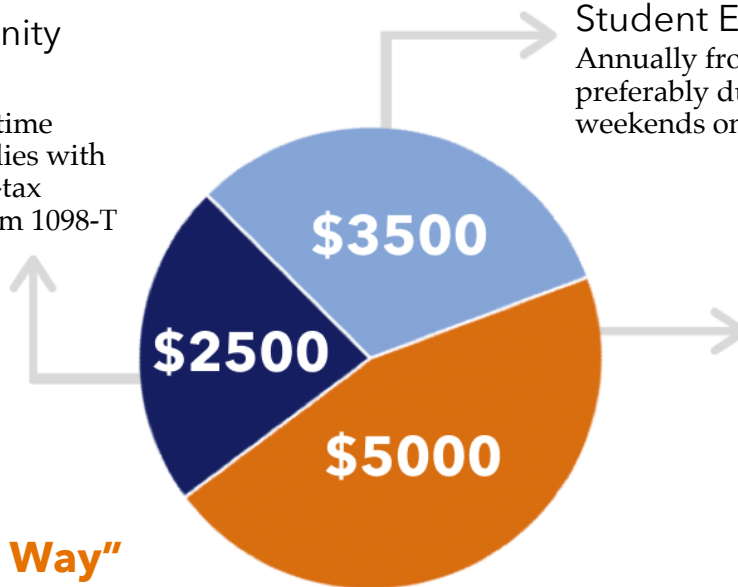
College is more affordable than most families believe.

American Opportunity Tax Credit

Annual benefit (per full-time college student) for families with less than \$160,000 in pre-tax income; qualify with Form 1098-T (free money)

Student Earnings

Annually from a part-time job, preferably during breaks and weekends only



Student Loans

Maximum amount to borrow per year, so student has a modest monthly payment and can be debt-free within 10 years

“\$11k Paves the Way” to college affordability.

Total College Cost

- Tuition
- Fees
- Housing*
- Meals*
- Books*

All five non-tuition costs are typically \$9,000 - \$13,000 annually.

**Budget-conscious students have multiple options in these categories. See our College Counseling System's "The True Cost of College" for money-saving ideas.*

Scholarships

- Merit-based: Based on...
 - Grades
 - Scores
 - An extracurricular
- Need-based: Based on...
 - Grades
 - Scores
 - FAFSA
- Departmental (based on major)
- External (from outside sources)

Grants

Other gift aid that does not have to be repaid, such as Pell grants

Annual Net Cost

\$11k

(provided by student, based on above diagram)



Remaining Costs

(the family's remaining balance, which is preferable to the student borrowing more)

The Power of the ACT in Iowa

Scholarships are listed by the ACT score required on the college website with the comparable SAT score included. Check the individual school's website to verify that your SAT score will qualify for any specific award as some requirements may vary slightly.

The dollar amount in each box in the chart represents the tuition cost after merit-based scholarships that a student with the given test score (listed across the top of each table) would pay for one year of tuition (15 credits per semester) at that college. (Reminder: non-tuition costs, including fees, housing, meals, and books, often add up to an additional ~\$12,000 per year.)

- 1000 Blue boxes signify automatic scholarships (as listed on the college's website). Automatic awards often also require a minimum GPA or class rank.
- 1000 Light gray boxes signify awards require a separate application or special consideration of some kind. (This is only shown if no automatic award exists.)
- Blank boxes signify there is no merit-based scholarship based primarily on that SAT/ACT score at this college; therefore, the student might expect to pay full tuition. The student should still apply for other merit-based and need-based scholarships.

If an entire row is blank, the school does not organize its scholarships by test score or does not provide this specific type of information on its website. An asterisk * indicates fees are included in the school's base tuition price. Textbooks, housing, and meals are generally not included. If a school offers a non-renewable award, the total award amount is averaged throughout the years of attendance. (For example, if a four-year school offers a one-year award of \$500, the number shown is \$125 less than total tuition, as the scholarship is divided by 4.)

Figures are current as of April 2020.

Public 4-Year Schools in Iowa

	Tuition	22/ 1100	23/ 1130	24/ 1160	25/ 1200	26/ 1230	27/ 1260	28/ 1300	29/ 1330	30/ 1360	31/ 1390	32/ 1420	33+/ 1450+
Univ of N Iowa	7666	6666	6166	6166	4666	4666	4666	4666	4166	4166	4166	4166	4166
Iowa State*	8988	7988	7988	7988	6488	6488	6488	6488	6488	3988	3988	3988	3988
Univ of Iowa*	9492						6992	6992	6992	4492	4492	4492	992

2-Year Schools in Iowa

	Tuition	20/ 1030	21/ 1060	22/ 1100	23/ 1130	24/ 1160	25/ 1200	26/ 1230	27/ 1260	28/ 1300	29/ 1330	30/ 1360	31+/ 1390+
Western Iowa Tech	4740			2720	2720	2720	2720	2720	2720	2720	2720	2720	2720
North Iowa Area	4793				4293	4293	4293	4293	4293	3793	3793	3793	3293
Des Moines Area	4800							3840	3840	3840	3840	3840	3840
Eastern Iowa	5040	Foundation scholarships available through an online application.											
Northwest Iowa	5190	Scholarship opportunities available online.											
Kirkwood	5280	1780	1780	1780	1780	1780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northeast Iowa	5280	Scholarship opportunities available online.											
Southwestern	5310						4310	4310	4310	4310	4310	3310	3310
Ellsworth	5340		4440	4340	4140	3940	3740	3540	3340	3140	2940	2940	2940
Marshalltown	5340						4840	4840	4840	4840	4840	4840	4840
Indian Hills	5400	Scholarship opportunities available online.											
Iowa Western	5340	Scholarship opportunities available up to \$5,000 per year by application.											
Iowa Lakes	5490	Students should complete the Online Scholarship Application each year for consideration.											
Southeastern	5520	Scholarship opportunities available online.											
Hawkeye	5610	3.0 GPA and enroll in eligible program = \$500/year; other opportunities available by application.											
Iowa Central	5940	Valedictorian = full tuition, salutatorian = \$3,000/year, 3.75 GPA = \$800/year, 3.25 GPA = \$600/year											

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Private 4-Year Schools in Iowa

	Tuition	23/ 1130	24/ 1160	25/ 1200	26/ 1230	27/ 1260	28/ 1300	29/ 1330	30/ 1360	31/ 1390	32/ 1420	33/ 1450	34+/ 1490+
Divine Word	13260	Students should apply for assistance up to \$6,200 at the beginning of each school year.											
Faith Baptist	16274	Attend the fall/spring scholarship weekend to interview for scholarships.											
Maharishi Intl*	16530	Most students receive full financial aid including low-interest loans, grants, and need-based scholarships.											
St. Luke's College	17550	Complete the scholarship application for consideration.											
Mercy College	17952	Complete the scholarship application for consideration.											
Emmaus Bible	18400	10400	9400	9400	9400	7400	7400	7400	5400	5400	5400	3400	3400
Allen College	18540	Complete the general scholarship application for consideration.											
William Penn	25600	Academic scholarships are based on academic merit and ACT.											
Grand View Univ	26922	Academic scholarships range from \$7,000-\$19,000/year. Students can compete for additional awards.											
Graceland Univ	27500	17000	15000	15000	15000	15000	13000	13000	11000	11000	11000	11000	11000
Iowa Wesleyan	29500	Merit scholarships range from \$6,000-\$20,000 per year.											
Upper Iowa Univ	29700	Academic freshman scholarships range from \$8,500-\$18,5000 per year.											
Briar Cliff Univ	29796	Complete the general scholarship application for consideration.											
Morningside	30030	20030	20030	17030	17030	15030	15030	15030	15030	10030	10030	10030	10030
St. Ambrose Univ	30614						8114	5614	5614	5614	5614	5614	5614
Dordt College	30870	Students with a 19 ACT and 2.8 GPA are eligible to be considered for awards ranging from \$3,000-\$12,500+.											
Northwestern College	30900	20900	20900	20900	20900	20900	18900	16900	16900	16900	14900	14900	12900
Mount Mercy	31598	17598	17598	17598	15598	11598	11598	11598	11598	11598	11598	11598	11598
Clarke University	32300	Academic scholarships range from \$10,000-\$14,000 per year.											
Loras College	32524	Academic scholarships range from \$16,000-\$24,000 per year.											
Univ of Dubuque	32670	Scholarships range from \$6,000-\$15,000 per year, based on GPA.											
Buena Vista Univ	34004	13004	13004	13004	13004	10004	7004	7004	7004	7004	7004	7004	7004
Central College	37295	3.0 GPA and family income < \$100,000/year receive financial aid to bring cost to \$20,177/year.											
Simpson College	38412	Scholarships are based on GPA and range from \$22,000-\$29,000/year.											
Grinnell College	39924	Tuition shown includes \$12,000 scholarship for all Iowa residents. Merit awards range from \$10,000-\$25,000/year.											
Wartburg College	40220	Students with a 23 ACT/3.5 GPA/top 25% are considered for awards ranging from \$26,000-\$28,000/year.											
Drake University	41250	Presidential scholarships range from \$16,000-\$21,000/year.											
Cornell College	41874	Scholarships range from \$20,000-\$34,000/year, including a special award for Iowa residents.											
Luther College	41950	21950	19950	19950	19950	17950	15950	15950	15950	15950	15950	15950	15950
Coe College	43700	Trustee scholarships are valued up to \$28,500 per year.											

Your College Preparation Strategies



Test Scores

Take the ACT or SAT four times to get the highest score possible. (Free & Reduced Lunch students get 4 free ACTs & 2 free SATs.) Colleges only consider your highest composite score.



Apply

Create more competition for yourself and earn more generous scholarships by applying to at least seven four-year schools. If you are only considering two-year colleges, apply to at least two schools.



Finish Strong

Maintain a high GPA. Most academic scholarships consider both GPA and test scores. Excel in at least one extracurricular activity.

Ready to increase your test scores and prepare for college?



At School

Build ACT and SAT prep into your schedule and increase your scores.



Online

Prepare for the ACT or SAT anytime, anywhere.



One-on-One Tutoring

Work directly with an OnToCollege tutor for personalized test prep.



College Counseling

Take the confusion and frustration out of your college selection process.

Questions?

Contact us at (402) 475-PREP or visit our website at www.ontocollege.com



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