



## FAFSA

### UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL PROCESS

As you get ready for college, it's important to learn about the FAFSA - the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA not only shows students how much federal aid they qualify for, but it also can open doors to other financial aid opportunities. By submitting your FAFSA, you're also applying for need-based aid like federal Pell Grants or work study programs. You also need to submit FAFSA if you want to take out a federal loan. Completing the FAFSA is not a complicated process, but it can be tedious. You can file the FAFSA as early as January 1 (beginning in 2016 you can file as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>). You will want to file as early as you can to receive the most aid.

### GET ORGANIZED

There are a few things you need to do before you begin filling out the form. First, look at the FAFSA submission deadlines for each college you're applying to. They can vary. Once you know your deadlines, collect your family's tax forms and financial information.

### FILE FAFSA ONLINE

To fill out FAFSA online, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). To submit the FAFSA online, your online signature will be in the form of a FSA ID. An FSA ID is a username and password you use to access your personal information on Federal Student Aid websites and to sign important documents. Create an FSA ID here: [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid). If you forget to do this, there will be a prompt online while you're filling out the FAFSA to get one. The Most recent FAFSA can automatically fill in tax information from the IRS if you've already filed.

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Contact a college/university's financial aid office to share information about special circumstances. Examples include: loss of income, disability, birth/death, etc. Most colleges/universities have a specific special circumstance form that needs to be completed.

### DON'T GET TRICKED

Don't fall for gimmicks that ask you to pay after you fill out the FAFSA form. It's important to remember the first "F" in FAFSA stands for "free". Make sure that you're at a Web address that has a ".gov" in it, which means it's a legitimate government website.

### IT'S A SPRINGBOARD, NOT CASH

Once you submit your FAFSA form, you'll receive an SAR, or student aid report. This can take two to five weeks after submitting the FAFSA online. Because the federal government loves acronyms, you'll find your EFC, or expected family contribution, in the SAR. Your EFC is what the government feels your family should be able to pay toward your tuition. That doesn't mean you're supposed to write a check of that amount to the school you're attending. Instead, it shows how much aid you qualify for. For example, a report could say the government expects your family to pay \$10,000 toward your tuition. If hypothetically, one university costs \$30,000 and a different community college costs \$2,000 per year, you would qualify for \$20,000 to attend the university but wouldn't qualify for any aid to attend the community college. But that doesn't mean the university will automatically give you \$20,000.



### Important Dates to Remember:

- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Kennedy Scholarship Application and Essay due to Main office – for a copy of the application, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/2016kennapp>
- December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm– Kennedy Financial Aid Night - A representative from the Iowa College Access Network shares information with students and families about the Financial Aid process. This is what ICAN has on their website describing the opportunity:

The goal of ICAN's Financial Aid Program is to help high school seniors and their parent/guardian understand the process of applying for financial aid and scholarships, offer effective tools for college cost comparisons, and learn how they can access additional help. The following topics are covered during the presentation.

- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding the Results
- Understanding Costs - College Comparisons
- Aid Options
- Scholarship Process
- Where to go to get help

**JUNIOR TIPS**

- Review brochures and catalogs from colleges that interest you. Make a list of 10 to 15 colleges that fit your requirements.
- Download the College Checklist from [www.ICANSucceed.org](http://www.ICANSucceed.org) to stay organized.
- Begin (or continue) working on your resume/activities list. This is something you'll continuously use for College and Scholarship Applications Create it now and continue to update it through your senior year!
- Start planning to take the SAT and/or ACT exams, if required. Familiarize yourself with registration deadlines and test dates. Check colleges' entrance requirements to see which test(s) you need to take.
- Attend College Planning presentation with your parents (December 7<sup>th</sup> at KHS)

**SENIOR TIPS**

- Turn in your Kennedy Scholarship Application – Due December 4<sup>th</sup> in the main office.
- Start thinking about how campus life will be different than living at home.
- Attend a College Planning presentation with your parents (December 7<sup>th</sup> at Kennedy).
- Finalize your college admission applications.
- Research college scholarship days and deadlines at the schools you've applied to. Fill out any additional scholarship forms before the deadlines.
- Request a FSA ID ([StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid)) in preparation of filing the FAFSA

**SAT**

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Deadline	C.R. Locations & Site #
Dec. 5, 2015	Nov. 5, 2015	Nov. 23, 2015	Coe College - # 16125 University of Iowa - #16189
Jan. 23, 2016	Dec. 28, 2015	Jan. 12, 2016	Coe College - # 16125 University of Iowa - #16189
March 5, 2016	Feb. 5, 2016	Feb. 23, 2016	Coe College - # 16125 Kirkwood College - #16132 University of Iowa - #16189
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016	April 26, 2016	Coe College - # 16125 University of Iowa - #16189
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016	May 25, 2016	Coe College - # 16125 Kirkwood College - #16132 University of Iowa - #16189

**SAT Fee: \$52.50** To register online go to <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register>

**ACT**

Test Dates	Registration	Late Deadline	C.R. Locations
Dec 12, 2015	Nov. 6, 2015	Nov. 20, 2015	Coe College - #12940 Kirkwood College - #012750 Prairie HS - #212460
Feb 6, 2016	Jan. 8, 2016	Jan 15, 2016	Coe College - #12940 Kirkwood College - #012750 Prairie HS - #212460
Apr 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 18, 2016	Coe College - #12940 John F Kennedy HS - #180140 Kirkwood College - #012750 Prairie HS - #212460 Xavier HS - #202930
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 20, 2016	Coe College - #12940 Kirkwood College - #012750 Prairie HS - #212460

**Fees: ACT only - \$38.00      ACT + Writing - \$54.50**  
**ACT Kennedy Code #160-673** To register online go to [www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/)

**KIRKWOOD SCHOLARSHIPS** ([www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships](http://www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships))

- **When can students apply for Kirkwood Community College scholarships?**  
To be considered for a scholarship, you must first have a current Kirkwood application on file. Applications for scholarship awards open **October 1**, and are available online and in the Financial Support and Scholarship Opportunities book. You may pick up a book at any Kirkwood Center or on Kirkwood's main campus at Admissions, 116 Iowa Hall; Financial Aid, 205 Kirkwood Hall; and Resource Development, 307 Mansfield Center.
- All Kirkwood application materials must be submitted to the Scholarship office via electronic application or postmarked by **March 15** in order to be considered for first-round funding opportunities. Applications received after the deadline will be eligible for a limited amount of second-round funding opportunities and new scholarships developed after the March 15 deadline.
- The majority of award letters are sent by mid-June. Some recipients may decline scholarship awards, causing a scholarship to re-open and appear on the Web site at a later date.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

Increasing college access and affordability are hallmarks of UChicago's No Barriers program, an exciting new initiative that eliminates obstacles when applying to college, supports students in receiving an empowering education, ensures students will leave college without the burden of student debt, and offers robust, personalized support that gives every UChicago student, regardless of background, opportunities to discover their passions and leverage their world-class education.

- **No UChicago college application fee** for families who apply for financial aid.
- **Need-based financial aid is awarded as grants**, not loans, which do not need to be repaid. Students will graduate without debt influencing their future plans.
- **A streamlined process** to apply for need-based aid. Your students and their families will only need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") and a brief institutional worksheet, submitted for free online, to apply for need-based aid.
- **More information about applying** to highly selective colleges (not just about UChicago!) through free seminars and workshops for families across the country. If you would like to discuss UChicago hosting a session at your school, please contact your regional admissions counselor.
- **Lifelong career support** that starts with students' own career advisor, continues through four years of professional development programs, and offers real experiences through over 1,000 funded internships annually.
- **Fully Funded Academic and Co-curricular Opportunities** include summer and school year involvement – from internships and research positions to study abroad and career exploration treks – for students of all majors and interests. **To read more about these changes, please visit: [nobarriers.uchicago.edu](http://nobarriers.uchicago.edu)**

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Old Gold Scholarship:** \$5,000/year awarded automatically at the point of admission to students with a 30 or higher ACT score and a 3.8 or higher GPA.
- **Iowa Scholars Award Level I:** \$3,500/year awarded automatically at the point of admission to students with a 27 or higher ACT score and a 3.8 or higher GPA OR a 30 or higher ACT score and a 3.7 GPA.
- **Iowa Scholars Award Level II:** \$2,000/year awarded automatically at the point of admission to students with a 25 or higher ACT score and a 3.2 or higher GPA who do not receive the Level I award.
- **Iowa Boost Award:** \$1,000/year awarded to students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant.
- **Iowa Heritage Award:** \$1,500/year for students who have a parent, stepparent, legal guardian, or grandparent who graduated from Iowa. Students must verify their family information online before receiving this award.
- **Iowa Abroad Scholarship:** a one-time \$1,000 award to support a study abroad experience for all enrolling Iowa residents.
- **Summer Hawk Tuition Grant:** a one-time award to fund up to 12 credits of summer school during any single summer for all enrolling Iowa residents.

Students cannot receive both levels of the Iowa Scholars Award, but all other scholarships stack. More details about our scholarships for first-year students are available online at <http://admissions.uiowa.edu/finances/scholarships-first-year-students>.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA SCHOLARSHIPS**

College of Business Scholar Awards for Incoming Freshmen Deadline: December 15, 2015

Performing Arts Awards for Incoming Freshmen (Art, Music, and Theatre): Refer to the specific department for deadline dates and application process.

Art: <http://www.uni.edu/artdept/HSScholarships.html>

Music: <http://www.uni.edu/music/apply>

Theatre: <http://www.uni.edu/theatre/department/prospective-students/scholarship-information>

## IOWA STATE HIXSON OPPORTUNITY AWARD

The Hixson Opportunity Award is a half-tuition grant (estimated value of more than \$15,000 over eight semesters) to be used at Iowa State University. One hundred high school seniors from across Iowa will receive the award each year. Ideally, recipients will represent 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. More information can be found: <http://www.hixson.dso.iastate.edu/procedures>.

Criteria for eligibility as a Christina Hixson Opportunity Award recipient:

1. Applicant must demonstrate financial need as determined by filing the FAFSA.
  - In order to be considered for the Hixson Award, your FAFSA must be verified as complete when application review begins (approximately March 15).
  - A delay in meeting the deadlines below will affect your eligibility for the Hixson Award.
  - Complete the following by the suggested deadlines:
    - File federal income taxes by February 14.
    - File FAFSA by March 1 (Iowa State University deadline).
    - Select IRS data porting option when filing FAFSA.
  - Review and correct your Student Aid Report (SAR) promptly when returned from FAFSA or review the FAFSA status page at [www.accessplus.iastate.edu](http://www.accessplus.iastate.edu).
    - If selected for further verification, it is your responsibility to complete the process in time for application review (approximately March 15).
2. Applicant must have faced challenges of personal and/or financial hardship and demonstrate this information in the student essay, recommendation and FAFSA.
3. Applicant must be a resident of Iowa, admissible to Iowa State University and possess the potential to succeed.

This scholarship is available to high school seniors graduating in 2016 who will be entering first-year students at Iowa State University in Fall 2016. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility in consultation with members of the Hixson Opportunity Awards Advisory Council. One hundred award recipients will be selected. Recipients will be announced by May 1.

\* One award per county. The county corresponds to the student's residence at the time of high school completion, which may be different from the county in which the high school is located. If a county has no suitable applicants, an award may not be made for that county or an award may be provided in the county area.

## IOWA STATE MULTICULTURAL VISION PROGRAM

Iowa State University offers the MVP Scholarship Award to one hundred (100) incoming multicultural students from the state of Iowa each year.

Specifically the program provides: Four-year full-tuition scholarship

- Academic support and tutoring
- Individual meetings to help students develop an integrated plan for academic and leadership development and success
- Meetings with essential university offices and departments to connect students with campus resources
- Peer mentoring with upper-class students
- Cohort/team building activities that encourage a sense of belonging and inclusion

Interviews for the MVP Program will be held around the state of Iowa in the fall semester. Contact the Office of Student Affairs at [omsa@iastate.edu](mailto:omsa@iastate.edu) or 515-294-6338 to sign up for an interview times.

To meet eligibility requirements for MVP, prospective students must:

- Be a resident of the state of Iowa, and a US Citizen or Permanent Resident (DACA or undocumented students cannot qualify)
- Be admissible to Iowa State University (summer trial students are not eligible)
- Identify as African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, or Multi- Racial
- Demonstrate financial need based on the FAFSA
- Have faced personal and/or financial challenges or hardships

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **ABBOTT AND FENNER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with our scholarship program for the 9<sup>th</sup> year. They will award up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) each year. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. The deadline for this scholarship is June 10, 2016.

#### **AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW AG LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Students must be majoring in agriculture related careers, and need 3 farmer endorsements, students DO NOT have to be a member of FFA to apply. To apply go to: [FFA.org/scholarships](http://FFA.org/scholarships). For more information about the scholarship program go to [GrowAgLeaders.com](http://GrowAgLeaders.com). The deadline for this scholarship is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

#### **ASPIRING ANIMATION PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

This scholarship offers high school seniors the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship. This will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. The application can be found at: <http://www.animationcareerreview.com/>. The deadline for this scholarship is June 1, 2016.

#### **ASPIRING FASHION PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Interested students can visit this link [www.fashion-schools.org](http://www.fashion-schools.org) and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page and click on it. The deadline is June 1, 2016.

#### **AXA ACHIEVEMENT**

Are you active in your community? Have you led or initiated a project that benefits others? Have you overcome personal challenges or difficulties to achieve your goals? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may qualify to be an AXA Achiever! See the following website for more information: [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) Application deadline: December 15, 2015 (**only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted**).

#### **B. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP**

The following website was developed solely for the purposes of helping students locate and apply for scholarships: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> In order to be eligible for this award you must be a **junior or senior** in high school and complete an essay describing the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual. Application deadline: May 23, 2016.

#### **BIG SUN**

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering a \$500 annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. The successful applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post-secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution or in the community. Please visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. The deadline for this scholarship is June 17, 2016

#### **BOSTON UNIVERSITY (Boston, Massachusetts)**

Boston University is pleased to announce the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition. For over three decades, this program has attracted students with outstanding academic ability and the potential to inspire fellow students to excel. Trustee Scholars are typically in the top ten percent of their class and are leaders in their schools and communities. Nominations, essays, and applications must be submitted by December 1, 2015. All application and nomination materials are available online at [www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee).

#### **BURGER KING MCLAMORE FOUNDATION**

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/or community service. <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/>. The application period for the 2015-2016 school year begins on Oct. 15, 2015 and ends on Dec. 15, 2015.

#### **2016 DRAKE PHYSICS PRIZE**

First place in the Drake Physics prize is an unrestricted 4-year full tuition scholarship to Drake University. The top 50 seniors are invited to apply for a second 4-year full-tuition scholarship restricted to physics or astronomy majors. The exam will cover topics in physics that would normally be studied by students during the FIRST SEMESTER of their high school physics curriculum: mechanics, gravitation, waves, fluids, heat and thermodynamics. The exam has two parts: part one is multiple choice with no partial credit and part two is composed of more complicated multiple choice problems for which, however, partial credit is given. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** Students wishing to take the test should register by 1:00 PM, Monday January 26th. Let Mrs. Richey know **as soon as possible** if you want to take this test so she can register as proctor and get a practice test.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Elks National Foundation provides \$3.74 million in college scholarships each year through its three scholarship programs: Most Valuable Student Scholarships, Legacy Awards, and Emergency Educational Grants. Please see the following website for more information: [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/)

**FASTWEB.COM**

Fastweb.com is a scholarship website you may find helpful.

**GOOD 360 SUSTAINABILITY**

We want to hear how sustainability has touched your life. If you're a high school senior applying to college, or you're currently a college student, and you have an interest in sustainability and the environment, then we'd love to hear your thoughts on what sustainability means to you. Thus, we're sponsoring a college scholarship with an award of \$1,000 to go towards tuition. Applications are due by November 30, 2015 and can be found by going to <http://tinyurl.com/good360app>

**GRAND LODGE OF IOWA**

Grand Lodge of Iowa offers scholarships of \$2,000. The principal criterion is that of service to school and community with special emphasis on leadership roles in these areas. Forms are available online on the Grand Lodge of Iowa's website [www.grandlodgeofiowa.com](http://www.grandlodgeofiowa.com), then click on "Awards and Applications", then on "Masonic Scholarship Application". The deadline for this scholarship is February 2, 2016. (As of publication date, the 2016 application has not yet been released.)

**HY-VEE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Hy-Vee is proud to support higher education. Hy-Vee scholarships include \$1,000 awarded to high school seniors and college students - for a total of \$80,000 awarded in scholarship monies. Qualified students are eligible to apply each year. Requirements: high school senior who works for Hy-Vee or subsidiary who began employment on or before Sept 15, 2014 **OR** a high school senior son and/or daughter of a full-, regular-, or part-time Hy-Vee or subsidiary employee who has a minimum of 6 months employment as of Sept 15, 2014 **AND** the applicant must be enrolling in college for the first time. Applicants must have taken the ACT test. Application can be found here: <https://www.hy-vee.com/company/scholarships/default.aspx>. The application must be postmarked on or before February 10, 2016.

**IOWA BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP**

This \$2500 scholarship is not an academic based scholarship, but instead a scholarship that is based on an example of integrity. Application includes: an essay relating to ethical decision making, school and community involvement, academic plans and letters of recommendation. Each school can submit 1 student to send to the state competition. Deadline is December 1st at 8:00 AM.

**IOWA JCI SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, who plans to continue education at an accredited post-secondary college, university or vocational school. Application can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/iowajci>. Mail application to: Joanne Schwab #71117, 18561 Lariat Lane, Muscatine, IA 52761. Application must be postmarked no later than January 9th.

**IRMCA Scholarship Program**

The Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA) is pleased to announce its 2016 Scholarship Program. Scholarships will be awarded to college students seeking degrees in areas of study relating to careers in the ready mixed concrete and construction/engineering industries. The amount of each scholarship will be determined annually by the IRMCA Scholarship/Educational Outreach Committee. Scholarships are awarded during the month of March at IRMCA's Annual Convention. In 2015, IRMCA awarded thirteen scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to deserving students. For more information, visit: <http://www.iowareadymix.org/irmca-scholarships.html>. The deadline to apply is November 30, 2015.

**JERRY WOODS IRMCA SCHOLARSHIP**

The Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA) is pleased to announce that it will again offer the **Jerry Woods IRMCA Scholarship** to students entering their first year at an Iowa community college or tech school building trades program, including concrete technology and practice; and who are residents of the state of Iowa.

Details of the 2016 Jerry Woods IRMCA Scholarship are attached for your information. The information is also available on IRMCA's website: [www.iowareadymix.org](http://www.iowareadymix.org). The deadline for applications is November 30, 2015.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY 2016 PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST**

Students in 9-12 grade will write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official that occurred during or after 1956. For complete guidelines, visit the Profile in Courage Essay Contest at <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>. Deadline is January 5, 2016

**MERIT.AID.COM**

Merit aid is awarded to students with a broad range of GPA's. Students with a **2.0/4.0 or higher** often qualify. There are merit aid scholarships for students based on their interests, their intended majors, leadership and community service. Please visit the following website for more information: [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com).

**NFIB YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR FOUNDATION**

Are you a young **entrepreneur**? Do you know a young entrepreneur? Graduating high school seniors who operate their own small business are eligible to receive a 2015 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award. Visit [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA) for more information and to apply online between October 1 and December 18, 2015.

**NHS SCHOLARSHIP**

Since 1946, more than \$12 million in scholarships has been awarded to outstanding NHS senior members. Program information will be available in the NHS Scholarship section of the website (<http://www.nhs.us/administrators/the-nhs-scholarship.aspx>) on November 16. On that date, the 2015-16 application procedures will be available online. General information will be available to parents and students on the website as well. Student applications and all recommendations must be completed online. The deadline for student applications is February 16, 2016.

**QUITDAY.ORG SCHOLARSHIP**

The QuitDay scholarship is awarded to students each year who share their vision for a smoke-free world. Help make higher education smoke-free! Submit your free application online at <https://quitday.org/>. This scholarship is \$3,000 total and is awarded to three students. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2016.

**P.L.A.Y. SCHOLARS FOR COLLARS SCHOLARSHIP**

P.L.A.Y., (Pet Lifestyle and You) is giving a \$1,000.00 scholarship to either a high school **junior or senior** who has volunteered working with animals. More information can be found at: <http://www.petplay.com/scholarship/>. The deadline is February 15, 2016.

**RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM** \$10,000 annually for four years, for a total of \$40,000

The Ron Brown Scholar Program (RBSP) honors the legacy of Ronald H. Brown through a selective scholarship program that advances higher education for community-minded and intellectually gifted African Americans. RBSP competitively awards Ron Brown Scholars four-year \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 each year) to the most talented and economically-challenged high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, Black or African American and current high school seniors at the time of their application. Applicants must excel academically, show exceptional leadership potential and make an impact on their communities through service to others. The application can be found at: <https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/program-description>. The deadline for this application is January 9, 2016.

**STRAYER-RAIRDEN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Strayer-Rairden scholarship provides a \$1,000 award, renewable for up to three 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 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. If you should have any questions please contact Heather R. Mineart at 319-335-1688 or [heather-mineart@uiowa.edu](mailto:heather-mineart@uiowa.edu). To view our web site for guidelines and application material please go to <http://www.physics.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-scholarships-and-awards/strayer-rairden-scholarship-physics>

**ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY (Davenport, Iowa)**

St. Ambrose University is offering a number of scholarship opportunities. Please see file or the following website [www.sau.edu/financialaid](http://www.sau.edu/financialaid) for more information. Deadlines vary.

**WORLD CLASS SCHOLARSHIP**

Mediacom Communications is offering 60 \$1000 scholarships to senior high school students in areas of the 21 states where it provides services for cable, internet, and telephone. Materials should be mailed to: World Class Scholarship Program, 3737 Westown Pkwy, Ste A, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Scholarship application is available here: <http://www.mediacomworldclass.com/>. Deadline is Feb 16.

**Don't forget the Kennedy Scholarship Webpage: [www.tinvurl.com/KHSscholarships](http://www.tinvurl.com/KHSscholarships)**

## Scholarship Engines

1. Adventures in Education (<http://www.aie.org/Scholarships/index.cfm>): Use this quick search engine to learn about 15,000 scholarships available to a wide variety of students and college needs.
2. Broke Scholar (<https://www.brokescholar.com/>) : You don't need to be broke to find scholarships at this search engine, home to over 850,000 scholarship award listings. Fill out a profile that provides information about you and your goals, and you can define your search to fit your specific needs.
3. Careers and Colleges <http://www.careersandcolleges.com/reg/signup> ) : You can register for free to search through over seven billion dollars in college scholarships and grants at this online search engine. Careers and Colleges also offers a \$2,000 monthly scholarship giveaway.
4. Career One Stop (<http://www.acinet.org/acinet/scholarshipsearch/ScholarshipCategory.asp?searchtype=category&nodeid=22>): This career site provides a search engine that links to more than 5,000 scholarships, fellowships, loans and other financial aid opportunities. The search is divided by award type, residence preference, study level and affiliation restrictions.
5. College Board ([http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)) : Find scholarships, internships, grants and loans that match your education level, talents and background. This database contains over 2,300 sources for college funding.
6. College Data ([https://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/scholar/scholar\\_search\\_tmpl.jhtml](https://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/scholar/scholar_search_tmpl.jhtml)) : Find scholarships that match the eligibility criteria you enter for your grade point average (GPA), gender, residency, ethnicity/heritage, religion and area of study.
7. CollegeFunds.net (<http://www.collegefunds.net/>) : Sign up to receive information about student loans, scholarships and other financial aid resources.
8. College Toolkit (<http://scholarships.collegetoolkit.com/Scholarship/Main.aspx>) : Enter to win one of this site's \$1,000 scholarships and search through their resources to find more scholarship opportunities.
9. EdFed 2010 (<http://www.edfed.com/planning-college/scholarship-search.php>) : America's top student loan provider also provides a search engine to find scholarships for your online or on-campus education.
10. Education Planner (<http://tinyurl.com/edplanner>) : Search through scholarships available to graduate and undergraduate students at this site, powered by Peterson's.
11. FAFSA (<https://studentaid2.ed.gov/logon.asp>) : The Free Application for Federal Student Aid maintains a search engine to find scholarships. Filling out this application for aid also can help you define your answers to many scholarship questions and may provide you with many government resources for student financial aid. You must register to use this resource.
12. Fast Web (<http://www.fastweb.com/>): This popular college funding resource provides information on 1.3 million scholarships worth over three billion dollars. FastWeb has been assisting students and parents for nearly fifteen years.
13. Find Tuition (<http://www.findtuition.com/>): Register to gain access to over 1.7 million scholarships with a free scholarship search tool that allows users to search, research, target, and manage scholarship opportunities via specific college, athletic, and major targeted searches.
14. Fresch! (<http://www.freschinfo.com/search.cfm>): This free scholarship search engine allows users to fill out a profile and create a custom search for scholarships.
15. Mach25 (<http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>): Enter a series of keywords to find all scholarships that contain those same words in the name or description. You also can fill out a personal profile to find matches for your educational needs.
16. Next Student (<http://www.nextstudent.com>): This resource includes consolidated, private student, PLUS, private consolidation and Federal Stafford loans and also runs Scholarships 101, a database filled with over 5.9 million scholarships and grants from over 69,000 sources.
17. Sallie Mae (<http://www.salliemae.com>): This search engine provides access to a scholarship database that contains more than three million scholarships for all types of students. You must register to gain access to this information. Sallie Mae also provides college loans.
18. Scholarship Experts (<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/>): Register to receive information about the scholarships that might work for you as an online college student. Scholarship Experts has been helping parents and students find scholarships and free money since 2001.
19. Scholarship Monkey 2.0 (<http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com/>): Scholarship Monkey is a free service for students and parents wishing to obtain scholarship information for any academic pursuits. Register, fill out a profile, and gain access to over one million scholarships from over 4,000 sources.
20. Scholarships.com (<http://www.scholarships.com/scholarship-search.aspx>): Fill out a profile to find a scholarship that might fit you and your educational goals and create an application file that contains commonly requested information, save it to your computer and use it to complete future scholarship searches and applications at any Scholarship Data Standard site.
21. Scholar Site (<http://www.scholarsite.com/index.asp>): This site is filled with detailed and up-to-date information on approximately 600,000 financial aid opportunities, with the ability to find scholarships by institution, academic discipline and more.
22. School Soup (<http://www.schoolsoup.com/>): This search engine will find scholarships that match your interests and profile by searching through \$32 Billion worth of scholarships. Scholarships with the best matches are listed first.
23. Student Awards <http://www.studentawards.com>): This site contains a comprehensive database of awards offered by public and private sector and not-for-profit organizations. You also can find awards that are only available to studentawards.com members.
24. Student Scholarship Search (<http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com>) : Register to search through free scholarship updates across a wide variety of requirements. The site not only focuses on national scholarships, but also includes scholarships by state and level of education.
25. Super College (<http://www.supercollege.com/scholarships/scholarships.cfm>): Register to search through over two million college scholarships, grants, fellowships and contests that can help you pay for your online college education.