

COLLEGE & CAREER SPOTLIGHT

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SAT To register online go to: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	C.R. Locations	Test Center #
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	Coe College	16125
June 3, 2017	May 8, 2017	Coe College Kirkwood CC	16125 16132

SAT FEE: SAT only \$45.00 SAT FEE: SAT with Essay \$57.00

ACT To register online go to: www.actstudent.org/

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	C.R. Locations	Test Center #
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	Coe College Kirkwood CC Prairie HS	012940 012750 212460

ACT FEES: ACT only - \$42.50 ACT + Writing - \$58.50 ACT Jefferson High School #160-672

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

Academic Assembly	April 11 New Gym
Prom	April 22 8:00 – 11:00 Ashton Hill Farms
Senior Recognition Night	May 15 7:00 PM in the New Gym.
Senior Assembly	May 16 at the beginning of the school day
Last day of school for seniors	May 24
Graduation Rehearsal	May 26 1:30 PM US Cellular Center
Graduation	May 26 7:00 PM US Cellular Center

SOPHOMORE Career & College Planning Night

Monday, April 24, 2017 5:30- 6:30 PM
Jefferson Little Theatre

JUNIOR Financial Aid Night

Monday, April 24, 2017 6:45 – 7:45 PM
Jefferson Little Theatre

COMPARING COLLEGES IS MORE OF AN ART THAN A SCIENCE

COMPILE A LIST OF POSSIBLE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Start by listing colleges that offer the majors that interest you and that meet other factors you find important.

SCHEDULE CAMPUS VISITS

- Visiting several colleges is important because it will help you determine which college fits you best, both socially and academically. If possible, try to visit when classes are in session. No matter how perfect a college may seem on paper or online, nothing compares to the impression you get when you're on campus.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AND THINGS TO OBSERVE ON A COLLEGE VISIT

Admission and Financial Aid

- What are the GPA and ACT/SAT test core requirements for admission and scholarships?
- What are the application deadlines for admission and financial aid?
- Is there an admission application fee? If so, when is it due? Is it refundable?
- Does the school award institutional scholarships? How do you apply?
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- What's the cost of attendance? What items are included in the cost of attendance? Are there other costs (lab or health fees)?
- What types of payment plans are available? When is payment due?

Academic

- What type of academic calendar does the school have?
- What's the retention rate?
- What's the job placement rate? Do employers recruit on campus?
- How long, on average, does it take students to graduate? Is it difficult to get into the classes required for graduation?
- What's the student/faculty ratio? Does faculty include teaching assistants or do professors teach the majority of classes?
- What's the average class size? Are the professors accessible to students?
- What's the academic advising system like? Are you assigned an adviser or do you choose your own?
- How are AP, CLEP, Postsecondary Enrollment and Dual Enrollment courses treated?

Campus

- Is a car necessary? Is parking available? How much does it cost? What type of public transportation is available?
- Do many students use bicycles around campus or town? Is there a secure place to keep or store a bicycle?
- Are there computers in the residence hall rooms or are the rooms equipped for them? Do they offer wireless internet access?
- What types of meal plans are available? Are there alternative options available besides the dining hall?
- What's the crime on rate on campus?

Student Life

- Are there fraternities and sororities on campus? What other student organizations could you join?
- What are the housing options? Are there options to live in a sorority or fraternity house? Is Housing guaranteed?
- How diverse is the student body? What's the male/female ratio? Do the majority of students come from within or outside of the state?
- What types of cultural events (music, theater, art) are offered?

JUNIOR TIPS

- If you take AP courses, consider AP exams.
- Continue to search for scholarships.
- Register now for the June ACT or SAT.
- Compare your impressions of each college and rank them according to preference.
- Narrow your college choices to five or fewer and highlight the important features of each.
- Consider taking a summer course at a local college.
- Find a summer job related to your career interest or do community service. Grades aren't the only thing colleges evaluate.
- Prospective student athletes: Ask your school counselor regarding an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

SENIOR TIPS

- Visit an ICAN Center to review and compare financial aid packages from colleges. Download the Compare College Costs worksheet from the ICAN Resource Zone.
- Decide which college you'll attend. Have your final transcript sent to the college you will be attending.
- Return all necessary documents, including financial aid forms, to your college.
- Notify the college about any scholarships you receive.
- Save money to help with college expenses.

RAISE.ME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADES 9 - 12

Students who wish to attend Buena Vista University, Clarke University, Cornell College, Drake University, Luther College and The University of Iowa can earn up to \$1200 over 4 years of high school. These six Iowa colleges have partnered with Raise.me micro-scholarship program in order to improve college readiness and affordability in Iowa. This scholarship platform provides a series of "micro-scholarships" students can accumulate throughout their high school career. These incentives are designed to encourage high school students to pursue options in higher education.

This year's seniors have until March 15, 2017 to add items to their online portfolio in order to receive the scholarship next fall. These incentives include items such as perfect attendance (\$75), take four years of a foreign language and earn \$100 or earn a grade of A or B in Geometry (\$25). Raise.me is entirely free and students only need to go online and create an account.

The next two pages detail each individual scholarship amount as awarded by The University of Iowa for the Raise.Me program. Over 100 colleges in the United States participate and award varying amounts which of micro-scholarships which may be greater than those provided by UI.

HELPFUL COLLEGE WEBSITES

- **CAPPEX:** cappex.com/scholarships helps students uncover millions of dollars in scholarships from colleges, universities, private companies, foundations and more to help pay for school
- **CAREER ONE STOP:** careeronestop.org features over 7,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans and other financial aid
- **FASTWEB:** fastweb.com a free service that matches student so scholarships, internships, grant and loans
- **GOODCALL.COM:** goodcall.com/scholarships/ helps 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
- **COLLEGE NAVIGATOR:** nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator look up quick stats on any U.S. college to include average ACT, net price and acceptance rate
- **AFFORDABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY** collegecost.ed.gov this site links to "net price" calculators, schools with highest/lowest tuition rates, etc.
- **FIRST IN THE FAMILY**
firstinthefamily.org/highschool/Downloads_files/Meredith%20College%20toolkit%20 advice and information for students who will be the first in their family to attend college

SCHOLARSHIPS

American Legion Merit Awards

Deadline: April 7, 2017

- Three separate \$300 general Merit Awards awarded for each student selected
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who resides in the American Legion Second District of Iowa.
- Applications available in the counseling office.

Cedar Rapids Jaycees 2017 Scholarship Application

Deadline: April 7, 2017

- The Cedar Rapids Jaycees will award one, \$1,500 scholarship to a 2017 high school graduate.
- Applicant must complete the application in its entirety (Application, Essay and Financial Needs Analysis) and submit via email scholarshp@cr-jaycees.com or by mail.
- Applications available in the counseling office.

Nick Adenhardt Memorial Scholarship Application 2017

Deadline: April 14, 2017

- \$1000 Nick Adenhardt Memorial Scholarship for 2017 is available to a local high school senior in the Cedar Rapids Community School District.
- The 2017 Scholarship Application and 2017 Guidelines are available in the counseling office.

American Legion Post 298 Educational Trust Scholarship

Deadline: April 29, 2017

- 1 - \$1,500 scholarship for students who have relative (grandchild or parent) that's a veteran
- Complete application form which is available in the counseling office

Cedar Rapids Woman's Club Scholarships

Deadline: April 30, 2017

- 3- one-year scholarships for students attending a college in the state of Iowa
- Complete application form which is available in the counseling office
- Must have financial need and be in the top 20% of the senior class
- Need transcript, recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer

2017 Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2017

- One \$1,000 scholarship annually
- This scholarship is awarded to one male and one female each year. Applicants must be high school juniors or seniors for the 2016-2017 school year who have previously participated in any Iowa Games events (Summer Iowa Games, Winter Iowa Games, Iowa Games Net Fest or Iowa Games Mud Run).
- For more information about the scholarship and to view the application, please click here: [Brian Pearson Memorial Scholarship](#). A copy of the application is also attached.

The Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2017

- Scholarship amount - \$800.00
- Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$800.00 each. Awards will be paid in installments of \$400.00 at the beginning of each semester and sent directly to the University of Iowa Office of Student Financial Aid.
- Eligibility criteria and scholarship application is available in the counseling office.

Children's Cancer Connection

Deadline: May 26, 2017

- Scholarship amount - \$500-\$5000
- Applicant must be directly affected by childhood cancer. Applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited two or four-year institution (trade school, college or university). Applicant must have a minimum GPA OF 2.5.
- Eligibility criteria and scholarship application is available in the counseling office.

Iowa PGA Foundation, Charlie Burkart Scholarship

Deadline: June 16, 2017

- \$1500 per year for four years
- Required: HS transcript, 2 recommendations; self-statement concerning interest & activity in golf; educational & vocational plans, career goals and financial need. / Additional information in the Counseling Office.

Nursing Schools Almanac

Deadline: June 30, 2017

- \$1,000 Scholarship for Aspiring Nurse Academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics.
- Passion for the nursing profession and overall field of healthcare.
- Application at: <http://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/articles/2017-aspiring-nurse-scholarship>



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Streamlining the College Fair Circuit

Students!

Register online **today** at www.gotocollegefairs.com to attend the college fairs

Why should I pre-register?

Maximize your time at the fair!

Provide your information one time through our simple, online registration page instead of dozens of times on prospect cards at each college table.

Ensure your personal data is accurately and securely shared with colleges and universities of your choosing.

- Increase face-to-face time with admissions Officers. Spend time learning more about their schools.

How does online registration help me?

Registering for a college fair through our simple, online registration page allows you to easily input your personal information, elaborate on your special interests, extracurricular activities, and unique accomplishments.

Bring this barcode with you to the fair and start visiting college and university tables.

College representatives will have a barcode scanner to securely capture the registration information you provided online, saving you *both* a lot of time and effort.

Register today!

Two days prior to the fair, you will receive a reminder email with your barcode attached.

- ◆ Stop in the school computer lab or register on a computer at home
- ◆ Registration is web-based, so you can register from any computer, anytime



How does this work?

- Students access www.gotocollegefairs.com website
- Click on the "Student Register Now" button
- Select the state and choose the fair to attend
- Complete the registration form (you may decide to complete only mandatory questions)
- Check the "terms and conditions box" and submit the form
- The barcode is displayed – they print the barcode and they're done!

Already registered for a previous event?

*Use your current username and password to add another fair.
No need to create a new registration*

New Feature

Students register online at www.gotocollegefairs.com

IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK

Iowa Private College Week will be held July 31-August 4 and 25 private colleges in Iowa participate. Students and parents can visit a number of different schools in the same with and each school offers a 9 a.m. morning session and a 1:30 pm afternoon session.

Even if you're not a junior or senior or sure what you want to major in, IowaPrivateCollegeWeek.org can help you develop a list of majors which sound interesting to you. Register online at IowaPrivateCollege Week.org

GUIDED PATHWAY SUPPORT (GPS) PROGRAM

GPS is a free college access initiative that empowers African-American high school students as they navigate the college admissions process. Using a "high tech and high touch" approach. GPS directs students to the most comprehensive and reliable resources available via online mentoring.

Don't miss the chance to apply!

- Application available: March 1, 2017
- Application deadline: May 31, 2017
- Find the application online:
- [Https://ronbrowngps.fluid review.com](https://ronbrowngps.fluidreview.com)

What type of students are eligible for GPS?

- Rising African American high school juniors and seniors who:
- Have a strong academic record
- Have demonstrated leadership and involvement at school and/or in the community
- Have a desire to enhance their college readiness skills and abilities

What is required to apply to GPS?

- A completed online application
- One letter of recommendation from an academic teacher
- An official high school transcript
- Two short writing pieces (to be submitted online with the application form)