

~~COLLEGE GOING 4 YEAR, 2 YEAR, TRADE SCHOOL~~ **~~FUTURE READY GROUP~~**

Students planning on attending college next year should be visiting their college's website for the most up-to-date information on their plans for admissions, orientation, and matriculation. We have received the following information from the Regent Universities:

University of Northern Iowa

<https://prepare.uni.edu/prospective-students-faq>

<https://admissions.uni.edu/virtual#he1>

Iowa State University University of Iowa

<https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/covid19/?expand=true>

University of Iowa

<https://admissions.uiowa.edu/coronavirus>

Other college/university information can be found here: <https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/press-releases/nacac-update-coronavirus/>

IOWA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK ICAN RESOURCES:

The ICAN has scheduled multiple webinars on college-going topics for you and your family. These are free webinars we encourage you to register for, if you cannot attend during the set time you will be sent a link to view the webinar at a later time. I anticipate other webinars will be available in the coming weeks. ICAN also holds daily Facebook chats at 2pm with a variety of topics at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ICANsucceed/>

The upcoming Senior webinars include:

Covering College Costs: Understanding and Comparing College Financial Aid

Perfect for seniors and parents

Tuesday, April 14 at 1 pm - [Register](#)

Completing the FAFSA is an important step for students in the college-going process, but what happens after you hit submit? What are the next steps? In this webinar we will explain the pieces of a financial aid package, how packages are put together, and how to compare one package to another. We will also discuss financial aid comparison tools and the importance of creating a college budget.

The Scholarship Process: A Guide for Seniors

Perfect for juniors, seniors, and parents

Thursday, April 9 at 1 pm - [Register](#)

Scholarships are an important part of the financial aid process and can make a big difference for students when it comes to picking the school they attend. Join us for a discussion of the scholarship process – everything from where to look for scholarships, standard application expectations, how to write essays, and how to improve your applications. We'll share examples and resources, and walk you through the scholarship timeline from start to finish.

BETTENDORF FOUNDATION AND LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bettendorf Foundation and local scholarship applications are due Wednesday, April 15. Please click [here](#) for information.

Please pay attention to scholarship criteria and due dates. Remember if you are asking individuals for recommendation letters to provide enough time for them to complete. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Henson in Student Services. khenson@bettendorf.k12.ia.us or 563-332-7005.

SENDING YOUR TRANSCRIPTS TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

All Seniors will complete a sign-out sheet at the end of the year, on the back of this form you will indicate where you'd like your final transcript sent. On average three weeks after the last day of school your college/university will have your final transcript.

FINANCIAL AID AND COVID 19

Navigating Financial Concerns

While the COVID-19 crisis affects individuals and communities across the globe, financial uncertainties loom. Below are important questions and answers to help your students ensure they are prepared for their college careers and to be fully prepared when it comes time to head back to school.

Q: WHAT IF I'VE SUBMITTED MY FAFSA, BUT MY FAMILY'S ESTIMATED INCOME IS NOW GOING TO CHANGE?

A: You do not need to edit or submit a new application. Simply contact the financial aid office of the school you plan to attend and let them know about your personal situation. They can answer your questions and help you or your student identify the financial aid and resources available to them. Visit our website for contact information for each of our member school's financial aid departments.

<https://iowatuitiongrant.org/covid-19-fafsa-ga/>

Q: HAS THE FAFSA DEADLINE BEEN EXTENDED?

A: As of today, FAFSA deadlines have not changed. Make sure you or your student completes the FAFSA and applies for the Iowa Tuition Grant.

The Iowa Tuition Grant offers qualifying Iowa families up to \$6,000 per year for four years of attendance at an Iowa private college or university. Recently, eligibility requirements have changed – so if you did not receive the grant in the past, you may be eligible now.

Here is the general application process and what students and their families can expect:

- ◆ **ONE:** *Prepare your financial information and your parents' information as well if you are a dependent*
- ◆ **TWO:** *Create an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov to log into the FAFSA portal and electronically sign your application – if you are a dependent, your parents will need to set up one as well*
- ◆ **THREE:** *Complete your FAFSA application at fafsa.gov and be sure to notate your top schools*
- ◆ **FOUR:** *You will receive your Student Aid Report within 3–5 days which will summarize the information you submitted and outline your EFC*
- ◆ **FIVE:** *A financial aid award letter will be provided by your top schools once your school application has been accepted – this will outline the loans, grants and scholarships available to you from their institution, including the Iowa Tuition Grant.*

<https://iowatuitiongrant.org/fafsa/>