



## MILLIONS IN STATE AID AWARDED EVERY YEAR!

The state of Iowa awards nearly \$100 million in grants and scholarships every year to thousands of Iowans. This brochure outlines the basic information for state scholarships and grants programs. Visit [IowaCollegeAid.gov/ScholarshipsAndGrants](http://IowaCollegeAid.gov/ScholarshipsAndGrants) for more detailed information.

### OTHER KINDS OF AID

**Federal**—The U.S. Department of Education awards more than \$150 billion a year in grants, work-study, and low-interest loans. Find more information at [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov).

**Institutional**—Colleges and universities often provide their own financial awards. Contact your financial aid office.

**Private**—Scholarships are also available from businesses, foundations, religious organizations, community groups, and fraternal organizations.



# Scholarships & Grants PAY FOR COLLEGE

## FAQs

### What are grants and scholarships?

Grants and scholarships are money given to you to help pay for college. You do not have to repay them.

**Who's eligible?** For need-based aid, eligibility is based on your family's ability to pay for college, determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Income is just one of the many factors on which financial aid is awarded.

Some financial aid programs recognize particular talents or achievements. For instance, you might earn a scholarship for academics, sports, arts, or leadership. Other aid is based on your field of study or planned career.

**How do I apply?** For federal and state programs, file the FAFSA. Many colleges and universities also use the FAFSA to determine their own awards. For some additional state grants and scholarships, file the Iowa Financial Aid Application (IFAA) by following the link from the FAFSA or going to [IowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA](http://IowaCollegeAid.gov/IFAA).



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# \$\$\$ FINANCIAL AID FOR IOWANS

## Iowa Tuition Grant

- For Iowa residents enrolled at an eligible private college or university in Iowa
- Application: FAFSA

## Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship

- For Iowa residents working toward a certificate, diploma, or associate's degree in a high-demand field
- Provides tuition and fees not covered by other nonrepayable federal and state aid
- Application: FAFSA

## Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant (Kibbie Grant)

- For Iowa residents enrolled in a specified career or technical education program at an Iowa community college
- Application: FAFSA

## Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship

- For Iowa National Guard service members enrolled at an eligible Iowa college or university
- Applications: FAFSA and IFAA

## All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship

- For high school graduates (or recipients of a high school equivalency diploma)
- Applications: FAFSA and IFAA

## Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant

- For Iowa residents enrolled in a career or technical education program at an Iowa community college
- Application: FAFSA

## Karen Misjak GEAR UP Iowa Scholarship

- For participants in GEAR UP Iowa 2.0 (high school class of 2020)
- Application: FAFSA

## Education & Training Voucher

- For students who aged out of foster care or were adopted from foster care
- Applications: FAFSA and IFAA

## Gov. Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship

- For Iowa high school graduates who participated in the Iowa State Fair
- Applications: FAFSA and IFAA



## TIPS TO FIND AND APPLY FOR AID

**Never pay to search for scholarships.** You can find databases of private scholarships at Big Future ([BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org](http://BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org)), College Greenlight ([CollegeGreenlight.com](http://CollegeGreenlight.com)), Fastweb ([Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)), and the Iowa College Access Network ([ICANSucceed.org](http://ICANSucceed.org)).

**Never pay to file the FAFSA.** You can get free help with the FAFSA at [IowaCollegeAid.gov/VirtualCoach](http://IowaCollegeAid.gov/VirtualCoach).

**Beware of scams.** Red flags include promises of “guaranteed” money or a request for money up-front to “hold” your award.

**Watch deadlines.** Make a calendar to help you keep track. Some programs have both a priority deadline and a final deadline. You’ll increase your chances of receiving aid if you meet the priority deadline.

**Keep looking.** Even after you accept a financial aid offer, you can—and should—keep looking for private scholarships.