



College Visits

AT PELLA HS:

A representative from Dollars for Scholars will be here to talk to seniors on Tuesday, January 26, during 5th period. All seniors should go to the auditorium during 5th period; you will eat third lunch that day. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions about the application process!

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT:

February 20: St. Ambrose - Teacher Education Day (for students considering becoming educators.)
Call admissions for more information: 800.383.2627.

Scholarships

The Des Moines Chapter of the Mothers of Multiples organization is sponsoring one \$500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year for Iowa's multiple birth students pursuing enrollment or currently enrolled in a college, university, trade or vocational school. Information can be found on our web site www.dmmom.com and on the attached documents. Any questions can be directed to dmmom.scholarship@gmail.com.

Iowa Wesleyan University is offering a 20 percent tuition reduction and full housing scholarships. Call 800.582.2383 for more information.

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

The Ronald McDonald House Charities has a U.S. Scholarship Program that gives scholarships to students who are exemplary role models in their communities and who have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals. Apply at www.rmhc.org. Deadline is January 20.

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.

Iowa Student Scholar Athletes is offering a \$500.00 scholarship for a worthy senior male and female. Qualifications for this scholarship are defined in this form: [**IHSADA STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP**](#). The Iowa scholarship winners move on to a Section IV competition and potentially to the NIAAA National Scholarship, which is worth \$2500.00. Deadline is January 31, 2016. Please submit your scholarship applications to Brent Cook of Dubuque Senior High School. Brent's contact information is listed below:

Brent Cook, CMAA

NIAAA Liaison

Dubuque Senior High School

1800 Clarke Street Dubuque, IA 52001

School phone - 563-552-5522

Email is bcook@dbqschools.org

Iowa State University's Hixon Opportunity Award is a half-tuition scholarship offered annually to 100 Iowa students. The primary consideration for this award is financial need as determined by the FAFSA. Visit www.hixson.dso.iastate.edu for an application. Deadline is February 1.

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

The Hy-Vee Foundation will award 80 scholarships in Spring 2016; 40 will go to high school seniors and 40 will go to college students. Application forms, along with program guidelines, can be accessed [here](#). Deadline is February 10.

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.

The Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) scholarship is given to students pursuing programs of study in any field of conservation or agriculture. Visit <http://cdiowa.org/conservation-districts-of-iowa/programs/public-education-acknowledgment/scholarships> for an application. Deadline is February 26.

The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program gives up to \$100,000 in scholarships to students planning to major in a specified course of study focused on engineering, technology or design, with an interest in the automotive industry. Visit www.buickachievers.com for more information. Deadline is February 29.

The IT Leadership Forum Technology Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to Iowa high school seniors who have been involved in STEM classes or clubs and plan to pursue a technology-related degree at an Iowa college, university or community college. For an application, visit <https://goo.gl/VRZr1f>. Deadline is March 1.

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 Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education offers a \$2000 scholarship for students interested in pursuing careers in the automotive industry. Please see Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is March 1.

Simpson College offers several scholarships for their students. If you are considering Simpson, check

out their scholarships on the following site: www.simpson.edu/carver-bridge-scholars. Deadline is March 1.

Iowa State's H.S. Ostlin Memorial Scholarship is intended for students wanting to pursue a career in engineering. To apply, visit <http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/scholarships>. Click on the Office of Student Financial Aid Scholarships box, then 'freshman', and then 'apply here.' Deadline is March 1.

The DMACC Foundation is once again offering a scholarship that is only for High School Seniors who are graduating this Spring/2016 and plan on attending any of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) locations this Fall/2016 semester. To access this application, students need to go to: <https://www.dmacc.edu/foundation/Pages/application.aspx> and click on "Apply Now". Application deadline is Friday, March 4th at 4 p.m.

Iowa Student Loan will award 30 Iowa high school seniors each \$2000 for their Fall 2016 college expenses. Go to www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship to register and read the complete scholarship rules. Deadline is March 4.

The First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC) is an educational, non-profit group for gay, bisexual and transgender men. Every year the FFBC offers \$3000 scholarships to Iowa high school seniors who have demonstrated leadership in efforts to increase education and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues and reduce homophobia in their schools and/or communities. Scholarships are awarded without regard to gender, race, religion, creed, marital, or employment status or gender/sexual orientation. Visit www.ffbcIowa.org for an application. Deadline is March 15.

The University of Iowa offers the ACACIA Leadership scholarship to males planning to attend The University of Iowa in the Fall of 2016. For an application, visit www.uiacacia.com/scholarship. Deadline is March 30.

Key Cooperative Electric offers 12, \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors whose parent or guardian is a Class A or B member of Key Cooperative. Students must pursue a major of study in one of the following fields: agricultural or ag-business field, animal science, communications, information systems, accounting, auto/truck repair, carpentry or masonry construction. Visit www.keycoop.com under ABOUT – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. Application deadline is March 31, 2016.

The Des Moines Officials Association Scholarship is a \$500 award for one male and one female participant. Applicants must have participated in football or basketball during their senior year, exhibit leadership and good sportsmanship, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is March 31.

The Sarah Braun Scholarship is a \$1000.00 award given to a high school graduating senior from the COC Service Area: Pella, Knoxville, Oskaloosa, and Indianola. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is Friday, April 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.

Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to students who are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college.

Interested students can visit www.fashion-schools.org. Deadline is June 1.

Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to students who are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Visit <http://www.animationcareerreview.com/>. Deadline is June 1.

Nursing Schools Almanac has just launched its second annual Aspiring Nurse Scholarship. Interested students should visit www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com and click the banner on the right-hand side of the website's homepage. Deadline is June 30.

Other News

Pella Dollars for Scholars: Over \$90,000 in scholarships will be given this year to local Pella High School seniors through Pella Dollars for Scholars, thanks to the generous donations from many area donors! This year the application period will be from January 1 - February 28. Pella Dollars for Scholars will be holding orientation sessions for students and parents in January. Watch for details to come.

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:

February 6, 2015
April 9, 2015
June 11, 2015

Registration Due

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:

December 5, , 2015
January 23, 2015
March 5, 2015
May 7, 2015
June 4, 2015

Registration Due:

November 5, 2014
December 28, 2014
February 5, 2015
April 8, 2015
May 5, 2015

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