Affordable tuition opens doors so you can chase your dreams.

We’re focused on affordability so you can focus on making the most of your time here. Get personalized financial aid guidance, generous scholarship offerings and ongoing support to keep you on track for graduation in four years.
COST + AID

Estimate your expenses.

Tuition at UNI is considered among the most affordable and accessible in Iowa, and we know how every dollar matters. That’s why we make sure yours work hard for you.

‘21-22 Cost of Attendance

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*Undergraduate tuition for the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the College of Education. For College of Business tuition, visit tuition.uni.edu. Tuition subject to change by action of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa.

**Cost for double room and Everyday All-Access Meal Plan.

One app. Hundreds of Scholarships.

The UNI Scholarship Application allows you to apply for hundreds of scholarships across campus with one online application. Be sure to submit yours by January 15 because that’s when the application review process begins.

+ finaid.uni.edu

TIMELINE + CHECKLIST

ENTERING SENIOR YEAR

☐ Seniors can begin the UNI Scholarship Application for the upcoming academic year as early as July. Scholarship deadlines for incoming freshmen can vary so it’s wise to submit yours as soon as you can (Students must be admitted to UNI to submit their UNI Scholarship Application).

SEPTEMBER

☐ Create your FSA ID online at fsaid.ed.gov. Both the student and parent will need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.

OCTOBER

☐ FAFSA opens for the upcoming academic year on October 1 at studentaid.gov. The sooner you file yours, the better. Be sure to include UNI’s school code of 001890.

NOVEMBER

☐ Students will be notified by email if they have been selected for FAFSA verification. If selected, please submit requested materials to UNI as soon as possible to keep your award on track.

JANUARY

☐ The priority deadline for the FAFSA and the UNI Scholarship Application is January 15. Be sure to have both of these completed by this date!

FEBRUARY

☐ Financial aid awards are available via MyUNIverse (in the Student Center) for students with complete records. Once awarded, evaluate how much financial aid you will need to accept. Accept, reduce or decline the financial aid offered within the financial aid award.

MAY-JULY

☐ Begin searching for employment by visiting the UNI Job Board at careerservices.uni.edu.

☐ Students receiving federal student loan(s) for the first time will need to complete the following paperwork online at studentaid.gov (using your FSA ID) before funds can be distributed:
   - Direct Loan Entrance Counseling
   - Master Promissory Note (MPN)
   - Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement

AUGUST

☐ Fall bills are sent out electronically on the first business day in August. Sign up for UNI’s Live Like A Student program to learn how students can live within their means while attending college.
Ways to fund your education.

**Scholarships**
Scholarships are financial awards you earn for academic achievement and other accomplishments. Some may require financial need. This is considered “gift aid” that does not need to be repaid.

**Grants**
Grants are need-based financial aid you don’t have to repay. They are automatically awarded, with the completion of the FAFSA, to students based on financial need from federal, state and institutional resources.

**Federal Direct Subsidized Loans**
Direct subsidized loans are awarded based on financial need. No interest will accrue on the loan while you are enrolled in school. Like all loans, the amount borrowed will need to be repaid. FAFSA submission is required, along with completion of entrance counseling, a master promissory note and the annual student loan acknowledgement.

**Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans**
Direct unsubsidized loans are available to all students; eligibility is not based on financial need. FAFSA submission is required, along with completion of entrance counseling, a master promissory note and the annual student loan acknowledgement.

**Parent Loans**
If you are a parent of a dependent student, you can receive a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) for the remainder of your child’s college costs not covered by other financial aid.

**Federal Work Study**
Federal work study provides part-time jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. A variety of jobs are available on campus. If not awarded work study, you can still work on campus as a departmental student employee.
FINANCIAL AID + FAFSA

Chase your dreams – with the financial aid to catch them.

By now, you may have heard of something called FAFSA — the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is used to determine a student’s eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs. By filing a FAFSA, you’ll be applying for funding for your education, based on your financial need.

File your FAFSA – the sooner the better.

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Note: Before the FAFSA can be completed electronically, all students and parents need a FSA ID. Apply for your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov.

What is an Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

Your EFC is an index number used by schools to determine your federal student aid eligibility and financial aid award. The information you report on your FAFSA (such as your family’s taxed and untaxed income, assets, benefits and family size) is used to calculate your EFC.

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GRANTS

Federal

Federal Pell Grant: For students pursuing their first undergraduate degree who qualify based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA. This score will determine if you are eligible for a Pell Grant and what amount you will receive. The grant ranges up to $6,345.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG): For students pursuing their first undergraduate degree who qualify based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) (must be between 0-1000). This grant ranges up to $1,000.

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant: For students who intend to teach in a high-need field at a low-income school. The FAFSA will need to be submitted with a declared high-need area of study and an academic component (ACT or GPA) to be eligible for the TEACH Grant. The grant ranges up to $4,000 per year.

State (Iowa)

Iowa Minority Academic Grants for Economic Success (IMAGES): For Iowa residents pursuing their first undergraduate degree who are African American/Black, Latino/Hispanic/Spanish, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native and demonstrate financial need (as determined by the FAFSA). Funds are limited so submit the FAFSA by January 15. The grant ranges up to $2,000.

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Full Tuition Guarantee Program for Iowans: For Iowa residents pursuing their first undergraduate degree who qualify based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA (must be between 0-1000). Award includes full four-year commitment of tuition and fees through a combination of federal, state and institutional grants and scholarships. Students must be Pell Grant eligible as determined by the FAFSA for the remaining three years of the program to maintain eligibility.

For more information, visit studentaid.gov.

We recommend that you apply before you file your FAFSA. Only admitted students will be reviewed for financial awards by The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

To make sure we receive your FAFSA information: list “University of Northern Iowa” as your institution and include our federal school code:

UNI’s school code: 001890

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Applicants applying directly from high school will be automatically considered for these scholarships. Priority is given to students admitted by May 1. Scholarships are renewable with a 2.5 GPA and continuous full-time enrollment.

### FOR IOWA RESIDENTS

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### ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Presidential Scholar Award
Twenty $16,000 ($4,000/per year) awards for high school seniors with a history of outstanding academic performance are awarded by the University Honors Program. The award can be stacked with Panther Impact Award (Iowa residents) or the UNI Advantage Awards (non-residents). Applications are due by January 15, using the UNI Scholarship Application.

#### Bright Scholars of Iowa
For Iowa high school seniors with academic achievement who demonstrate financial need (as determined by the FAFSA). Preference is given to students whose parents have not graduated from an accredited four-year college or university. The amount of the scholarship is equal to the cost of attendance minus any additional gift aid (including Pell Grants, institutional grants and scholarships and private scholarships).

#### UNI Residents of Iowa Scholars of Excellence (UNI RISE) Award
Twenty-five awards for Iowa high school seniors who are African American/Black, Latino/Hispanic/Spanish, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native and have demonstrated academic achievement. Preference given to students who demonstrate financial need (as determined by the FAFSA).

#### Ben and Pat Allen Scholarships
Twenty $4,000 scholarships awarded to students with a minimum high-school GPA of 2.5.

#### College-specific Scholarships
Various awards, presented by the College of Business, College of Education, College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences (CHAS), College of Social Behavioral Sciences (CSBS).

*To qualify for the UNI-T.E.D. Scholarship students must identify as being part of a traditionally underrepresented population (African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Multiracial) or have participated in a TRIO or AVID program.

*Panther Impact Award and Panther Success Award are not stackable.

*Advantage Scholars Award and Panther Success Award are not stackable.
Our Financial Aid staff will help you understand all eligibility requirements, amounts, interest rates and terms for each program.

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