

PATH TO FINANCIAL AID

Figuring out how to pay for college can seem intimidating, leaving you and your family unsure of where to begin or what questions to ask. Allow the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to assist in navigating the path to paying for college.

PLANNING

It's never too early to discuss as a family how you plan to pay for college. Plan for how to pay for tuition, fees, room and board.

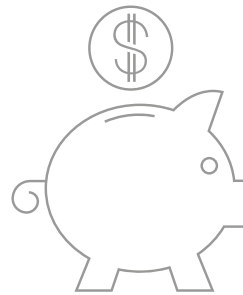


SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply for scholarships at the beginning of your senior year by completing the UNI Scholarship Application. Priority deadline is January 15th.

For information on scholarship deadlines, visit finaid.uni.edu.

Deadlines can vary, so start the application process as soon as possible. Also, don't forget about applying for scholarships in your local community and beyond!



FAFSA

Visit fafsa.ed.gov to complete your FAFSA after October 1 of your senior year. January 15 is the priority date for FAFSA completion.

All students and parents will need a FSA ID to complete the FAFSA electronically. Apply for your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov.

UNI'S
FAFSA
CODE

001890

List UNI's school code on your FAFSA to allow us to create an award notification for you.

AWARD NOTIFICATIONS

Students will be notified via email if they have been selected for verification. If selected, please submit the requested materials to UNI as soon as possible to expedite awarding.

Award notifications are available electronically in MyUNIverse (within the Student Center) beginning in February for students with complete records.



WAYS TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Based on merit/achievement and do not have to be repaid. (UNI awards more than \$23.8 million in scholarships each year.)

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GRANTS

Free money that does not have to be repaid. Completion of the FAFSA allows you to be considered for grants.

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LOANS

Student loans are real loans (like a car or home loan) that need to be repaid with interest. Only borrow what you and your family think you will need.

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WORK-STUDY/ ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

A variety of jobs are available on-campus. If not awarded work-study, you can still work on-campus as a “departmental” student employee.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded for the academic year (fall and spring). Priority is given to students admitted by May 1. Any remaining allocation will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Applicants applying directly from high school for Fall 2020 will be automatically considered for these four year scholarships. The majority of the scholarships listed below are renewable with a 2.5 GPA and continuous full-time enrollment.

2020-21 Scholarships	Award Amount	ACT (SAT) and GPA Requirements (must meet both)	
PANTHER IMPACT AWARD	\$14,000 (\$3,500/year for 4 years)	29+ (1330)	3.8+
	\$12,000 (\$3,000/year for 4 years)	25+ (1200)	3.5+
	\$6,000 (\$1,500/year for 4 years)	23+ (1140)	3.3+
	\$4,000 (\$1,000/year for 4 years)	20-22 (1030-1100)	3.5+
Must be an Iowa resident. If applicants do not meet the minimum GPA and test score, they can qualify for the \$4,000 level with an RAI score of 320 or higher.			
UNI-T.E.D. SCHOLARSHIP	\$8,000 (\$2,000/year for 4 years)	-	3.7+
	\$6,000 (\$1,500/year for 4 years)	-	3.3-3.69
	\$4,000 (\$1,000/year for 4 years)	-	3.0-3.29
Students must identify as being part of a traditionally underrepresented population (African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Multiracial) OR have participated in a TRIO program.			

UNI ADVANTAGE AWARD	\$20,000 (\$5,000/year for 4 years)	No ACT (SAT) or GPA requirement	
	Add up to \$8,000 if you meet the requirements below.		
	+ \$4,000 (\$1,000/year for 4 years)	25+ (1200)	3.5+
	+ \$8,000 (\$2,000/year for 4 years)	27+ (1260)	3.7+
Must maintain out-of-state residency for continued eligibility, must be a new high school graduate.			
OUT-OF-STATE LEGACY SCHOLAR AWARD	\$8,000 (\$2,000/year for 4 years)	Awarded if a parent, grandparent or sibling graduated from UNI or a sibling is currently enrolled at UNI.	
This scholarship is renewable with a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher.			
UNI-T.E.D. SCHOLARSHIP	\$12,000 (\$3,000/year for 4 years)	-	3.7+
	\$10,000 (\$2,500/year for 4 years)	-	3.3-3.69
	\$8,000 (\$2,000/year for 4 years)	-	3.0-3.29
Students must identify as being part of a traditionally underrepresented population (African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Multiracial) OR have participated in a TRIO program.			

IOWA RESIDENT

OUT-OF-STATE

The following require completion of the UNI Scholarship Application or specific website as listed. Students are considered automatically for the following scholarships when they are admitted to UNI.

Additional scholarships are available by completing the UNI Scholarship application. Visit finaid.uni.edu for more information.

Presidential Scholar Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 awards Four year award Renewable with a college GPA of 3.5 or above 	Up to \$4,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet two of the following three criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACT composite of 29 or higher (SAT EWR+M of 1340 or higher) GPA of 3.80 or higher National Merit Semi-Finalist Selection based on committee review
Bright Scholars of Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount of awards vary Four year award Renewable with a college GPA of 2.5 or above 	Iowa Resident Cost of Attendance per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must rank in the top 10 percent of high school graduating class, or RAI of 299 or above, or composite ACT of 28 or above Commitment to learning and community service Must demonstrate success in face of adversity Must qualify for Federal Pell Grant Priority to a child for whom neither parent has earned a four-year college degree Must live on campus
UNI RISE Award (UNI Residents of Iowa Scholars of Excellence Award) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-time, consecutive enrollment at UNI A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA Four year award 25 awards 	\$4,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an Iowa resident entering UNI directly from high school Have an ethnic or racial status of African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Have an ACT composite score of 23+, or SAT EWR+M of 1140+, a Regents Admissions Index (RAI) score of 290 or higher, or a GPA of 3.7+ Demonstrated involvement in activities outside of the classroom, which could include community service, and display leadership or potential for future leadership Apply for admission and submit the UNI Scholarship Application by January 15 Must live on campus <p>Note: Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA, and/or first-generation students. \$2,000 to be applied toward summer tuition during one summer term at UNI. The summer would be optional to students, and could be used for study abroad.</p>
Ben and Pat Allen Scholarships	\$4,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA Preference to Iowa residents

Departmental scholarships are competitive. Many awards are determined by committee review.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (UNIBusiness)
Students are considered automatically for the following scholarships when they are admitted to UNI.

UNIBusiness Scholars Awards	\$750 to \$1,100 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to major in a Business program High school GPA of 3.5+ and a composite ACT of 25+ Priority given to students admitted by January 15
UNIBusiness UNI-T.E.D. Scholarship	\$250 to \$750 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to major in a Business program High school GPA of 3.0+ Students must identify as being part of a traditionally underrepresented population (African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Multiracial) OR have participated in a TRIO program.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (CSBS)

CSBS Scholars Awards	Up to \$2,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic achievement Plan to major in one of the CSBS degree programs
Alderman Scholarships	Up to \$2,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good academic standing Plan to major in one of the CSBS degree programs Awarded to needy, worthy and appreciative students who have experienced difficulties

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (COE)

COE Scholars Award	Up to \$1,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to major in one of the COE degree programs ACT of 26 or higher
Benjamin J. Allen Teacher Education Scholar Awards	Iowa resident tuition per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to major in one of the COE degree programs Minimum ACT of 26 Iowa resident
COE UNI-T.E.D. Scholarship	Up to \$1,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to major in a COE degree program High school GPA of 3.0+ Students must identify as being part of a traditionally underrepresented population (African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Multiracial) OR have participated in a TRIO program.

NOTE: Most scholarships are renewable, offer letter will contain details. Scholarships require full-time status unless noted otherwise.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND SCIENCES (CHAS)

Art Scholarships	\$1,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portfolio review; visit the UNI Scholarship Application for details
School of Music (SOM) Scholarships	Up to \$6,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission to the SOM; Visit the UNI Scholarship Application for details Complete the required music supplement online at music.uni.edu/apply
Theatre Activity Scholarships	\$1,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "B" average or rank in upper 30% of high school graduating class Visit the UNI Scholarship Application for details
Science Technology & Mathematics Scholarships	\$1,000 per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to major in one of the following: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, Technology, Mathematics, Physics, Science Teaching or Environmental Science.

Music scholarships have early deadlines!

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The UNI Scholarship Application helps you simplify the process of applying for more than 1,000 scholarships within academic departments. Seniors can begin the application in early July leading into their senior year. It includes scholarships from all across campus in one online application.

Check for deadlines and complete the scholarship application at finaid.uni.edu.

1. Review any information already filled in and complete the involvement section.
2. Complete essays for as many different academic areas as you are interested.
 - Scholarships are available by majors and departments even if you're still deciding.
3. Review and submit. You will receive an email confirmation after successful submission.
 - The application can be updated (prior to the deadline) as frequently as you like.
4. Priority Deadline is January 15th.



Ninth through twelfth graders can now earn scholarships from UNI by using RaiseMe, a free college resource. Students may receive an even larger financial aid package based on their application for admission. Start earning by visiting www.Raise.me as early as you can. (Students must complete their RaiseMe Portfolio by January 15 of their senior year.)

Live Like a Student

FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

- Courses offered throughout the year
- One-on-one money management
- Group workshops

Visit finaid.uni.edu to register for non-credit classes. Call 319-273-2700 to schedule a program or an individual counseling appointment.



SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST & TIMELINE

- ENTERING SENIOR YEAR** – Seniors can begin the UNI Scholarship Application in early July entering their senior year for the upcoming academic year. Scholarship deadlines for incoming freshmen can vary, so start your application process now.
- SEPTEMBER** – Create your FSA ID online at fsaid.ed.gov. Both the student and parent will need an FSA ID when completing the FAFSA.
- OCTOBER** – Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible after October 1. The UNI school code is 001890.

Don't forget to complete the UNI Scholarship Application.
- NOVEMBER** – Students will be notified by email if they have been selected for verification. If selected, please submit requested materials to UNI as soon as possible to expedite awarding.
- JANUARY** – January 15 is the priority FAFSA date. Initial Financial Aid Awards are available via MyUNiverse (in the Student Center) for students with complete records. Once awarded, evaluate how much financial aid will need to be accepted. Accept, reduce or decline the financial aid offered within the Financial Aid Award.
- FIRST TIME BORROWER** – Students borrowing for the first time will need to complete a Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentloans.gov.
- SUMMER** – Begin searching for employment by visiting the UNI Online Job Board at careerservices.uni.edu.

- AUGUST** – Fall bills are sent out electronically on August 1. Remember to sign up for the Live Like a Student program to learn how students can live within their means while attending college.



EMPLOYMENT ON CAMPUS

Working an on-campus job helps you organize your time, meet new students and supervisors, and earn a little money on the side. Student employment opportunities are flexible around your schedule and are also a great way to get involved on campus.

All students are paid on a bi-weekly schedule and all earnings can be used at the student's discretion. Students are encouraged to look for employment by visiting the Online Job Board at careerservices.uni.edu.

5,600+ students work on campus



LOANS

All students are eligible for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. The Direct Subsidized Loan is a need-based federal loan program. Each program requires submission of a FAFSA and promissory note. Also available to parents of dependent students is the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS). Our Financial Aid staff will help you understand all eligibility requirements, amounts, interest rates and terms for each program.

9.2% the amount of UNI student loan indebtedness has decreased over the past 7 years

GRANTS

Grants are considered “gift aid” and do not have to be repaid. To be considered for federal, state and institutional grants a student simply needs to complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. For a complete list of all grants visit finaid.uni.edu/grants.

TUITION GUARANTEE PROGRAM FOR IOWANS

Full four-year commitment of tuition and fees with combinations of grants and scholarships.

Requirements:

- Must be an Iowa resident
- New graduate from Iowa high school
- Financial need 0-1000 EFC on FAFSA throughout four years for continued eligibility

TEACH GRANT

The Federal TEACH grant is for students who will be teaching in a low-income school and in a high-need field of study. A student could receive a grant of up to \$4,000 a year for four years as an undergraduate and two years as a graduate. Visit finaid.uni.edu/grants to learn more.

IMAGES GRANT

- Awarded for up to \$2,000 per year
- Requires ethnic or racial status of African-American /Black, Hispanic/Latino/Spanish, Alaskan Native or American Indian, Asian Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Must be an Iowa resident
- Priority given to student participants in College Bound activities
- Funds limited on first-come, first-served basis

COST OF ATTENDING UNI

When budgeting for college, we recommend you consider both direct and indirect expenses. Direct expenses are those that are owed directly to UNI, and appear on your university bill (U-Bill). Indirect expenses are estimates of amounts you may spend on personal items such as books, gas, dining out, etc. The total amount of aid a student is offered will match the amount of the direct and indirect expenses.

2019-20 UNI EXPENSES

	Iowa resident	Non-resident
Undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees*	\$8,938	\$19,480
Room and board	\$9,160	\$9,160
Total direct expenses	\$18,098	\$28,640

Tuition based on 12 or more credit hours. Room and board based on double room and All Access Meal plan. See options at dor.uni.edu.

* Undergraduate tuition for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences, and College of Education.

For College of Business Administration tuition, visit tuition.uni.edu.

INDIRECT EXPENSES (estimates)

*estimates will vary per person:

Books and supplies*	\$900
Personal expenses*	\$1,706
Transportation*	\$590
Total indirect expenses	\$3,196

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Initial U-Bills are available to students on August 1, and are due on the 20th of every month. A Deferred Payment Plan option exists for tuition, fees, room and board charges. This flexible payment option allows for the U-Bill to be paid in five monthly installments each semester.

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