YOUR 2021-2022 AWARD
IS READY TO VIEW!
As the most affordable four-year public university in Iowa, UNI is committed to keeping higher education accessible.

- UNI was ranked #2 Best Regional University (Midwest) by U.S. News and World Report and is among the most affordable four-year colleges in the region.
- On average, when UNI students graduate, they owe less money than students who graduate from any other four-year public institution in the state.
- Last year, 93% of first-year students received some type of financial aid.
**VIEW YOUR AWARD**

1. Login to **MyUNIverse** using your **CatID** and **password** (MyUNIverse. uni.edu). First-time users can find your initial username and password instructions in your notification of admission.

2. Click “**Go to my Student Center**.”

3. In the Finances section, click on “**View Financial Aid**” and select the financial aid year you wish to view. To accept or decline any financial aid offered, click on **Accept/Decline Awards**. Click on aid year **2022** for the 2021-22 school year.

**ARE YOU SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION?**

- Approximately 1 in 3 students are selected for an additional process that requires the student and/or parent to turn in tax information. This confirms that their FAFSA has been completed correctly.

- If you see links in your Student Center To Do List, click into 'more' and complete as soon as possible.

**NOTE:** Your financial aid is not finalized and will not disburse until all verification items are complete.

**PLANNING**

Discuss as a family how the financial aid provided can be used to pay for your direct costs (tuition & fees, room & board). A complete breakdown of costs is provided as part of your online award notification. Plan for how the direct costs of college can be covered first. See information below as well as other financing options on the next page.

- **LiveLikeAStudent**

  Increase your financial literacy by registering for Live Like a Student sessions at summer orientation.

- Read Financial Aid Required Readings at [finaid.uni.edu/requiredreadings](http://finaid.uni.edu/requiredreadings).
**GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

☐ Grants and scholarships are free assistance accepted on your behalf.

☐ Students should complete the UNI Scholarship Application on an annual basis. **The priority date is January 15th every year.**

☐ All scholarships received from sources outside of UNI must be reported to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. To report these scholarships follow this path in MyUNIverse:

   “Go to my Student Center” > “Finances Section” > “Report Other Financial Aid” > select year > “Report Additional Aid.”

**IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFO:** UNI scholarships will be awarded shortly after the priority date. Recipients will be notified by the awarding department, as well as receiving a revised award notification electronically.

**LOAN INFORMATION**

Borrow only what you think you will need. Loan amounts not borrowed initially will still be available throughout the entire academic year.

**Student Borrower Checklist (Under Student FSA ID)**

☐ Accept your loans on your Financial Aid Award through MyUniverse, via your Student Center.

☐ Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling at studentaid.gov

☐ Complete your electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentaid.gov

☐ Complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement at studentaid.gov

**Parent Borrower Checklist (Under Parent FSA ID)**

☐ Make sure your student has filed a FAFSA at fafsa.gov and submitted it to UNI (School Code: 001890)

☐ Complete the Parent Direct PLUS application at studentaid.gov

☐ Complete the Parent PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentaid.gov

☐ Complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement at studentaid.gov
OTHER FINANCING OPTIONS

Consider any of the potential options below as a resource for paying for college:

☐ 529 College Savings Plan
☐ UNI Payment Plans (with our Business Office)
☐ Military Benefits
☐ Savings, Graduation Money, Gifts from Relatives
☐ Hometown Scholarships (off-campus scholarships)

☐ **Credit-based loans**: Loans that a student or family applies for and is approved for based on a credit check.

☐ **Direct PLUS Loan**: This is a loan option for parent borrowers through the federal government. Parents can apply online at studentaid.gov using the parent Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID to apply.

☐ **Private Education Loan**: This is a loan option for students and/or parents. This is additional funding through banks or other lending institutions. All students borrowing a private loan are required to complete private loan counseling through our office prior to the loan being applied to their university bill.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Search the Online Job Board at careerservices.uni.edu. Students awarded Federal Work-Study must accept it on the award notification. Students not awarded work-study can still work on campus as a departmental student employee.