



College Visits

AT PELLA HS:

Indian Hills Community College - February 5, 9:00

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT:

Kirkwood Community College - January 31 and February 6, 20, 27, and 28

DMACC Ankeny Campus - February 6 and 7, 10:00 AM - 1:00

Iowa Central Community College - February 7; register at www.iowacentral.edu/admission/SDV/asp

DMACC Ankeny Campus - February 13: Discover Creative Technologies Day; February 27: Discover Automotive and Diesel Day; April 2: Discover Engineering Day; April 8: Discover Education Day; April 14: Discover Health Care Day

Augustana - February 13 (visit augie.edu/myvisit)

Scholarships

If you are planning to go to cosmetology school, please see Mrs. Manning for information on several scholarship opportunities!

Conservation Districts of Iowa is partnering with local soil and water conservation districts (SWCD) to foster the higher education endeavors of Iowa students interested in conservation and agriculture by offering scholarships. Iowa High School Class of 2015 Students pursuing programs of study in any field of conservation or agriculture qualifies for the Conservation Scholarship. The application is available at www.cdiowa.org. Deadline is January 30. Please return applications to, the Marion County SWCD office at 1445 Lake Drive Knoxville, IA 50138.

Iowa ACAC A will award a \$1,000 Access Scholarship to one high school senior whose high school and chosen college are members of Iowa ACAC. To find out if your high school is a member of Iowa ACAC, please contact us at info@iowaacac.org. [Download an informational flyer.](#) The scholarship application is found at the Iowa ACAC web site: <http://www.iowaacac.org/>

Simpson College has group on campus called Culver Fellows who are dedicated to encouraging civic engagement and public service. Each year, five incoming freshmen with a passion for politics, history, debate or public service will be selected as Culver Fellows and awarded a renewable scholarship of at least \$14,000. If you want to learn more, contact Seth Andersen at seth.andersen@simpson.edu.

The Des Moines Officials Association will be sponsoring scholarships as means of being proactive in the support of high school students. Students who exhibit leadership and sportsmanship characteristics are encouraged to apply. Award: One - \$500 scholarships for one male participant and one \$500 scholarship for one female participant. Criteria: 1. Must be a senior at a high school within Polk, Dallas, Boone, Story, Jasper, Marion, Warren, or Madison counties. 2. Participate in football and/or basketball during their senior season. 3. Should exhibit characteristics of leadership in the classroom and community as well as for their teammates and exhibit good sportsmanship. The student-athlete should be a role model for all students in life and sports. Please see Mrs. Manning for more information.

The University of Iowa offers several scholarships to incoming freshman. If your parent, step-parent, legal guardian, or grandparent graduated from Iowa, you automatically qualify for the Iowa Heritage Award. Multiple scholarships are available for students with an ACT score of 25 or higher and a GPA of 3.2 or higher. If The University of Iowa is on your radar, visit www.admissions.uiowa.edu for more scholarship information.

United States JCI Senate Foundation Scholarship is a \$1,000 award given to graduating seniors. To apply, see Mrs. Manning.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville offers several significant scholarships to incoming freshman. If you are interested in learning more about what they offer and/or applying, visit www.siu.edu/alumni/awards. All scholarship applications are due January 30.

The College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha has a new program, the CBA Scholars Academy. Twenty students will be competitively selected for the Scholars Academy each year, with the first cohort admitted for fall 2015. All students in the program will receive at minimum a \$2,500 scholarship each academic year (for four years) and a one-time \$2,000 scholarship to study abroad; these scholarships are stackable with most other scholarships available through UNO and CBA. The application for the program is on their website - <http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-business-administration/scholars-academy/index.phpwebsite>; the priority deadline is December 15 and the final deadline is February 1.

AXA Achievement Community Scholarships of \$2,000 is offered to 375 students nationwide. Visit axa-achievement.com for more information. Deadline is February 1.

The Iowa Arts Council offers a \$1,500 scholarship to seniors who have shown outstanding ability in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, literature, theatre, traditional arts, or visual arts. Applications can be found at www.iowaartscouncil.org. Deadline is February 2.

Grand Lodge of Iowa is offering a \$2000 scholarship. In addition to academic record, communication skills, and need for financial assistance, school and community leadership are key criteria. Find an application form at www.grandlodgeofiowa.com and click on 'Scholarships of the Grand Lodge.' Deadline is February 2.

The Iowa Newspaper Foundation offers scholarships to students preparing for a newspaper career. Visit www.INAnews.com for more information. Deadline is February 13.

Iowa Student Loan will award 20 seniors each \$1,500. To compete for the scholarships, students must complete the Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge. To register, go to www.IowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship. Deadline is February 22.

The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program offers up to \$100,000 in scholarships each year. Qualified applicants include high school seniors and current undergraduates, U.S. military veterans and their dependents, those who plan to enroll full time at a four-year college or university in 2015-2016, and those who plan to major in a field focused on engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry. Visit buickachievers.com to apply. Deadline is February 27.

The NIAAA Student Athlete Scholarship recognizes the distinguished scholastic, leadership and sportsmanship attributes of high school student-athletes, and the importance of high school athletics in each student's life. Minimum requirements include the following:

- Applicant must achieved at least two (2) of the following: (a) minimum of B+ average; (b) ranked in the top 25% of class; (c) ACT score of 24
- Applicant must have participated in two sports for at least two years in each sport
- Applicant must have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports
- Applicant must complete attached scholar application
- Applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the high school athletic administrator/director
- School athletic administrator/director must be an NIAAA member and a member of their respective state athletic administrators association
- The principal or athletic administrator/director must sign the application to ensure that the academic information submitted is accurate

- All materials must be received by Brent Cook (Iowa NIAAA Liaison) no later than February 28, 2015. Please email or mail all materials to the following: brentcook@dbqschools.org or **Brent Cook, Dubuque Senior High School, 1800 Clarke Drive, Dubuque, IA 52001**

Mount Mercy University offers Special Talent Scholarships in the areas of Art & Design, Music, Theatre, and Writing. To apply, you must already be admitted at Mount Mercy. Deadline is March 1.

The H.S. Ostlin Memorial Scholarship through Iowa State is a \$1000 award, renewable for three years, based on academic excellence, and preference is given to students intending to pursue a career in engineering. To apply, visit <http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/scholarships/>. Click on 'Office of Student Financial Aid Scholarships', click 'freshman', and then click 'Apply Here.' Deadline is March 1.

ICAN Outstanding Student Scholarship Honoring Steve Loven is a \$500 scholarship given to students attending a two or four year college who have shown interest in exploring post high school career options while in high school. Visit www.ICANsucceed.org/icanscholarship to apply. Deadline is March 1.

Grand Lodge of Iowa offers the MCEC Technical Scholarships for seniors who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. Application forms are available at www.grandlodgeofiowa.com. Under the 'Grand Lodge' tab on the front-page, click on 'Awards & Applications' then on 'MCEC Scholarship Form in PDF'. Deadline is March 2.

Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education will award up to 15 scholarships of \$2000 each to students pursuing a career in the automotive industry or a related field. For an application, see Mrs. Manning. Deadline is March 2.

DMACC Foundation Scholarship is specifically for all high school seniors who will graduate this Spring and will be attending Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) for the Fall/2015 semester. The web link for this scholarship application is: <https://go.dmacc.edu/foundation/Pages/district-wide-scholarship.aspx>. Deadline is March 6.

First Friday Breakfast Club Scholarships are worth up to \$3000. Eligible recipients must demonstrate significant efforts in educating their schools and/or communities on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues, promoting LGBT acceptance, and reducing homophobia. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is March 15.

Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship Program awards up to five \$1000 scholarships to students pursuing courses of study for careers as an electrical technician, electrical engineer and other engineer disciplines, mathematics, science, and energy management profession. Students must reside in one of Missouri River Energy Services' municipal utilities service areas to qualify. The application is available online at <http://www.mrenergy.com>. Deadline is March 15.

Iowa State University offers the ACACIA Leadership Scholarship to students who have demonstrated their ability to excel in the fields of academics, extra-curricular school activities, and community involvement. Up to 15 \$1000 scholarships will be given. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is March 16.

The Mary Evers Scholarship is given through the Pella Hospital Auxiliary. These scholarships are intended for aspiring, serious pre-professionals whose goals align with those of Mary Evers who longed to serve others through nursing. Applications can be secured on line from www.pella.health.org. Deadline is March 25.

Lighthouse Guild offers an annual \$10,000 scholarship to students who are legally blind. To apply online, visit lighthouseguild.org/scholarships. Deadline is March 31st.

The Key Cooperative Community Scholarship Program recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of high school seniors graduating from schools in communities where Key Cooperative has a presence. Twelve high school seniors will receive non-renewable scholarships of \$1,000 each. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, or national origin. The Key Cooperative community scholarship application is available on the Key Cooperative website, www.keycoop.com,

or by contacting your local Key Cooperative office by e-mail or telephone. All completed applications should be returned to: Key Cooperative, Attn: Amy Van Weelden, PO Box 250, Sully, IA 50251. Deadline is April 3.

The Sarah M. Braun Memorial Scholarship is a annual scholarship of \$1000. Selection criteria is based on academic achievements, extra curricular activities, community involvement, and personal character and personality. For an application, see Mrs. Manning. Deadline is April 10.

The Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship through MidWestOne Bank is an \$800.00 annual award. To be eligible, students must plan to be a full-time student at The University of Iowa, an Iowa resident, and of the Protestant faith. For an application, see Mrs. Manning. Deadline is May 1.

KNIA/KRLS Radio offers a \$250 Business and Broadcasting Scholarship to a senior pursuing a business or communications degree at a two year or four year college. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is May 4.

Mount Mercy University offers the Catherine McAuley Scholarship Program, which provides free tuition to Iowa students whose family income is \$45,000 or less annually. There is no absolute deadline, but students are encouraged to apply to Mount Mercy no later than June 1.

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 this link <http://www.fashion-schools.org/> and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page and click on it. Deadline is June 1.

Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program is awarding a scholarship for AnimationCareerReview.com. High school seniors have the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship. This will be 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/> to find eligibility information along with the online application. The scholarship will be on the right side of the page and click on it. Deadline is June 1.

Other News

If you are not planning on attending college next year, you might want to consider an apprenticeship at Des Moines Electrical. Apprentices earn over \$190,000 in their five years before becoming a journeyman. New journeymen make over \$33.00 an hour. For more information, visit www.dmelejatc.org.

Indian Hills Community College offers nearly 200 scholarships available through their Foundation. These scholarships provide awards ranging from \$600 to coverage for tuition, books, fees, and supplies. By completing the online application available at www.indianhills.edu/scholarshipapp, students may be considered for all scholarships offered through the Indian Hills Foundation.

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) at Iowa State University has created an online scholarship application called FinAidScholar. The FinAidScholar application is a single application for all scholarships administered through the OSFA.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Here are the steps that your students need to complete to be considered for OSFA awards:

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 and click on Apply HERE!
5. Select the Freshman Application
6. Click on “Apply Here”
7. Complete the application by 1 March
8. 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.

If you are interested in studying abroad, visit: <http://www.spiabroad.com/program-overview/fundraising-scholarships/> for more information and for scholarship opportunities.

Buena Vista University is hosting it’s annual Cultural Leadership Conference from April 16-19. If you would like to represent our student body, apply online by visiting www.bvu.edu/clc.

The University of Wisconsin Platteville offers a discounted tuition rate for students from Iowa. Students can save approximately \$4,000 on out-of-state tuition. Arrange a visit online at www.uwplatt.edu/admission/visit.

DMACC offers several Career Discovery Days throughout the year. Visit www.dmacc.edu/CareerDiscovery to see if any of the days are of interest to you and to register.

Coe College offers several “Showcase” Days for seniors, including Biology, Business Administration and Economics, Chemistry, Education, English, Fine Arts, Mathematics, Nursing, Physics and Pre-Engineering, Pre-Health, Pre-Law, and Psychology. To attend one of these days, register at www.coe.edu/showcase_registration.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program 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>.

Keep our Distinguished Service Program in mind this year. If you volunteer 25 hours of service, you will be acknowledged at Senior Awards Night and at graduation with a special cord. 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 7, 2015
April 18, 2015
June 13, 2015

Registration Due

January 9, 2015
March 13, 2015
May 8, 2015

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

SAT Dates**Test Date:**

January 24, 2015
March 14, 2015
May 2, 2015
June 6, 2015

Registration Due:

December 29, 2014
February 13, 2014
April 6, 2014
May 8, 2015

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