



College Visits

AT PELLA HS:

October 19: University of Northern Iowa, 8:30

October 20: Central College, 11:15

October 22: PCI Academy, 11:30

October 26: Simpson College, 9:45

St. Ambrose University, 10:45

October 27: Cornell University, 1:40

October 30: St. Olaf University, 2:30

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT:

Washington University in St. Louis admissions Information Session - Thursday, October 15. 7:00-8:00 PM at the Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Creative Center College of Art & Design - Saturday, October 17. 11:00-2:00. Omaha, NE.

Chicago Architecture and Design College Day - Saturday, October 17. 11:00-2:00. Harold Washington College in Chicago, Illinois. Visit chicagocareerday.org for more information.

William Penn University College Fair - Wednesday, October 28, 9:00-10:30 AM. For more information, see "Other News" below.

Monmouth College - Saturday, November 1. Meet Monmouth Day. For more information, visit www.monmouthcollege.edu.

Buena Vista University - Saturday, November 14. Fall Visit Day. See bv.edu/visit for more information.

Scholarships

Iowa State University's Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) has an online scholarship application called **FinAidScholar**. The **FinAidScholar** application is a single application for all scholarships administered through the OSFA. **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

1. Go to the scholarship section of ISU's Financial Aid Website (www.financialaid.iastate.edu)
2. Select the Office of Student Financial Aid Scholarships (**FinAidScholar**) button
3. Select "Freshman"
4. Read the directions
5. Register for a Net-ID (Directions included on website)

6. Click on “Apply on our FinAidScholar Website”!
7. Log in with your Net-ID
8. Select the Freshman Application
9. Click on “Click Here to Apply!”
10. Complete the application by 1 March
11. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to 1 March
 - a. The first time a student/family is able to complete the FAFSA application is 1 January of the student’s senior year.

This application is **ONLY** for scholarships administered through **The Office of Student Financial Aid**. Visit scholarships@iastate.edu or call 515.294.5627.

Youngarts provides awards of up to \$10,000. If you are an artist in one of the following categories, apply soon: cinematic arts, dance, design arts, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice, writing, spoken word. Visit youngarts.org/apply. Deadline is October 16.

LifeServe Blood Center offers a scholarship to students who host a blood drive in their community. For more information, call 800.287.4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org. To be considered for the scholarship, you must express interest by October 19.

University of Dayton offers a \$10,000 Leadership in Service Scholarship. To apply, you must be nominated by a school counselor. If you are interested in attending the University of Dayton, see Mrs. Manning or Mrs. Thompson for more information about this scholarship.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award recognizes students who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. These prestigious awards are presented annually on the local, state, and national level. If you would like to apply, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Applications are due November 3.

The Hagan Scholarship is worth up to \$40,000. Scholarships are intended for high achieving students who will require financial assistance in order to attend college. Visit www.hsfmo.org. Deadline is November 15.

Iowa Student Loan will award thirty Iowa high school seniors \$2,000 for college through the Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship, open Nov. 2, 2015, through March 4, 2016. All students have to do is register, complete two online financial literacy tools and a related assessment. For more information, contact: **Senior Scholarship and Curriculum Guides** -Julie Cahalan(800) 243-7552, ext. 7226, jcahalan@studentloan.org

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation offers a reward to high school seniors who operate their own small businesses. For more information, visit www.NFIB.com/YEA. Deadline is December 18.

The University of Missouri offers several scholarships each year. To automatically be considered for some of their scholarships, all you have to do is apply there by December 15. For more information, visit admissions.missouri.edu.

Drake University offers a physics examination that can lead to large scholarships to Drake. If you are interested in taking the exam, visit <http://tinyurl.com/DrakePhysicsPrizeStudent2016>. Registration deadline is

January 25.

The United States JCI Senate Foundation offers several \$1000 scholarships. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is January 15.

The University of Northern Iowa offers several scholarships to admitted students. If you are even just considering UNI, keep in mind that the scholarship application deadline is January 15.

Grand Lodge of Iowa offers about 60 \$2000 scholarships. Visit www.grandlodgeofiowa.com for an application form. Deadline is February 1.

Iowa Newspaper Foundation offers scholarships to students preparing for a newspaper career. Visit www.INAnews.com for more information. Deadline is February 12.

Mediacom World Class Scholars Scholarship Program offers 55 \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships to seniors. For more information and for an application, visit www.mediacomworldclass.com. Deadline is February 15.

Grand Lodge of Iowa offers several scholarships through their **MCEC Technical Scholarship Program** to students who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. Visit www.grandlodgeofiowa.com. Deadline is March 1.

The Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship is an \$800 scholarship given by MidWestOne Bank. Eligibility requirements include being of the Protestant faith, a resident of Iowa, and planning to attend The University of Iowa full-time. For an application, please see Mrs. Manning. Deadline is May 2.

Other News

A college fair will be held at William Penn University in Oskaloosa on Wednesday, October 28th, 9-10:30am. Attending a college fair is a great opportunity for students to explore and ask questions of many different colleges at one event. We are offering this opportunity for Pella HS students who are interested as it will benefit their future post-secondary planning. There will also be hard copy forms available in the main office for students to pick up.

Distinguished Young Women of Iowa is a leadership program that inspires young women to develop their full potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a showcase of their accomplishments. Thousands of dollars in scholarships will be awarded. This year's program is offered in Coralville, Iowa, from March 2-4. Sign up at www.DistinguishedYW.org/Participate; deadline is December 1.

Keep our Distinguished Service Program in mind this year. If you volunteer 50 hours of service, you will be acknowledged at Senior Awards Night and at graduation with a special cord. Last year, we had over 50 seniors earn cords. Many of you are already volunteering in a way that would count toward this recognition. Stop by the guidance office if you have questions about whether a certain type of service counts or if you have questions about how to log your hours. Also, if you are looking for a place to volunteer, we have suggestions for you!

Many of you will be asked to fill out the Common Application when applying to college. For more information and tips, visit <http://blog.commonapp.org/2014/07/28/prospectiveapplicants/>.

If you are interested in purchasing an online ACT and/or SAT study guide to help prepare for either test, visit <http://www.eknowledge.com/NFHS> for discounted access.

ACT Dates

Test Date:

October 24, 2015
December 12, 2015
February 6, 2015
April 9, 2015
June 11, 2015

Registration Due

September 18, 2015
November 6, 2015
January 8, 2015
March 4, 2015
May 6, 2015

To register, go to: www.actstudent.org. High school code is 163490.

SAT Dates

Test Date:

October 3, 2015
November 7, 2015
December 5, , 2015
January 23, 2015
March 5, 2015
May 7, 2015
June 4, 2015

Registration Due:

September 3, 2015
October 9, 2014
November 5, 2014
December 28, 2014
February 5, 2015
April 8, 2015
May 5, 2015

To register, go to: www.sat.collegeboard.com.