

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 #
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 #
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

- Determine a college budget based on salary expectations for your chosen career or industry. Visit ACTprofile.org.
- Make sure you enroll in senior classes that fulfill the credits you need for college.
- Put together a resume listing your activities, volunteer experiences, academic achievements and employment.
- Register now for the April ACT if you plan to take it.
- It's time to schedule college visits. Revisit your career assessment results and schedule visits with schools that meet your career and budget needs. During each college visit, meet with the admissions and financial aid offices. Download a helpful checklist at ICANSucceed.org/materials.
- Talk to your school counselor about AP courses. Consider taking honors or college-level classes.

SENIOR TIPS

- Need help filing a FAFSA? ICAN can help. Call 877-272-4692 to schedule an appointment.
- Submit your FAFSA if you haven't already done so.
- Confirm that the colleges you've applied to have received your first-semester transcripts.
- Keep your grades up – second semester grades are important and can affect scholarship eligibility and college admittance.
- Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR). Check that it lists all the colleges requiring receipt of your FAFSA.
- Review your budget and financial plan for college. Talk with your parents about cost responsibility.
- Begin making plans for a summer job.
- Ask your school counselor about local scholarships.

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

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.

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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Student Loan Debt Topic of February Visit

Sara Goldrick-Rab, the author of *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*, will give a public lecture on February 13 at 7:00 pm at the Iowa City Public Library. She will also speak that same day at the Inequality Seminar at 2:00 pm in W113 Seashore Hall.

Goldrick-Rab is Professor of Higher Education Policy & Sociology at Temple University, and Founder of the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, the nation's only translational research laboratory seeking ways to make college more affordable.

Her commitment to scholar-activism is evidenced by her broad profile of research and writing dissecting the intended and unintended consequences of the college-for-all movement in the United States. In more than a dozen experimental, longitudinal, and mixed-methods studies, she has examined the efficacy and distributional implications of financial aid policies, welfare reform, transfer practices, and a range of interventions aimed at increasing college attainment among marginalized populations. She provides extensive service to local, state, and national communities, working directly with governors and state legislators to craft policies to make college more affordable, collaborating with non-profit organizations seeking to examine the effects of their practices, and providing technical assistance to Congressional staff, think tanks, and membership organizations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Strayer-Rairden Scholarship in Physics

Deadline: January 31, 2017

- 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) / Applications are available in the counseling office.
- 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.

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

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- 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.

Cedar Rapids Area Association of Realtors Scholarship Opportunity**Deadline: February 24, 2017**

- \$500.00 scholarships are awarded for one academic year.
- Selection of awards based on: Financial need, community involvement, academic plans and goals.
- Applicant must have attended a Linn or Benton County High School and be a citizen of the United States.
- Applications are available at <http://crrealtors.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Application-and-Guidelines-10-2017-Fillable.pdf>

John Stephen Klima Academic Excellence Scholarship**Deadline: February 28, 2017**

- \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for 3 additional years with a 3.0 GPA
- Must attend a private or public 4-year college or university
- Academic achievement (GPA & class rank along with depth & variety of classes completed)
- 200-300 word essay describing personal, educational and career goals. / Application available in the counseling office.

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'.

ICAN Outstanding Student Scholarship**Deadline: March 1, 2017**

- Two \$250 one-time scholarships
- Iowa high school seniors graduating in 2017. Attending a two- or four-year institution in Iowa beginning in Fall 2017. / To submit an application visit www.ICANSucceed.org/icanscholarship.

Matthew Shepard Gold Scholarship Program**Deadline: March 1, 2017**

- Iowa's Gold Matthew Shepard Scholarship is an award of up to \$40,000 over four years. The scholarship pays tuition books and fees at one of Iowa's three state universities: Iowa State University, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa. Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship is for openly LGBTQ Iowa high school seniors, LGBTQ activism and community service, and a history of high moral and ethical standards and conduct.
- Apply online at: www.eychanerfoundation.org

University of Iowa**Deadline: March 1, 2017**

- \$3,000 per year for up to 4 years for National Merit Finalists, National Hispanic Scholars or National Achievement Finalists that list the University as their first choice.
- \$5,000 per year for up to 4 years for members of underrepresented groups (African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Alaskan Native) with either an ACT composite of 25 or higher and high school rank in the top 30% or UI admission index of 230 or higher.
- One-time \$1,000 award to students ranked first in their high school graduating class.
- At least \$500 annually for Iowa Students with a high school class rank in top 15%.

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>

American Legion Auxiliary Second District Department of Iowa**Deadline: March 15, 2017**

- \$200 scholarship
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who must be a resident of the Second District of Iowa
- Must be related to someone who has served in a war. / Applications available in the counseling office.

First Friday Breakfast Club**Deadline: March 15, 2017**

- \$3,000 Scholarship
- Applicant must be a resident of Iowa and plan to pursue post-secondary education.
- The scholarships will be awarded to Iowa high school seniors who have demonstrated leadership in efforts to increase education and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues and reduce homophobia in their schools and/or communities. / Applications available in the counseling office.

Dupaco College Scholarship**Deadline: March 15, 2017**

- Dupaco is awarding ten \$2,000 non-renewable college scholarships.
- To qualify, scholarship applicants must be entering college as a first-time, first-year student in fall 2017 or spring 2018.
- Information regarding the scholarship and application process can be found at: www.dupaco.com/scholarships,

Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship**Deadline: March 17, 2017**

- Grant award amount is \$500
- Each year, the Theta chapter awards several educational grants to students working toward an education degree.
- Applicants also have the opportunity to complete and submit the application online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1T6Bze3LX6pgyZsuljIOFISjJX973yWI4rdJhSZ9Yto/viewform>

Septagon Construction Company Academic Scholarship**Deadline: March 24, 2017**

- \$500 scholarship
- This scholarship is to encourage and aid students who pursue professional, construction-related degrees.
- Applications and Guidelines are available in the Counseling Office.

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.

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.

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.

Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education**Deadline: March 1, 2017**

- 15 \$2,000 Scholarships
- Applicants must be committed to automotive-related studies, such as technician training, body shop/collision repair, diesel, new vehicle sales, part sales, accounting, or business administration. Applications in Counseling.

SFM Foundation Scholarship**Deadline: March 31, 2017**

- Eligible students are those who parents were killed or seriously injured in workplace accidents while working for MN, IA, or WI employers. Up to \$10,000 per year for 5 years / Application available at: www.sfmfoundation.com

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.

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.

Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Scholarships

Applications for scholarships on this page are available in the Guidance Office and completed applications are submitted to the Guidance Office by or before **February 28, 2017**.

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount: \$500
- Criteria: Financial need, demonstrated career goals

GLIDDEN COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount: \$500
- Criteria: Community involvement, demonstrated respect and consideration for others

KALOUS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount: \$1,000; renewable for three additional years
- Criteria: Financial need, demonstrated strong ethics and high moral character.
- Preferred: Planning to pursue study in Government, Political Science, Engineering, or Music. Planning to attend a college or university in the state of Iowa

KLEIMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- Eligibility requirement: Planning to attend Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, or the University of Northern Iowa
- Amount: \$5,000, renewable for three additional years based on academic performance
- Criteria: First: leadership and good character, Second: academic achievement, Third: financial need
- Apply: Apply for nomination at your high school guidance office. One female and one male candidate from each high school will be nominated for final selection by the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee for the scholarship.

KOMENSKY SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

- **For Linn County students of Czech or Slovak heritage**
- Eligibility requirement: Czech or Slovak Heritage
- Amount: \$500 - \$1,000
- Criteria: Demonstrated importance of Czech or Slovak heritage in student's life.
- Financial need - EFC from FAFSA required (the one-page Statement of Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA))
- Academic achievement and Good character

MERVEAUX ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount: \$500
- Criteria: Academic achievement (GPA & class rank along with depth & variety of classes completed)

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

- Amount: \$500
- Criteria: Exemplary leadership skills both in and outside the school environment, Academic achievement: top 1/3 of graduating class with GPA of 3.0 or above. Demonstration of outstanding character and judgment, dependability, and teamwork.

REEDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduate from a Cedar Rapids HS and plan to attend a college, university, vocational or technical school
- Amount: \$1,000, renewable for one additional year
- Criteria for selection: Financial need, demonstrated strong ethics and high moral character.

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>

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.

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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.

Appendix B



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.

Federal Student Aid: Find the Information You Need Online

	Topic	Resource
FAFSA	Fill out the FAFSA	www.fafsa.gov
	Basic FAFSA info: what is it and how do you fill it out	www.StudentAid.gov/fafsa www.StudentAid.gov/complete
	Dependency status for FAFSA purposes	www.StudentAid.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency
	How aid is calculated (including link to detailed EFC info)	www.StudentAid.gov/how-calculated
Types of Aid/Getting Aid	Types of financial aid	www.StudentAid.gov/types
	Who can get federal student aid	www.StudentAid.gov/eligibility
	Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used	www.StudentAid.gov/pell-limit
	Finding and applying for scholarships	www.StudentAid.gov/scholarships
	Loan interest rates and fees	www.StudentAid.gov/interest
	Aid for military families	www.StudentAid.gov/military
	Avoiding financial aid scams	www.StudentAid.gov/scams
Repaying Loans	Loan repayment	www.StudentAid.gov/repay
	Income-Based Repayment	www.StudentAid.gov/ibr
	Pay As You Earn	www.StudentAid.gov/PayAsYouEarn
	Public Service Loan Forgiveness	www.StudentAid.gov/publicservice
	Loan forgiveness in general	www.StudentAid.gov/forgiveness
	Loan forgiveness for teachers	www.StudentAid.gov/teach-forgive
College Prep	College Preparation Checklist: checklist for academic and financial preparation, for elementary school through adult students	www.StudentAid.gov/checklist
	Why go to college (education and pay/unemployment rates)	www.StudentAid.gov/whycollege
	Middle school preparation	www.StudentAid.gov/early
Special Audiences	Info for parents (tax benefits, support your child, college costs)	www.StudentAid.gov/parent
	Graduate school funding	www.StudentAid.gov/grad
	Financial aid for adult students	www.StudentAid.gov/resources#adult-students
	Going to college in another country	www.StudentAid.gov/international
Social Media	@FAFSA Twitter feed	www.Twitter.com/FAFSA
	Federal Student Aid YouTube channel	www.YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid
	Federal Student Aid Facebook page	www.Facebook.com/FederalStudentAid