



## **College Visits**

### **AT PELLA HS:**

December 2:

ZAPS ACT prep - 6:30

Financial Aid Night - 7:00 PM in the High School auditorium

December 3:

ZAPS ACT prep - 6:30

### **COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT:**

## **Scholarships**

**Mount Mercy University's Catherine McAuley Scholarship Program** provides four-year free tuition to Iowa students whose family income is \$45,000 or less annually. Visit [www.mtmercy.edu/free-tuition](http://www.mtmercy.edu/free-tuition) for more information.

You can learn about several national scholarships if you go to [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) or [ScholarshipAmerica.org](http://ScholarshipAmerica.org). Some of these scholarships are currently open and have deadlines approaching soon, so act quickly!

**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](http://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](mailto:scholarships@iastate.edu) or call 515.294.5627.

**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.

**Points Scholarship** is a \$10,000 award. See their description below:

Student Eligibility:

- A) Be at least 13 years old and enrolled or will enroll in a college or university in the US.
- B) Be a legal resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico.

[http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship\\_points\\_scholarships\\_8953.php?&utm\\_source=newsletter01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=201510&utm\\_content=01109129fa91fadb2b2429eb491a151](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_points_scholarships_8953.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201510&utm_content=01109129fa91fadb2b2429eb491a151) Deadline is November 3.

**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](mailto:jcahalan@studentloan.org)

**Good360 Sustainability Scholarship** is a \$1,000 award. Please see their description below:

Student Eligibility: We want to hear how sustainability has touched your life. If you're a high school senior applying to college, or you're currently a college student, and you have an interest in sustainability and the environment, then we'd love to hear your thoughts on what sustainability means to you. Thus, we're sponsoring a college scholarship with an award of \$1,000 to go towards tuition. Applications can be found by going to:

[http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship\\_good360\\_sustainability\\_scholarship\\_8951.php?&utm\\_source=newsletter01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=201510&utm\\_content=01109129fa91fadb2b2429eb491a151](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_good360_sustainability_scholarship_8951.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201510&utm_content=01109129fa91fadb2b2429eb491a151) Deadline is November 30.

**University of Northern Iowa Math Day Scholarship** competition will be held on December 8. To be eligible, students should complete the online application at [www.uni.edu/finaid/scholarship](http://www.uni.edu/finaid/scholarship). Click on 'UNI Scholarship Application.' To make a reservation to attend, contact UNI at 319.273.2631 before December 1.

**Flosum Scholarship** is a \$750 award. Please see their description below:

Student Eligibility:

1. The applicants must be enrolled in an accredited 4-year university or college located in United States
2. Graduating high school seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or above are also eligible to apply for the scholarship

Applications can be found by going to:

[http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship\\_flosum\\_scholarship\\_8952.php?&utm\\_source=newsletter01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=201510&utm\\_content=01109129ffa91fcdb2b2429eb491a151](http://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarship_flosum_scholarship_8952.php?&utm_source=newsletter01&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=201510&utm_content=01109129ffa91fcdb2b2429eb491a151)

Deadline is December 15.

**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](http://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](http://admissions.missouri.edu).

**GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program** annually rewards up to 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships (up to \$40,000 per recipient). For an application, visit [reaganfoundation.org](http://reaganfoundation.org). Deadline is January 7.

**The Star Student Scholarship of Iowa** is a \$2000 scholarship given to a special education graduating senior student who will continue his/her education at a college or university. Get an application at <http://www.claimaid.com/iowa-scholarships/>. Deadline is January 15.

**The Special Education Teacher Scholarship** of Iowa is a \$2000 scholarship given to a graduating senior student who will continue his/her education at a college or university and is planning to study Education, specifically Special Education. Get an application at <http://www.claimaid.com/iowa-scholarships/>. Deadline is January 15.

**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.

**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](http://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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.mediacomworldclass.com). Deadline is February 15.

**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](http://www.grandlodgeofiowa.com). 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.

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

**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](http://www.uiacacia.com/scholarship). Deadline is March 30.

**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](http://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](http://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.

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](http://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:**

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](http://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](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com).