

## **FAFSA & College Information Available to Parents and Students at JHS**

Seniors who plan to attend college in 2017 need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). On October 1, 2016, the window to file the FAFSA opens and students and their families can use “prior-year” tax information to complete the application. Research shows a strong correlation between filing the FAFSA and the likelihood of enrolling in college. For more information, please attend one of the following presentations:

### **JUNIOR Financial Aid Night**

Monday, October 10, 2016 5:30- 6:30 PM

Jefferson Little Theatre

### **SENIOR Career & College Planning Night**

Monday, October 10, 2016 6:45 – 7:45 PM

Jefferson Little Theatre

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## **Scholarships Available by Completing the FAFSA**

The FAFSA serves as the primary application for state-funded need-based grants. Students can apply for the following state programs by completing the FAFSA:

- Iowa Tuition Grant (FAFSA deadline is July 1).
- Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant (FAFSA deadline is July 1).
- Kibbie Grant (FAFSA deadline is July 1).
- Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant (FAFSA deadline is July 1).

The following programs require completion of both the FAFSA and Iowa Financial Aid Application:

- All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship (FAFSA and Iowa Financial Aid Application deadline is March 1).
- All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant (FAFSA and Iowa Financial Aid Application deadline is March 1 for renewals).
- Education Training Voucher (FAFSA and Iowa Financial Aid Application deadline is March 1 for renewals).
- Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship (FAFSA and Iowa Financial Aid Application deadline is March 1).

The following program requires only completion of the Iowa Financial Aid Application:

- Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Grant (Iowa Financial Aid Application deadline for the fall enrollment term is July 1).
- Additional details on the state scholarship and grant programs: <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/state-grants-scholarships>

## FSA ID Replaces PIN Numbers on FAFSA

New this year is the FSA ID username and password, which replaces the PIN number. When setting up an FSA ID, write down the username and password, as well as the challenge questions and answers for each ID and have them readily available when completing the FAFSA. This will make your FAFSA completion much smoother and faster. If you have questions regarding the FSA ID or the FAFSA process, give ICAN a call at (877) 272-4692. Students seeking help completing the FAFSA can receive free FAFSA Completion Assistance at the ICAN Boyson Road location at the Kirkwood Regional Center.

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## University of Dubuque – Preview Days

Your visit will include:

- ❖ An introduction to the University of Dubuque
- ❖ A tour of campus with a Student Ambassador
- ❖ An opportunity to meet with a professor
- ❖ An introduction to athletics, performing arts, and Army ROTC
- ❖ Lunch with current students
- ❖ Information on admission and financial planning

Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 28 at 12:00 p.m. / Aviation and Nursing Preview Day

Saturday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m.

To attend one of these Preview Days, please register online at [www.dbq.edu](http://www.dbq.edu) or call 800.772.5583.

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## University of Northern Iowa / Arts & Sciences Visit Day Open House Friday, October 14th

UNI Open House Experience, Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Art, Music, Psychology, Chemistry, History, English and everything in between! Arts and Sciences Visit Day is the perfect way to take a closer look at the many majors and awesome campus experience at the University of Northern Iowa. Head to the URL and get signed up [www.uni.edu/admissions/visit](http://www.uni.edu/admissions/visit)

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### JUNIOR TIPS

- Schedule a planning session at your ICAN Student Success Center. Call (877) 272-4692 to set up an appointment for career, college or financial aid advising.
- Attend a college fair and talk with college representatives to start researching potential colleges. Visit [ICANSucceed.org/college\\_fairs](http://ICANSucceed.org/college_fairs).
- Find information about Iowa colleges at [ICANSucceed.org/explore](http://ICANSucceed.org/explore). Request information from colleges that interest you.
- Visit with your school counselor to discuss ways to increase your chances of being admitted to the college of your dreams.

### SENIOR TIPS

- Talk to admission counselors at the colleges you're applying to and find out whether retaking the ACT or SAT would be advantageous.
- Avoid scholarship search and financial aid companies that charge a fee. Begin your free search at [ICANSucceed.org/scholarships](http://ICANSucceed.org/scholarships).
- Begin submitting your admission applications to the colleges you're most interested in. Be aware of deadlines! Try to have your applications submitted by November 1.
- If interested, research military education benefits.

## What is the difference between the ACT and SAT?

- The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.
- The ACT has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test. The SAT has only 3 components: Critical Reasoning, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test.
- The College Board introduced a new version of the SAT in 2005, with a mandatory writing test. ACT continues to offer its well-established test, plus an optional writing test. You take the ACT Writing Test only if required by the college(s) you're applying to.
- The SAT has a correction for guessing. That is, they take off for wrong answers. The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing.
- The ACT has an Interest Inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests in various career options.

<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/answers/actsat.html>

### SAT

To register online go to: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html)

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	C.R. Locations	Test Center #
Nov. 5, 2016	Oct. 7, 2016	Coe College	16125
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	Coe College	16125
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/](http://www.actstudent.org/)

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	C.R. Locations	Test Center #
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	Coe College Kirkwood CC Prairie HS	012940 012750 212460
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**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## **FinAidScholar**

- The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) at Iowa State University has an online scholarship application called FinAidScholar. The FinAidScholar application is a single application for all scholarships administered through the OSFA. This application will be available beginning September 1.
- One Online App: [www.financialaid.iasate.edu/scholarships](http://www.financialaid.iasate.edu/scholarships)

## **AFROTC Scholarships**

- The application for Air Force ROTC scholarships for Fall 2017 and information on the University of Nebraska at Omaha's policy for out-of-state students on AFROTC scholarships. Applications open June 1st, 2016 for students who intend to start college Fall of 2017.
- Students should go to this website to apply: <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships> The earlier a student applies, the greater their chance of receiving a scholarship.

## **Horatio Alger Association Scholarship Programs**

**Deadline: October 25, 2016**

- Application is available online from **August 1 - October 25**  
[scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/](http://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/)
- **State Scholarship Program**  
The Association has a state scholarship program in each state throughout the country. These scholarships are generally awarded in the amount of \$7,000 (award amounts vary by state). To view a complete listing of scholarships in your state please visit [scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs](http://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs).

## **2017 Jerry Woods IRMCA Scholarship**

**Deadline: November 30, 2016**

- Two-year Scholarship for a student seeking a degree in the Building Trades.
- 1-\$2500+ per year scholarship
- Application available at [www.iowareadymix.org](http://www.iowareadymix.org)

## **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](http://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 16, 2016**

- Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2,500, \$10,000 or \$25,000 scholarship. In addition, for every student who wins a scholarship, a grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be made to the winner's school.
- Eligibility for Applicants: Be U.S. citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 U.S. states, Washington, D.C. OR Puerto Rico.
- Visit [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) to learn more and apply online

## **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](http://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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by December 1.

**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.

**Strayer-Rairden Scholarship in Physics (UI)**

The application period for the 2016-2017 program will open on October 1, 2016.

- The Department of Physics and Astronomy awards one \$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. This person is selected by the Department of Physics and Astronomy as the state's best qualified applicant who matriculates at the University of Iowa and has declared physics or astronomy as their major. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic merit, not financial need.
- As long as a scholarship winner maintains a 3.2 grade point average, and remains in the declared major specified above, the scholarship may be renewed for a total of four years or the completion of a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.
- To request a copy of the application, please contact Heather R. Mineart at [heather-mineart@uiowa.edu](mailto:heather-mineart@uiowa.edu). Please specify if you would like to receive a copy electronically as a Word attachment or if you would prefer us to send you a hard copy.

**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.

**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.

## Colleges Representatives Visit Jefferson

**JUNIORS & SENIORS:** Sign up in the counseling office to visit with Admissions Counselors to get information about the colleges listed below. Students are encouraged to meet with at least 3 or more college representatives each year.

**October:**

Wednesday, 10/05	10:15	LaJames
Wednesday, 10/05	12:30	Marshalltown Community College
Wednesday, 10/05	1:30	Kirkwood (to be held in the Library)
Thursday, 10/06	8:45	University of Northern Iowa
Friday, 10/07	10:30	Upper Iowa University
Monday, 10/10	8:30	McNally Smith College of Music
Tuesday, 10/11	9:30	Wartburg
Tuesday, 10/11	12:30	University of Dubuque
Wednesday, 10/12	10:15	Buena Vista
Wednesday, 10/12	11:15	St Mary's College
Wednesday, 10/12	12:30	Luther College
Thursday, 10/13	10:00	Iowa State University
Tuesday, 10/18	1:00	University of Wisconsin
Wednesday, 10/19	11:30	Waldorf College
Friday, 10/21	9:00	Coe College
Friday, 10/21	9:30	Cornell

**November:**

Wednesday, 11/01	10:30	Drake
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