



## **College Visits**

### **AT PELLA HS:**

#### **COLLEGE CAMPUS VISIT:**

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

February 26: DMACC - Creative Technologies Day. Register at [www.demacc.edu/careerdiscovery](http://www.demacc.edu/careerdiscovery).

## **Scholarships**

**Iowa State University** is seeking applicants for new freshman scholarships, funded by Frank Ferguson. \$14,000 in scholarships will be awarded, including two \$2,000 scholarships, to freshman majoring in Performing Arts at Iowa State. A scholarship audition/interview day will be held at Fisher Theater on the Iowa State Campus on Saturday, March 19. For more information, visit <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/152fb3ffcbc0f38?projector=1>.

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

**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](http://www.buickachievers.com) for more information. Deadline is February 29.

**ICAN Outstanding Student Scholarship Honoring Steve Loven** is designed to recognize students who will be attending a two- or four-year institution in Iowa and have worked to prepare for their post-high school endeavors through career and college readiness programs with both their school counselor and the Iowa College Access Network. Two \$250 one-time scholarships:

- Iowa high school seniors graduating in 2016
- Attending a two- or four-year institution in Iowa beginning in Fall 2016.
- Due March 1, 2016
- To submit an application visit [www.ICANSucceed.org/icanscholarship](http://www.ICANSucceed.org/icanscholarship).

**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.

**The Marion County Cattlemen's Association** offers two scholarships.

- Bob Nichols Memorial Scholarship
  - Have intentions to attend an institution of higher education (Associates or Bachelors program) with a major or emphasis in an agricultural field.
- Marion County Cattlemen Scholarship
  - Have intentions to attend an institution of higher education (Associates or Bachelors program).
  - Applicant's family must have been a member of the Marion County Cattlemen for the previous three years (2014, 2015 and 2016).

See Mrs. Manning for applications. Deadline is March 15.

**Indian Hills Community College Foundation Scholarship** can be found by either searching the IHCC website for the scholarship application or by visiting this link: <https://goo.gl/OwfgN9>. Priority Deadline to apply for a Foundation Scholarship is March 3, 2016 with the final deadline of June 2, 2016.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

**Van Veen - Van Hemert American Legion Post 89 Scholarship** is a \$1000 award given to two students who are children/grandchildren of current members of an American Legion Post. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is March 31.

**Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Volunteer Award** is a \$1000 scholarship based on volunteer commitment and academic achievements. Applications are available through your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate website or at [scholarshipamerica.org/open\\_scholarships.php](http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php). Our affiliate contact is Fred Koogler at [PellaDFS@gmail.com](mailto:PellaDFS@gmail.com). Deadline is March 31.

**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](http://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.

**Marshalltown Community College** offers a full-scholarship for up to 16 hours of credit per semester, or right around \$6,000 for the year. The main criteria is for the student to have a family member who served in the US Military. 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.

**KNIA/KRLS Business to Business and Broadcasting Scholarship** is a \$300 award given to student planning to pursue a business or communication degree. See Mrs. Manning for an application. Deadline is May 6.

**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.

Seniors, to earn a Distinguished Service Cord for graduation, you need to volunteer 50 hours. So far, ten seniors have completed their hours and will be receiving a cord to wear at graduation. The last day you can turn in hours is Monday, May 9, 2016.

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:**

April 9, 2015  
June 11, 2015

**Registration Due**

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:**

March 5, 2015

May 7, 2015

June 4, 2015

To register, go to: [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com).

**Registration Due:**

February 5, 2015

April 8, 2015

May 5, 2015