



Helpful Websites

A Guide for Students and Parents

Planning Resources

Iowa College Aid

www.IowaCollegeAid.gov

The state of Iowa resource for planning, preparing and paying for college.

College Savings Iowa

www.collegesavingsiowa.com

The state of Iowa's 529 plan helps parents, grandparents, family and friends save for college.

Upromise

www.upromise.com/iowa

A rewards program that turns everyday spending into college savings.

Savings Bond Calculator

www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/tools/tools_savingsbondcalc.htm

Calculate the current value of savings bonds.

Iowa College Access Network (ICAN)

www.icansucceed.org

ICAN provides free information about college planning and financial aid.

Going2College

www.going2college.org

A source for connecting students to resources in Iowa to help plan and prepare for college.

KnowHow2Go

<http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/>

This site breaks the college planning process into four simple, easy to follow steps.

Mapping Your Future

<http://mappingyourfuture.org>

Information on college and career planning.

I Have A Plan Iowa®

www.IHaveAPlanIowa.gov

Access career and education information, prepare for the ACT, SAT and GRE college entrance exams, and free scholarship search.

College Greenlight

www.collegegreenlight.com/

This sites assists underrepresented and first generation students in finding the right college fit and locating local and national scholarships.

Scholarship Sources

Cappex

<http://www.cappex.com/scholarships/>

Free search featuring scholarships from colleges, private companies and foundations.

FastWeb

www.fastweb.com

A free service which matches students to scholarships, internships, grants and loans.

Dollars For Scholars

<https://scholarshipamerica.org>

A community-based fund-raising effort that awards scholarships to local students.

College Board/Pay for College

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>

This site offers a scholarship search as well as college planning and SAT information.

United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

<https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

UNCF raises funds to distribute scholarships and fellowships to minorities attending college.

Hispanic College Fund

<http://hsf.net>

HSF provides the Latino community with scholarship and educational support.

My College Dollars

www.mycollegedollars.com

A Facebook app that guides students through the scholarship application process.

Career One Stop

www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch

Features over 7,000 scholarship, fellowship loan and financial aid opportunities.

International Financial Aid & Scholarship Search

www.iefaf.org

A resource for financial aid, college scholarships and grant information for U.S. and international students wishing to study abroad.

Proteus

www.proteusinc.net

Proteus offers programs for low-income individuals, primarily farm workers, seeking permanent, self-supporting occupations.

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U.S. Department of Education

FAFSA4Caster

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Use the FAFSA4caster to receive an early estimate of the financial aid you may be eligible to receive.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.gov

Complete a FAFSA to be considered for state and federal grants and other types of financial aid.

Federal Student Aid ID Web Site

<https://fsaid.ed.gov>

Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to access Federal Student Aid's online systems and use as an electronic signature for the FAFSA.

National Student Loan Data System

www.nsls.ed.gov

Access information about loan amounts, outstanding loan balances, statuses and disbursements. A Federal Student Aid PIN is required to access the information.

Federal Student Aid

www.studentaid.ed.gov

Information about federal aid programs and tips on how to plan and pay for college. The site also includes a scholarship search and a student portal. Create your own personal portfolio to save scholarship information, apply to colleges online, transfer your profile to FAFSA on the Web and more.

National Center for Educational Statistics

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

Lists the average financial aid award at each school, how many students receive aid and various other statistics.

Publications for Parents

<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/tools-for-success/index.html>

Publications for parents to help children plan, prepare and succeed in education.

Tax Benefits

IRS Tax Information for Students

www.irs.gov/individuals/students

IRS Publication 970: Tax Benefits of Higher Education

www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf

Money Management

360 Degrees of Financial Literacy

www.360financialliteracy.org

Provides information for managing personal finances.

MyMoney.gov

www.mymoney.gov

A source for financial education basics.

Hands On Banking

www.handsonbanking.org

Learn about money skills for life.

Free Credit Report

www.annualcreditreport.com

Obtain a free credit report.

Feed the Pig

www.feedthepig.org

Take control of your personal finances.

Practical Money Skills

www.practicalmoneyskills.com

Helps consumers and students of all ages learn the essentials of personal finance.

Other Resources

Iowa Association of Community Colleges Trustees

www.IACCT.com

Iowa Association of Independent Colleges & Universities

www.thinkindependently.com

National Student Loan Data Center

www.nsls.ed.gov/nsls_SA/

State of Iowa Board of Regents

www.regents.iowa.gov

Transfer in Iowa

www.transferiniowa.org

Helpful information for community college students interested in transferring to one of Iowa's three Regent universities.

Regent Admission Index

<http://www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI>

Calculate an unofficial Regent Admission Index Score.

ACT

www.actstudent.org

The official site for information on the ACT test.

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

The official site for information on the SAT test.

Beware of Scams!

The Internet can be a great source for facts and interactive planning tools, but it is also a place where consumers can get stung by scams. Stay away from services that charge a fee or sound too good to be true. The application process for state and federal aid is FREE. If you have questions, call Iowa College Aid at 877-272-4456. The Federal Trade Commission offers tips on how to recognize a scholarship scam and file a complaint.

www.consumer.ftc.gov