I am helping my student prepare for college.

2012-2013 ORIENTATION
FINANCIAL AID PARENT WORKBOOK
### 2012-2013 cost of attendance

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**Note:** If out-of-state tuition is indicated on the Financial Aid Award but the student will be paying in-state tuition, please inform our office. Your award may need to be revised. The Financial Aid Award is not an official notice of residency status. For official notice of residency status, new undergraduate students should check with the Admissions Office.

### Examples of indirect expenses

**Books:** Books may initially be an out-of-pocket expense for freshmen. Financial aid is available to help fund the purchase of books, however due to the timing of aid crediting, many students may need to purchase their books before classes begin using out-of-pocket funding.

The price of your student's textbooks will vary depending on a number of different factors:

- **New vs. used:** Purchasing used texts will allow for savings, however used books tend to sell quickly. Many students purchase texts online in an effort to save money.
- **Course load:** Certain courses require several books.
- **Major:** Some majors require books that are more expensive to purchase than others.

**Transportation:** This estimates the cost of traveling to and from home.

**Personal Expenses:** In our cost of attendance, we estimated personal expenses to be $2,214 for the academic year. When working out this part of the budget, be sure to consider these expenses: clothing, laundry, entertainment, personal needs, room decorations, communication.

**To provide a frame of reference for "personal expenses," the following items were priced in April of 2012.**

- Wash and dry one load of laundry in residence hall: $3
- Movie at College Square Theaters: $9
- Mini refrigerator for residence hall: $3
- Gallon of unleaded gas: $3.65
- Ticket to Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center: $15-$40
- Dinner at Pepper’s: $8-$10
- UNI sweatshirt at University Book and Supply: $25-$50
- Large pizza, two toppings, delivered: $10-$12
- Mini refrigerator for residence hall: $3
- Slice of pizza and pop in Maucker Union: $3
- Futon for residence hall: $150
- Loft kit from Barnes Lumber: $90-$165

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### Important numbers and web addresses

**Financial Aid Resources**

- **Office of Student Financial Aid**
  - www.uni.edu/finaid
  - 319-273-2700

- **Loan Entrance/Exit Counseling**
  - www.StudentLoans.gov

- **Master Promissory Note**
  - www.StudentLoans.gov

- **MyUNiverse Student Portal**
  - http://myuniverse.uni.edu
  - 319-273-6394

- **Student Employment**
  - 319-273-6394

**Additional UNI Resources**

- **Business Operations**
  - www.uni.edu/obp
  - 319-273-2164

- **UNI Athletics**
  - www.unipanthers.com
  - 319-273-DOME

- **Public Safety**
  - www.uni.edu/pubsaf
  - 319-273-2712

- **Registrar’s Office**
  - www.uni.edu/regist
  - 319-273-2241

- **Wellness and Recreation**
  - www.uni.edu/wellrec
  - 319-273-6176

- **Health Services**
  - www.uni.edu/health
  - 319-273-2009

- **Rod Library**
  - www.library.uni.edu
  - 319-273-2838

- **Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center**
  - www.gbpac.org
  - 319-273-3660

- **Health Services at University Book and Supply**
  - www.uni.edu/health
  - 319-273-2009

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**WHAT DOES “EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION” MEAN?**
The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is the amount the student and their parents can theoretically contribute to their education. This contribution is based on the federal methodology calculation using the information supplied on their FAFSA. UNI uses this figure to determine the types of aid a student may receive.

**HOW IS OUR STUDENT’S FINANCIAL NEED DETERMINED?**

**COST OF ATTENDANCE - EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION = FINANCIAL NEED**

Financial need determines the student’s eligibility for financial assistance. However, the Direct Unsubsidized and PLUS loans, and TEACH Grant do not require financial need.

**WHAT ARE UNI’S AWARDING PARAMETERS?**
The Office of Student Financial Aid has a limited amount of federal, state and institutional funds; therefore, the following maximum award amounts apply for the 2012-2013 academic year.

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* (# The Federal Pell Grant and SEOG are only awarded to students pursuing their first B.A. degree.)
* (In the event that available state funds are insufficient to pay the full amount of each approved grant, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission has the authority to administratively reduce the award to an amount less than the statutory maximum.)
* (Amount of award may vary depending upon state residency and federal, state and institutional funding.)

TEACH grants are awarded to students enrolled in an eligible teaching major and who meet specific academic requirements.

Attend a TEACH grant information session during the student services fair in Lang Hall, Room 12 (attached to Maucker Union) at 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. The session will be about an hour long and will count as your student’s entrance counseling for the TEACH grant if they attend. During the session, students and parents will learn all about the TEACH grant and agreement to serve as a teacher, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions. (See page 17 for more information on how to qualify for a TEACH grant.)

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**all about the financial aid award**

**WHAT DOES THE STUDENT DO WITH THEIR AWARD?**
Students and parents are encouraged to thoroughly review the award and the accompanying material. Students must accept or decline their aid on the online Financial Aid Award under the Student Center tab on MyUNIverse at http://myuniverse.uni.edu.

**DOES THE FINANCIAL AID AWARD SHOW ALL AVAILABLE AID?**
Yes, the Financial Aid Award lists the names and amounts of specific types of financial aid that make up the student’s award. If the award does not show a specific type of aid, either the student was not eligible for that aid or funds were no longer available from that source when the award was processed. The amount of all grants as stated on the Financial Aid Award is based on full-time enrollment (12+ credits for undergraduate and 9+ credits for graduate). Grants are prorated according to the number of hours the student is enrolled.

If hometown scholarships have been received and are not listed on the financial aid package, please complete the “Report Additional Financial Aid” section of the award or contact our office. Federal regulations require that scholarship(s) be included in your student’s package. Scholarships reported will reduce or replace the least desirable form of financial aid. UNI policy is to reduce your student’s aid in the following order when possible: loans, work-study, grants.

It is advisable to budget money wisely so your student does not experience financial difficulties. If any assistance in budgeting is needed, please contact our office to speak with a financial aid counselor.

**CAN A FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE BE REVISED IF OUR FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE?**
Revisions may be made in cases such as enrollment changes, residency status changes, grade level changes or if the student is receiving additional aid from other sources. If a reduction in financial aid must be made, the Office of Student Financial Aid will reduce aid in the following order: parent loans, student loans, work-study, need-based grants.

If your family has unusual circumstances, such as payments made on high medical bills, a loss of income, or a natural disaster, contact our office for details on how we may be able to assist you. Families will be asked to provide documentation to support those adjustments.

**Students Receiving Financial Aid**
Scholarships and grants are applied directly to a student’s u-bill. All students must accept their loans within the Financial Aid Award before the loan will be disbursed. Entrance counseling and promissory notes also need to be completed prior to the first disbursement.
Select the Student Center tab within MyUNIverse and then click on the "Go to My Student Center" link.

Under the finances bar, select Accept/Decline Awards.

Next select the appropriate aid year:

The student must “accept” or “decline” each award before clicking “submit”. If the student selects “accept” a box will populate allowing the student to accept a reduced amount if they wish. If they are uncertain they can simply Log Off.
billing information

All tuition, mandatory fees, contracted campus room and meal plan expenses and other university related charges are electronically billed directly to the student by the Office of Business Operations, Student Accounts. Charges are billed one semester at a time. New charges and/or adjustments are billed monthly throughout the semester.

An electronic university bill (u-bill) is generated on the first of every month and due on the 20th of every month. Note: If the first falls on the weekend, the u-bill will be generated on the first business day following. If the due date falls on a weekend, the due date will be the first business day following. An email notification is sent to each student’s official UNI email address when the u-bill is available. Paper bills are NOT sent. Students can view their u-bill, pay their u-bill or enroll in a payment plan online at www.uni.edu via MyUNIverse on the Student Center tab. Students can allow access to their u-bill by creating a username and password for parents or other third parties on their MyUNIverse portal under the MyPage tab and within the Third Party Accounts section.

A sample bill with instructions of how to read it can be viewed at www.uni.edu/obo/student_accounts.

Every student is required to electronically review and agree to the U-bill Terms and Conditions of Financial Responsibility. Students will complete this on MyUNIverse via the Student Center tab. The terms and conditions can also be referred to on the Office of Business Operations website at www.uni.edu/obo/student_accounts.

In compliance with federal regulations, the university must obtain voluntary permission from students to apply their federal financial aid proceeds to pay for current year charges other than tuition, fees, room and board on the student’s account.

The online authorization can be obtained through the following path:

MyUNIverse > Student Center > Finances section > Account Inquiry link > Account Services tab > Student Permissions

Federal financial aid (Title IV aid) credits your current year u-bill and is applied to tuition, mandatory fees, and contracted housing/meal plans. Title IV aid may be used to pay miscellaneous charges such as parking permit, laundry charges, event tickets, etc., on your current year u-bill with your written authorization.

This authorization will remain in effect until you leave UNI or you revoke it. You may revoke your authorization at any time by completing a form available from a Student Accounts Specialist located in UNI Student Accounts, 103 Gilchrist, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0008.

payments

U-bill payments can be made by cash, check or online. UNI does not accept credit or debit cards as a form of payment for u-bill charges. Payments must be received BY THE DUE DATE to avoid a 1% late fee and other restrictions. Payments can be made using the following options:

- Online via E-check at MyUNIverse-Student Center tab
- In person at the Cashier's window at 103 Gilchrist Hall (8 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F)
- Drop-box located outside of the East Entrance of Gilchrist Hall
- By mail to: University of Northern Iowa Attn: Student Accounts 103 Gilchrist Hall Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0008

(Please include the student ID number in the memo section of the check prior to mailing.)

PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS:

The university offers two Deferred Payment Plan options for tuition, mandatory fees and contracted room and meal plan charges. These plans allow students to make payments in installments each semester. Plan options include:

Option 1 - UNI Self-Service plan

The UNI Self-Service plan allows students to select a 5 month plan each semester. All enrolled students are eligible to participate but the student MUST ENROLL prior to the first billing due date. To enroll, students need to go to their MyUNIverse portal and access their Student Center tab to complete the online payment plan agreement. There is a $20 deferred billing fee, per semester, that will be assessed to the student's first bill after enrolling in a plan. It is in the student's best interest to enroll in a plan prior to the first due date.

Option 2 - Educational Computer Systems, Inc. (ECSI)

Long-term payment plans are also available through Educational Computer Systems, Inc. (ECSI). This option provides students and families the ability to pay tuition on a monthly schedule for 10, 11, or 12 months. To take advantage of this option, visit www.ecsi.net or call 1-866-927-1438 to enroll. There is a $65 annual enrollment fee. Students participating in the ECSI plan make monthly payments, directly to ECSI, beginning as early as May 1. All payments will be due on the first of every month. Payments not received by the first of the month may be subject to account termination. If your student's account is closed, he/she is required to pay all university charges directly to UNI. ECSI provides a detailed status of your account to the university each month.
When payments and/or financial aid credits are greater than the total charges, the result is a refund. Refunds are deposited electronically into the student's checking or savings account via direct deposit. Students must enroll for direct deposit through their MyUNIverse portal within the Student Center tab. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the accuracy of their bank routing and account numbers to avoid delays in receiving their funds. Once enrolled, students will receive an automatic email notification each time that a refund has been sent to their bank account. Students are encouraged to verify receipt of funds with their bank prior to conducting any transactions.

The university will initiate direct deposit refunds daily beginning the first week prior to classes starting through the second week of classes to accommodate increased financial aid disbursements. Beginning the third week of each semester, direct deposits will be initiated on Monday and Wednesday each week. If a student has not set up direct deposit, a paper refund will be issued.

Paper refunds are printed weekly on Friday and held for pick up at the Cashier's window at 103 Gilchrist Hall. Students are required to provide valid identification when picking up their check. Checks not picked up within 14 days will be mailed to the student's local address. As a result, the receipt of funds will be significantly delayed compared to direct deposit.

Parents can also have the Parent Plus Loan deposited directly to their bank by completing the Parent Plus Loan Direct Deposit Authorization form.

### collection costs

If a student allows their u-bill to go more than four months past due and fails to respond to communications from Student Accounts staff, their account may be placed for collection with an outside agency. The cost of this action will be passed onto the student to pay.

### frequently asked questions

**WHERE IS STUDENT ACCOUNTS?**

Student Accounts is located in Gilchrist Hall on the upper level, room 103. Staff is available to help students with their questions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (summer hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). They can also be contacted by:

- Phone: 319-273-2164
- Email: student.accounts@uni.edu
- Mail: UNI Student Accounts
- Address: 103 Gilchrist Hall
- Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0008

**HOW IS THE LATE FEE FIGURED?**

The late fee is charged to students who are 30 days or more past due. The rate is 1% of the amount past due and will be charged each month the u-bill has a past due balance. For example, a past due bill of $1,500 will be assessed a late fee of $15.

**WHEN IS MY U-BILL DUE?**

University bills (u-bills) are created on the first of the month and are due on the 20th of each month. If either of those days falls on a weekend or holiday it will be the first working day following the date. All bills are due in full the month that they are billed unless the student has enrolled in a payment plan.

### refunds

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**HOW CAN THE STUDENT GET REFUNDS SENT DIRECTLY TO A BANK ACCOUNT?**

It's the responsibility of the university that all student refunds be sent to the student by direct deposit into a bank account of their choice. It's the responsibility of each student to enter and maintain his or her bank information on MyUNIverse, under the Finances tab within the Direct Deposit sign-up. Student Accounts staff can answer questions, provide assistance or demonstrate but cannot enter the information for the student.

**CAN A PARENT PLUS LOAN BE REFUNDED BY DIRECT DEPOSIT?**

Yes, if during the application process the parent indicates that any overpayment should be sent to the parent instead of the student, the parent can complete the Parent Plus Loan Direct Deposit Authorization form. This form can be found at www.uni.edu/obo/student_accounts. If the form is not completed, a paper check will be issued in the parent's name.

**I DON'T NEED ALL MY LOAN MONEY. CAN I RETURN THE FINANCIAL AID REFUND?**

Yes, if a university refund includes loan funds, the student has the option to return the entire refund or a portion, to the Cashier's window in 103 Gilchrist Hall. The cashiers will work with the Office of Student Financial Aid to reduce the loan for the current semester. UNI will return the funds to the appropriate lender thereby lowering the student's total loan indebtedness.

**CAN I GIVE MY PARENTS (OR OTHER THIRD PARTY) ACCESS TO VIEW MY STUDENT INFORMATION ONLINE?**

Yes, the student can grant secure access to their parents or other third party. The student has complete control of this access from setting the parent up with a user name and password to the information the student wants their third party to see.

**I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED MY REFUND CHECK. WHY DO I HAVE UNPAID TUITION ON MY BILL?**

Refunds and monthly bills are a snapshot in time. The Office of Business Operations calculates each bill and refund based on the most current charges, credits and adjustments posted to the u-bill; however there are a number of adjustments that could occur throughout a semester that may change an account balance. If a student's enrollment status changes within the semester, their financial aid may be adjusted. Additionally, billing adjustments may occur, such as rent, course material, and tuition adjustments. Therefore, any charges or financial aid adjustments that occur after the refund is processed and that subsequently generate a balance due are the responsibility of the student to pay. Students should monitor their u-bills monthly.

**WHAT ARE COLLECTION COSTS?**

An account is placed with an outside agency when all collection efforts made by Student Accounts staff have failed. University policy is to pass the costs of placement with an outside agency on to the student who incurred the fee. These costs will be added to the amount owed on the u-bill. Additional details can be viewed in the Terms and Condition Statement found at www.uni.edu/obo/student_accounts.
WHAT IS A FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN?
UNI participates in the Direct Loan Program. This loan program allows students to borrow money through UNI directly from the federal government.

WHAT IS A SUBSIDIZED LOAN?
This is a need-based loan. The government pays the interest for the borrower on this loan while he/she is enrolled at least half-time. Repayment of the principal and interest on the loan begins six months after the borrower ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. The federal government withholds an origination fee from each loan.

WHAT IS AN UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN?
If the student’s financial need limits their eligibility for the full grade-level maximum in the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan, they may borrow the remainder in the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. This loan has a fixed interest rate of 6.8 percent that will begin to accrue while the student is enrolled and an origination fee is withheld from each loan. Interest begins to accrue the first day of disbursement. Interest payments may be paid quarterly or they may be deferred until the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. The Loan Servicer will contact the student to establish how they plan to pay the interest. If they defer the interest, it will be capitalized on the loan principal at the time repayment begins, which is six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time.

HOW MUCH IS THE STUDENT ELIGIBLE TO BORROW?
The student may qualify to borrow in one or both programs based upon their demonstrated “financial need” and the maximum loan limit per grade level.

MAXIMUM ANNUAL COMBINED
Subsidized + Unsubsidized Loan Amounts
(Includes fall 2012, spring 2013 and summer 2013)

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<td>Sophomore (30-59 hours)</td>
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<td>Junior and Senior (60 and above hours)</td>
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NOTE: The loan amounts listed above cannot exceed the student’s cost of attendance minus other financial aid received.

• Loan proceeds exceeding university charges are direct deposited to the student in the form of a refund.

• Mid-year graduating students (December) may only borrow a portion of their loan limit.

*Freshmen have a maximum of $3,500/year that can be awarded as a subsidized loan.

WHAT IS A PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (PLUS)?
This loan program allows parents of dependent students to borrow the amount equal to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid received. The interest rate is fixed at 7.9 percent. An origination fee is withheld from the amount borrowed. Parents have the option of deferring payments on Parent PLUS loans until after the student graduates or enrolls less than half time.

WHAT IS A PERKINS LOAN?
This loan is awarded by UNI using funds allocated from the federal government. There is no interest charged while the student is in college, and the loan has a fixed interest rate of five percent during repayment. Repayment and interest on the loan begins nine months after the student graduates, leaves school or ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. Because Perkins loan funds are limited, if a student declines a Perkins loan the funds will be distributed to another eligible student.

accepting loans and promissory notes

HOW DOES A STUDENT RECEIVE A DIRECT LOAN?
1) Upon receiving the award all loans must be accepted, reduced or declined each year on MyUNIverse. If the student wants to decline or borrow less than what is stated on the Financial Aid Award, they may lower the amount of the loan, but they may not increase the amount. If a Direct Loan for the parent or student is initially reduced or declined, it can still be accepted throughout the academic year by contacting the Office of Student Financial Aid. Parent PLUS loans cannot be accepted by the student since the parent is the borrower. To accept a Parent PLUS loan, the parent must complete the PLUS Loan Request at www.studentloans.gov.

2) First-time borrowers must complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) online at www.StudentLoans.gov (4-digit FAFSA PIN required). The student will complete only one promissory note that will be used for all of their Direct Loans at UNI. By using the MPN, they will not need to complete a separate promissory note for each new loan. A student who borrows under the Direct Loan Program at UNI will be able to borrow under this one MPN for up to 10 years.

All Direct Loans (subsidized, unsubsidized and PLUS) are disbursed in two installments. The first disbursement would be at the beginning of the fall semester with the second disbursement coming at the beginning of the spring semester.

3) If a student is borrowing a Federal Direct Loan at UNI for the first time, they must complete an online Loan Entrance Counseling Session before they are eligible to receive their loan proceeds. The student may complete the Loan Entrance Counseling at www.StudentLoans.gov.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT AGREEING TO WHEN THEY SIGN AN MPN?
They are agreeing to repay their lender (the U.S. Department of Education) all loans made to them under the terms of this MPN. They are also confirming that they understand multiple loans may be made to them under this note.

The MPN covers both the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan and the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. The amount of subsidized and unsubsidized loans the student is eligible for is included on their Financial Aid Award. The MPN does not show a specific loan amount because it also serves as their promissory note for future loans.

HOW DOES THE STUDENT ACCEPT A PERKINS LOAN?
If your student was awarded a Perkins Loan, they must complete an entrance questionnaire and promissory note online. The electronic promissory note needs to be done each year they qualify for a Perkins Loan and can be accessed through the “Sign Promissory Note” link listed next to the Perkins Loan on the Financial Aid Award.

HOW DOES THE PARENT ACCEPT THE PLU PLUS LOAN?
To accept the Direct PLUS Loan, the student must indicate that the parent(s) would like to borrow this loan on their online Financial Aid Award. First time PLUS Loan borrowers will need to complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and complete the PLUS Request Process online at www.StudentLoans.gov. If the parent borrower(s) has borrowed PLUS Loans at UNI previously for the same student they will only need to complete the PLUS Request Process.

The parent will sign only one PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) that will be used for all PLUS loans in that parent’s name at UNI.* By using the MPN, the parent will not need to sign and submit a separate promissory note for each new loan.

*If a parent has more than one student attending UNI, a separate PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note and PLUS Request Process will need to be completed for each student.

WHAT IF PARENTS CHOOSE NOT TO ACCEPT THE PLUS LOAN?
If the parent elects not to accept the PLUS loan, the student would then have the opportunity to apply for Private Education Loans. These loans are offered through private lenders and are unsubsidized. While many of the lenders have competitive interest rates, they do vary. It is suggested that students contact each individual lender to learn about the terms, rates and benefits of their particular loan(s). Private Education Loan information is available on the Office of Student Financial Aid website at www.uni.edu/financialaid/alt_loans.info.shtml. All Private Education Loan borrowers are required to meet with an Office of Student Financial Aid staff member prior to certification of the loan.
understanding scholarships

WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE. ARE THERE MORE UNI SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Most UNI scholarships for the upcoming year have already been awarded. If any additional scholarships are added, a revised Financial Aid Award would be sent to the student’s MyUNiverse account. There is a possibility of additional scholarship availability during the following years of study at UNI. Many academic departments and colleges award scholarships to upperclass students.

Students can start applying for UNI scholarships for the next academic year using the online UNiversity Scholarship Application (USA) in the fall. A link is available on the UNI Financial Aid homepage at www.uni.edu/finaid within the scholarship section. The 2013-14 USA will be available in September 2012.

ARE UNI SCHOLARSHIPS RENEWABLE?

Check directly with the department offering the scholarship. The department can explain what criteria need to be met for the scholarship to be renewed.

The UNI Distinguished Scholars Award will automatically be renewed for the second year with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Most scholarships do require the USA to be completed each year.

SHOULD THE STUDENT THANK THEIR SCHOLARSHIP DONOR?

Absolutely. As soon as they receive notice of their scholarship award, they should write a thank you note to their scholarship donor.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STUDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP IF THEY WITHDRAW FROM UNI?

If a student withdraws from classes, any nondisbursed funds are returned to the donor. They will need to inform the donor of their future plans.

Once your student has viewed their online award, please remind them to enter additional scholarships or other monetary awards they have received if the amounts were not listed on the Financial Aid Award.

If the student has additional scholarships to report, they will need to select the “Report Other Financial Aid” link on their Student Center tab and then enter the appropriate information.

Visit www.uni.edu/finaid to register for non-credit classes or call 319-273-2700.
student employment opportunities

FEDERAL WORK STUDY
Work study is awarded based on financial need and is included as part of the student's financial aid award package. The typical work study award is $2,000. Students work approximately nine hours per week to earn $2,000 during the academic year.

The campus minimum wage is $7.25 per hour, however some positions may pay more based on the skills and responsibility involved. Students are paid bi-weekly via payroll direct deposit. Students may use all funds at their own discretion.

DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYMENT
If a student does not receive work study as part of their financial aid award, they may still work on campus as a “departmental employee.” These jobs are listed on our Online Job Board as “non work study” positions. Approximately 75% of UNI student employees work on-campus through departmental employment.

ADVANTAGES TO WORKING ON-CAMPUS
• On-campus employment assists with time management skills. Campus jobs provide additional structure to a student's day and allow them to use their time productively. On average, students work 10-15 hours per week.
• Campus jobs are student-friendly, allowing students the opportunity to work around class schedules and close to where they live.
• Working on-campus is a great way to network with faculty and staff and add valuable work experience to a quality UNI education.

WHAT TYPES OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?
All job postings can be viewed at our Online Job Board. A wide variety of jobs are available in almost every department on campus. Types of jobs include clerical, library positions, tutors, food service, computer service workers, event services and positions with campus recreation. Jobs are also available in the community with select non-profit organizations as part of the Community Service Learning program. This program gives students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real world situations. These jobs include daycare, adult and community education, parks and recreation and local government. For more information, contact Student Employment.

UNI also participates in the America Reads program at local elementary schools. Students serve as tutors for elementary-aged students. The America Reads program is open to all majors. To find out if you are eligible for America Reads, contact Evie Waack at 319-273-6856.

ITEMS NEEDED PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT
All first-time student employees on-campus are required to complete I-9 and direct deposit information. For I-9 purposes, the hiring department is required by federal law to view actual documents verifying the student’s identity. Please view the I-9 for a listing of acceptable documents. A link to the I-9 is available at www.uni.edu/finaid. Click “Student Employment”; click on hiring process; click on “packet” under Item 2. Students need to have these documents on-hand and able to be displayed prior to their employment beginning.

The university also requires that all student employees must have their earnings direct deposited. Payroll direct deposit forms will be available within the hiring department. Students will need to submit a voided check with the payroll direct deposit form prior to submission.

WHERE CAN A STUDENT FIND A JOB?
The student can browse through our list of jobs on the Online Job Board at http://myuniverse.uni.edu. If you have any further questions, please contact the Student Employment:
Phone: 319-273-6394 Email: UNIstudent-jobs@uni.edu
Fax: 319-273-2320 Internet: www.uni.edu/finaid
While the cost of college is rising throughout the nation the UNI Office of Student Financial Aid can ensure our financial aid programs will assist in funding the entire cost of education through a combination of grants, scholarships, loans, and employment.

Complete this worksheet to determine the amount payable to UNI for the 2012-2013 academic year.

### Direct Costs

- **Tuition, Fees, On-Campus Room and Board**
  - **Iowa Resident**: $7,635
  - **Non-Resident**: $16,721

- **Room and Board**
  - **Iowa Resident**: $7,597
  - **Non-Resident**: $7,597

**Total Direct Expenses**: $15,232

**Direct Loans**: $2,134

**Total Financial Aid**: $13,098

**Balance Remaining for the 2012-2013 year**: $2,134

*Note: This figure indicates how much additional aid needs to be accepted or out of pocket payment.

If a student’s financial aid proceeds (B) exceed their direct expenses (A) a refund will be issued.

Be sure to sign up for direct deposit on MyUNIverse.

### Paying for College Worksheet

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**To qualify for a federal TEACH Grant you must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Complete the FAFSA
- Score above the 75th percentile on college admissions tests (SAT or ACT)
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate (first B.A. only) or graduate
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching in an identified high-need field

**Contact UNI Office of Student Financial Aid at 273-2700 for more information about the TEACH Grant.**

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**Undergraduate UNI Major & Minor Codes that qualify for TEACH Grant consideration**

**Graduate UNI Major & Codes that qualify for TEACH Grant consideration**

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**Graduate Financial Aid Proceeds (include aid that has been or will be accepted):**

- **Residence Hall Prepayment Credit (if applicable)**: $200.00
- **Grants**: $1,000.00
- **Direct Loans**: $2,000.00

**Total Financial Aid**: $5,200.00

**Balance Remaining for the 2012-2013 year**: $2,000.00

*# This figure indicates how much additional aid needs to be accepted or out of pocket payment.

**If a student’s financial aid proceeds (B) exceed their direct expenses (A) a refund will be issued.**

**Monthly Payments:**

**Balance Remaining for 2012-2013 year**: $2,000.00

Divide by number of monthly payments in your plan of choice: $2,000.00

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**UNI Cost of Attendance 2012-2013 academic year**

**Iowa Resident**

- Undergraduate Tuition & Fees: $7,635
- Room and Board: $7,597
- Total Direct Expenses: $15,232

**Non-Resident**

- Undergraduate Tuition & Fees: $16,721
- Room and Board: $16,721
- Total Direct Expenses: $33,442

*Cost for double room and 19 meals a week option.

(If a student contracts for a different room and board option they will be billed accordingly on their first university bill.)

**Diagonal Fee**

- **Books and Supplies**: $1,054
- **Personal Expenses**: $2,134
- **Transportation**: $918
- Total Indirect Expenses: $4,186

**Total Estimated Direct Expenses**: $19,418

**Books and Supplies**: $1,054

**Personal Expenses**: $2,134

**Transportation**: $918

**Total Indirect Expenses**: $4,186

**Total Expected Cost**: $23,610

**Note**: Students and parents should make sure they plan on how they will cover these expenses through savings and/or financial aid. Please use the accompanying worksheet to assist with your planning.

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**To determine the amount payable to UNI for the 2012-2013 academic year:**

**Iowa Resident**

- Books and Supplies: $1,054
- Matriculation Fee: $210.00
- Total Estimated Direct Expenses: $18,618

**Non-Resident**

- Books and Supplies: $1,054
- Matriculation Fee: $210.00
- Total Estimated Direct Expenses: $20,678

**Note**: There may be additional costs such as parking or course specific fees that would be billed directly to the student.

Remember to consider any indirect expenses such as books, transportation to and from home, and personal expenses. Though not billed directly to the student, financial aid is available to assist in covering these expenses.
Online Financial Aid Services for Students

MyUNIverse!
http://myUNIverse.uni.edu

Financial Aid and Scholarships
Click here to:
• View your Financial Aid Award
• Accept or decline your aid
• Report additional financial aid such as scholarships

Student Employment
Click here to:
• View the online job board and find a position that’s right for you
• See cooperative education and internship opportunities
• View your payslip or complete your timecard
• Review the student employment handbook