



## **College Visits**

**AT PELLA HS:**

**COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT:**

## **Scholarships**

**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)

**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 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](mailto: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](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.

**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](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.

**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](http://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.

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

**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](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.

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).