

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 #
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	Coe College	16125
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	Coe College Kirkwood CC	16125 16132
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 #
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	Coe College Kirkwood CC Prairie HS	012940 012750 212460
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	Coe College John F Kennedy HS Kirkwood CC Prairie HS Xavier HS	012940 180140 012750 212460 202930
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

JUNIOR TIPS

- Research scholarships. Keep an ongoing file of scholarship and financial aid information (such as criteria, amounts, contact persons and deadlines). Check out ICANSucceed.org/scholarships for free scholarship searches. Avoid scholarship searches that charge fees.
- Meet with college representatives at your school and keep looking at colleges online.
- Register now if you're planning to take the January SAT or February ACT. Pick up a study guide at a local bookstore or library.

SENIOR TIPS

- Continue to apply for grants and scholarships.
- Stay focused! Grades in your senior year can affect college admittance.
- Visit ICANSucceed.org/fsaid to learn about the new FSA ID username and password. You and a parent each need an FSA ID for your financial aid form. Print a list of items you need to fill out the FAFSA at ICANSucceed.org/fafsachecklist.
- Parents: Save your year-end payroll stubs if they show your earnings for the year. You may need them for FAFSA.
- Know the priority dates for filing the FAFSA at the college you're applying to.

SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND BUILDING CONFERENCE IN DES MOINES

Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative is offering a scholarship to **Momentum is Building**, an energy-efficient home building conference sponsored by Iowa's electric cooperatives. MIB offers an opportunity to see the latest building products and network with other building, electric and HVAC professionals.

A grant from the Iowa Energy Center is helping to provide funding for scholarships to allow instructors and students from building trades programs in high schools and community colleges to attend Momentum Is Building. Students and instructors in building trades programs can apply for registration, meals and sleeping room vouchers.

Deadline for submitting scholarship/voucher request is January 20th or until slots are filled. The Conference is February 9th and 10th in Des Moines. For more information, visit www.momentumisbuilding.com

UNI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The UNI Scholarship Application deadline is January 15, 2017 for most awards for new students. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships needs to receive the FAFSA by January 15th for Priority Deadline. Please go to www.uni.edu/admissions to apply for acceptance and complete the scholarship application.

PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP

PFLAG Cedar Rapids is proud to announce the Lorinda Ampey PFLAG Scholarship to outstanding Iowa high school seniors, or non-traditional students who advocate and educate their schools, communities, themselves and/or their families about human rights. Academic involvement also factors into the awards. The scholarships are \$100 minimum each. The number of awards varies each year based on the number and quality of applicants and the funds available. Applicants must be Iowa residents and plan to pursue post-secondary education. Visit: <http://www.pflagcr.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Lorinda-Ampey-pflag-scholarship-2016/pdf>

The student must have a faculty member or other adult write a recommendation for them putting their name forward. There is no deadline for submission. Students names may be submitted to PFLAG Cedar Rapids at pflagcr@gmail.com

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.

ACAIANS SCHOLARSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Alumni from the University have established a scholarship for incoming students at the University of Iowa who will be graduating from high school in May, 2017. These scholarships are designed to reward students who have exhibited exceptional ability in the fields of academics, extra-curricular activities, and human service. **Financial need is not a criterion.** These scholarships are in essence, **free money** to help deserving students attend The University of Iowa.

The application form is designed to be "self-contained" in that all the requirements to qualify for a scholarship are clearly spelled out within the form. You or students can access the form electronically at www.uiaacacia.com/scholarship

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Elks National Foundation 2017 Most Valuable Student contest are now available. The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four year scholarships to the highest rated applicants in the 2017 competition.

- Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply, The applicant must be a citizen of the United States on the date the application is signed. Permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.
- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Applications are available online at enf.elks.org/mvs.
- All applications must be submitted online by November 30, 2016.

Nationally \$2.44 million will be awarded in Most Valuable Student scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide. This is in addition to state and local scholarship awards.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applicants for the above scholarships are also eligible for one time scholarships from the Iowa Elks Association. And the applicants are also eligible for scholarship awards from Cedar Rapids Elks Lodge 251.

The student must go to <http://www.elks.org/enf/sch> for more information and for a copy of the application. The application is due online by November 30, 2016.

If you have any questions, contact John O'Connor by email at jconnerbpo251@dybb.com

SENIORS ATTENDING ISU IN FALL 2017

Here are steps that you need to complete to be considered for Office of Student Financial Aid awards:

1. Go to the scholarship section of ISU's Financial Aid Website (www.financialaid.iastate.edu)
2. Select the Office of Student Financial Aid Scholarships (**FinAidScholar**) button
3. Select "Freshman"
4. Read the directions
5. Register for a Net-ID (Directions included on website)
6. Click on "Apply on our FinAidScholar Website!"
7. Log in with your Net-ID
8. Select the Freshman Application
9. Click on "Click Here to Apply!"
10. Complete the application by 1 December
11. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to December 1st.
 - a. The first time a student/family is able to complete the FAFSA application is October 1st of the student's senior year.

Note: If you have already completed the FinAidScholar application, you do NOT need to complete another one. This application is ONLY for scholarships administered through **The Office of Student Financial Aid**. Please be sure to check with Admissions, your college and/or department, and private donors to maximize your scholarship search. If you have questions about this application, please contact scholarships@iastate.edu or [515.294.5627](tel:515.294.5627).

SCHOLARSHIPS

FRA 2016-2017 Americanism Essay Contest

Deadline: December 1, 2016

- Grand Prize: \$5,000 plus 18 National Awards and Regional and Local Prizes
- Eligibility: Students 7 thru 12; Deadline: December 1, 2016; Requirements: 350 words or less on "What Memorial Day Means to me"; Internet www.fra.org/essay
- Additional information in the Counseling Office

Burger King McLamore Foundation

Deadline: December 15, 2016

- The application period for the 2017-2018 school year begins on October 15, 2016 and closes December 15, 2016.
- Scholarship grants range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and are intended to help students offset the cost of attending college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Recipients are selected based on their grade point average, work experience, extracurricular activities and community service.
View the scholarship eligibility requirements and apply: <https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/>

AXA Achievement Scholarship Program

Deadline: December 15, 2016

- Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000. For every student that wins a scholarship a grant of \$1,000 is made to the winner's high school for educators' professional development.
- Only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted. APPLY EARLY!
- Visit www.axa.com/achievers to learn more and apply online.

E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship Award Application

Deadline: December 31, 2016

- Five finalists will receive a \$1,000 scholarship grant. The E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship Award winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship (\$3,750 annually).
- The recipient of this award is recognized as being representative of the most elite of the superlative Iowa Girl, not only on the playing field, but also in the classroom, in her school and in her community. Her profile will reflect discipline, perseverance, character, citizenship and leadership.
Apply online www.ighsau.org additional information in the counseling office.

The Rove Pest Control Scholarship for Class of 2017 Graduates

Deadline: December 31, 2016

- Award Amount: \$500
- Applicants must be attending college by the Fall 2017 semester and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. This scholarship is open to anyone seeking a higher education.
- Only on-line applications will be accepted <http://www.rovepestcontrol.com/rove-pest-control-scholarship/>

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Deadline: January 4, 2017

First-Place Prize \$20,000 and cash prizes will be awarded to the top 25 students.

- Essays can be no more than 1,000 words but must be a minimum of 700 words. Essays must be the original work of the student.
- For complete guidelines, visit the Profile in Courage Essay Contest at <https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>

Ron Brown Scholar Program

Deadline: January 9, 2017

- \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000
- Eligibility and application: <http://usascholarships.com/ron-brown-scholar-program/>

Bright Scholars of Iowa

- Amount of Award: Up to \$6,000 per year
- To be eligible for a Bright Scholars of Iowa Award, a student must be accepted by one of the three state universities (Iowa State, Iowa, UNI) Visit <http://uni.edu/finaid/bright-scholarship> or these three community colleges (DMACC, Indian Hills, Southwestern Iowa), as well as meeting the following criteria:
- Current senior attending an Iowa high school.
- Outstanding academic achievement (top 10% or equivalent of high school graduating class, or ACT of 28 and above, or for regent university applicants 299 and higher RAI---Regents Admission Index).
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning and community service, as well as success in the face of adversity.
- Qualify for a Pell Grant as determined by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Maintain full-time enrollment.

Christina Hixson Opportunity Awards**Deadline: January 15, 2017**

- The Hixson Opportunity Award is a grant of \$16,000 to be used at Iowa State University, one hundred high school seniors from across Iowa will receive the award each year, representing each county in the state. If you are a high school senior who demonstrates potential in ways that go beyond class rankings and test scores, you may wish to apply.
- Application Procedures: Complete the online application, complete ISU admission process, Complete FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov by December 1.

University of Northern Iowa Department of Art Scholarship Review**Deadline: January 15, 2017**

- The Hixson Opportunity Award is a grant of \$16,000 to be used at Iowa State University, one hundred high school seniors from across Iowa will receive the award each year, representing each county in the state. If you are a high school senior who demonstrates potential in ways that go beyond class rankings and test scores, you may wish to apply.
- Application Procedures: Complete the online application, complete ISU admission process, Complete FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov by December 1.

Iowa PGA Foundation, Charlie Burkart Scholarship**Deadline: January 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

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) U.S. Scholarship Program**Deadline: January 18, 2017**

- The RMHC U.S. Scholarship Program seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals.
- Graduating high school seniors, visit www.rmhc.org for more information of apply at <http://aim.applyISTS.net/RMHC>

The Strayer-Rairden Scholarship in Physics**Deadline: January 31, 2016**

- 1- \$1000 grant.
- The Department of Physics and Astronomy Grant awards 1 \$1000 grant each year, renewable for up to three (3) successive years following the initial award, to an entering freshman from the state of Iowa.
- To be eligible for The Strayer-Rairden Scholarship in Physics, students must:
be from the state of Iowa
have applied for admission to The University of Iowa and declared physics or astronomy as their major.
- Applications are available in the counseling office or application available online at:
<http://www.physics.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards/strayer-rairden-scholarship-physics>

Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship Program**Deadline: February 10, 2017**

- 80 - \$1,000 scholarships available from the Hy-Vee Foundation
- One of the components of Hy-Vee's scholarship program relates to current employment with Hy-Vee.
- Additional information in the Counseling Office.

Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship, A.F&A.M / Masonic Scholarship Application**Deadline: February 1, 2017**

- \$2,000 Scholarship (approximately 60 awarded)
- The principal criterion is that of service to school and community with special emphasis on leadership roles in these areas. An applicant's academic record, communication skills, and financial need are considered carefully.
- Applications are available in the counseling office.

Mediacom Communications/World Class Scholars Scholarship Program**Deadline: February 17, 2017**

- Scholarship amount: \$1,000
- Eligibility: Applicants must be graduating high school seniors. Those who have earned college credits may apply as long as they have not yet graduated high school. Applicants may not be children of Mediacom employees and must live in areas serviced by Mediacom.
- How to apply: Applications are available online. An application form, essay, transcript and two reference forms are required.

Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. / MCEC Technical Scholarships

Deadline: March 1, 2017

- Number of scholarships and the amount is dependent on the investment income earned.
- Scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community college.
- Applications available in the counseling office. Forms are also available online on the Grand Lodge of Iowa’s website: www.grandlodgeofiowa.com, and then under the Grand Lodge tab on the front-page click on Awards & Applications then click on ‘MCEC Scholarship Form in PDF’.

Hills Bank Leadership Grant

Deadline: March 1, 2017

- Scholarship amount: Each grant will total \$1,000 with \$500 to be paid each fall semester of the qualifying recipient’s first two year of college.
- Grants are available to students attending any of Iowa’s accredited college, universities, or community colleges.
- Visit: <https://www.hillsbank.com/leadershipgrant>

Cadets of St. George Scholarship

Deadline: May 1, 2017

- 5 \$300.00 Scholarships
- Scholarships are awarded for one academic year. Applicant must apply and be admitted to a full time accredited Junior College, College or University in Iowa.
- Eligibility criteria and scholarship application is available in the counseling office.

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.

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IOWA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The 2017-2018 Iowa Financial Aid Application is available on the Iowa College Aid website at www.iowacollegeaid.gov. Application deadlines for state scholarship/grant programs in 2017-2018 are available on the Iowa College Aid website: <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/state-grants-scholarships> . Deadline are available on the website.

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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.



raise.me

MICRO-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Updated 01/13/2016

PARAMETERS

Max award per student:

\$1,200 total or \$300 / year

Eligibility:

Students at eligible Iowa high schools with a cumulative, un-weighted GPA of 3.00 that apply by May 1st

Earnings Deadline:

Students can earn through March 15 of their senior year

Maintenance Requirements:

Maintain continuous full-time enrollment each semester and a 2.00 cumulative University of Iowa grade-point average, or higher, depending on award level.

Other Requirements:

Students must send ACT scores to IOWA to get credit for Take the ACT Award

MICRO-SCHOLARSHIPS



Take Algebra I, Algebra II, Advanced Algebra, Algebra II with Trigonometry, Trigonometry, or Geometry

Earn \$25 for taking Algebra I, Algebra II, Advanced Algebra, Algebra II with Trigonometry, Trigonometry, and Geometry with a minimum grade of B.



Take Pre-Calculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, Advanced Math, Statistics, or Finite Math

Earn \$50 for taking Pre-Calculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, Advanced Math, Statistics, or Finite Math with a minimum grade of B.



Take Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, Genetics, Botany, or Organic Chemistry

Earn \$50 for taking Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, Genetics, Botany, or Organic Chemistry with a minimum grade of B.



Take AP or IB Math, Science, or English

Earn \$50 for taking a AP or IB course in English, Math or Science, with a minimum grade of B



Take Dual Enrollment Math, Science, or English

Earn \$25 for taking Advanced/Honor, or Dual Enrollment in English, Math or Science, with a minimum grade of B



Take 4+ Years of Foreign Language

Earn \$100 for taking 4+ years of the same foreign language.



Perfect Attendance

Earn \$75 for each year of perfect attendance.



Join an extracurricular activity

Earn \$25 for each extracurricular activity per school year (at least 2 hrs/wk of participation, up to \$25 per year over four years).



Join a sport

Earn \$25 for each extracurricular activity per school year (at least 2 hrs/wk of participation, up to \$25 per year over four years).



Get a leadership position

Earn \$50 for each leadership position in an activity (at least 2 hrs/wk of participation, up to \$100 maximum).



Take the ACT or SAT

Earn \$50 for taking the SAT or ACT.



Attend an Iowa College Access Network Advising Session, Program or Event

Earn \$50 for attending an Iowa College Access Network Advising Session, Program or Event (up to \$50 maximum award).



Visit a campus

Earn \$100 for a campus visit to University of Iowa (up to \$100 maximum award).

CZECH HERITAGE FOUNDATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Do you want to travel? Are you of Czech, Slovak or Moravian Descent? Apply for the Czech Heritage Foundation's Exchange Program! Students must be high school juniors or seniors and have Czech, Slovak or Moravian ancestry.

The program is a three-week exchange where US students stay with a Czech host family and later in the summer, the Czech HS students come to stay with the US host families. Scholarship winners don't pay for travel or accommodations since the foundation covers those costs.

Application materials and more information about the program can be found on the Czech Heritage Foundation website: www.czechheritagefoundation.com Send questions and completed applications to: homestay@czechheritagefoundation.com . Applications are due Dec 10th.