

FINANCIAL AID

More than half of Iowans without college degrees say expense was the reason they stopped their education. Iowa College Aid works to remove that barrier by administering these programs:

GRANTS

Iowa Tuition Grant Need-based assistance for Iowa residents in undergraduate programs at Iowa's private colleges and universities, both for-profit and not-for-profit.

Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant (Kibbie Grant), Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Need-based assistance for Iowa residents in high-demand career or technical programs at Iowa community colleges.

Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program Awards to members of Iowa Air and Army National Guard units in undergraduate programs at Iowa colleges and universities.

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Grant Awards for undergraduate or graduate students who age out of foster care and students who are adopted after age 16.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Need-based financial assistance for students at risk of not pursuing higher education because of social and financial barriers.

GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship For students in the first GEAR UP Iowa cohort (high school graduating class of 2014).

Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship For outstanding Iowa high school seniors who have strong academic and leadership credentials and have actively participated in the Iowa State Fair.

LOAN REPAYMENT

Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment For graduates of Des Moines University or the University of Iowa who practice in specified rural Iowa communities for up to five years.

Health Professional Recruitment Program For Des Moines University graduates who practice in high-need communities in Iowa for up to four years.

Teach Iowa Scholar For Iowa teachers who teach in designated shortage areas in Iowa for up to five years.

Rural Nurse/Physician Assistant Loan Repayment For registered nurses and physician assistants who practice in specified rural Iowa communities for five consecutive years.

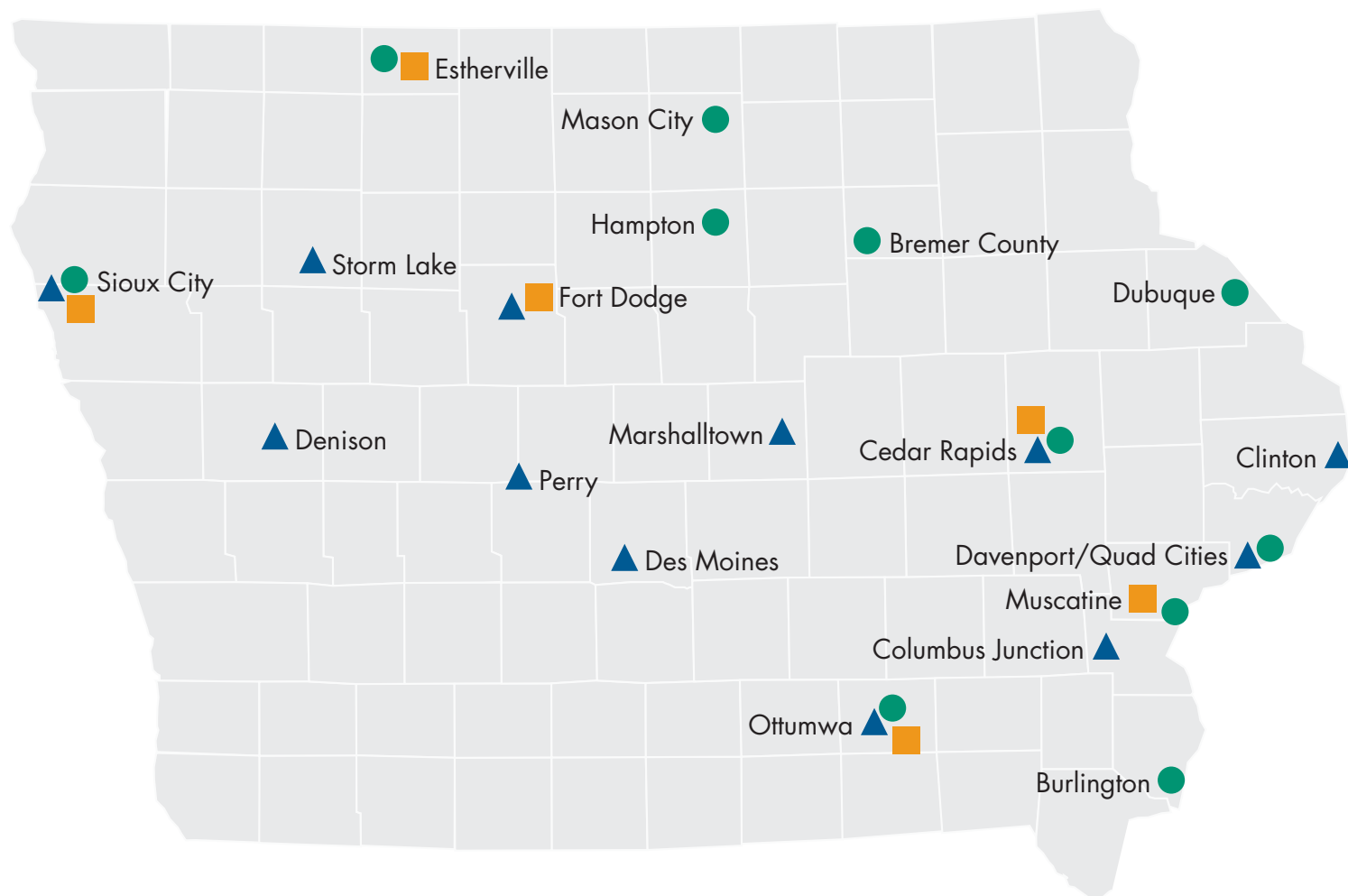
Registered Nurse & Nurse Educator Loan Forgiveness For registered nurses employed in Iowa and nurse educators teaching at eligible Iowa colleges and universities.

Find more information at [iowaCollegeAid.gov/FinancialAid](https://iowacollegeaid.gov/FinancialAid)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through its Community Engagement initiatives, Iowa College Aid strives to build a college-going culture throughout the state. Students, families, schools and communities—each has a valuable role in these partnerships.



▲ GEAR UP Iowa

Cedar Rapids
Clinton
Columbus Junction
Davenport
Denison
Des Moines
Fort Dodge
Marshalltown
Ottumwa
Perry
Sioux City
Storm Lake

● LCAN Grant Series

Bremer County
Burlington
Cedar Rapids
Dubuque
Estherville
Hampton
Mason City
Muscatine
Ottumwa
Quad Cities
Sioux City

■ Course to College Corps

Cedar Rapids
Estherville
Fort Dodge
Muscatine
Ottumwa
Sioux City

GEAR UP IOWA

Building a College-Going Culture for Iowa Students

- WHAT:** A federal grant that prepares low-income students to succeed in college
- HOW:** GEAR UP Iowa, a program of Iowa College Aid, works with 12 partner districts to provide college access services and scholarships to more than 8,000 students
- WHY:** Students from low-income districts are the least likely to go to college, and Iowa must address this achievement gap to meet its education goals

LCAN GRANT SERIES

Meeting Community Education Needs Through Collaborative Efforts

- WHAT:** Local College Access Network partnerships to raise communities' educational attainment
- HOW:** Iowa College Aid provides funding, training and technical assistance to align the efforts of education, business, government and nonprofits
- WHY:** Local leaders are in the best position to identify each community's individual needs and to foster systems change to address them

COURSE TO COLLEGE

Helping Students on the Path to Higher Education

- WHAT:** A set of school-based initiatives that guide students and families through the college-going process
- HOW:** Iowa College Aid provides the essential steps and resources for schools to cultivate a college-going culture from early awareness through transition to higher education
- WHY:** Students whose high schools create a strong college-going culture are more likely to succeed in higher education

COURSE TO COLLEGE CORPS

Removing Barriers So Students Can Go to College

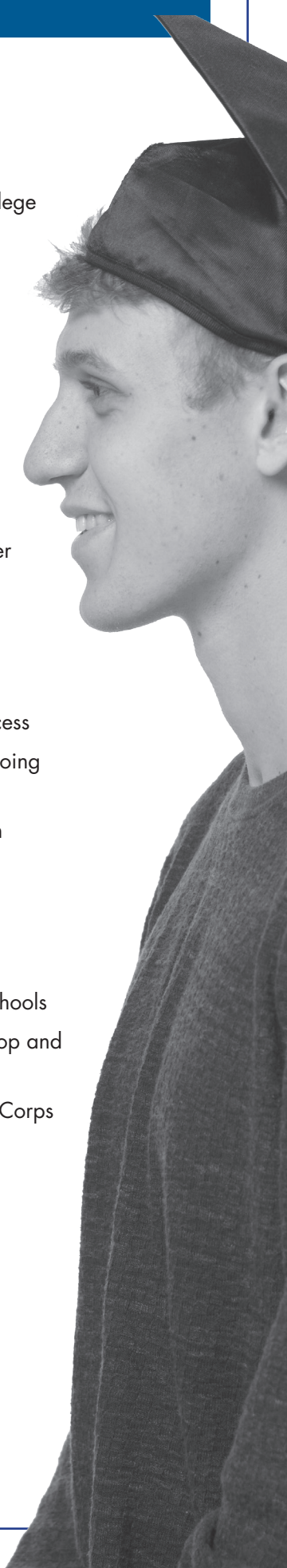
- WHAT:** AmeriCorps and VISTA members, hosted by Iowa College Aid, working in communities and schools
- HOW:** AmeriCorps members work one-on-one with students, while VISTA members help schools develop and expand college-access programming
- WHY:** Between 20 and 40 percent of students who say they intend to go to college never get there—Corps members can help keep them on track

IOWA GO ALLIANCE ACADEMY

Iowa's Only College Access Training Program

- WHAT:** A suite of online courses for counselors, administrators and other education professionals
- HOW:** Iowa College Aid helps college access professionals build capacity to create equitable opportunities for students to plan, pay for and go to college
- WHY:** Counselors and other educators are the front line in preparing students for college and career

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OTHER SERVICES

RESEARCH

Iowa College Aid continuously evaluates its grants and programs to assess their effectiveness. The Research and Evaluation Team collaborates with the Iowa Department of Education and the Iowa Board of Regents to provide analytics and insight. The team also maintains a Higher Education Data Center on the agency's website (IowaCollegeAid.gov/Data), analyzes data for distribution to the media and the public and tracks Iowans along a "student continuum" from FAFSA completion to college graduation.

STATE AUTHORIZATION

Iowa College Aid is the agency that authorizes colleges and universities to operate in Iowa, whether at a physical campus or online. In this capacity, we also ensure consumer protections for students at Iowa schools and serve as the ombudsman for student complaints. Find more information at IowaCollegeAid.gov/Authorization.

COMMUNICATIONS

Through digital and print media, Iowa College Aid puts information into the hands of students and families to help them navigate the often-complicated path to college. We maintain websites and social media accounts for both the agency and the GEAR UP Iowa program. We reach followers daily through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and weekly through our e-newsletters and our "Education Empowers" blog. Each year we publish "Your Course to College," a free step-by-step guide for high school students and their families, along with smaller brochures and fliers outlining the process of applying for financial aid. Every other year we produce "The Condition of Higher Education in Iowa," a report comparing Iowa's current college attainment levels to national trends and to the state's goals.



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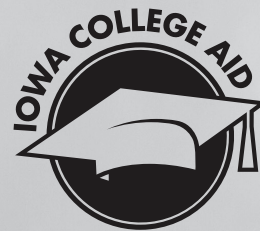




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IOWA COLLEGE AID

OUR MISSION

We advocate for and support Iowans as they explore, finance and complete educational opportunities beyond high school to increase family and community success.

OUR MOTTO

Because college changes everything.

OUR VISION

All Iowans can achieve an education beyond high school.