

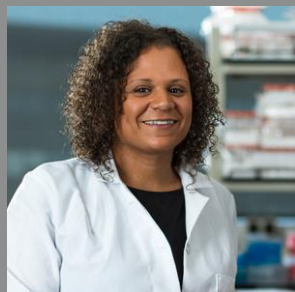
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Countdown to College  
2023-2024**



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# Agenda

- Overview of the Countdown to College Program
- Applying to Iowa State University
- Costs of Attending College at Iowa State
- Housing and Dining Options
- Finding & Applying for Scholarships
- FAFSA



# COLLEGE

**SESSION FIVE: SENIOR OJ**

**For: Scholars & Family welcome**

**SESSION FOUR: AWARD LETTER REVIEW**

**For: Family and Scholars**

**SESSION THREE: PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

**For: Scholar & Family welcome**

**SESSION TWO:**

PERSONAL STATEMENT PREP

SHADOW DAY PREP

FAFSA

SCHOLARSHIPS

**For: Scholars & Family welcome**

**SESSION ONE:**

OVERVIEW OF COUNTDOWN

APPLYING TO IOWA STATE

COST OF ATTENDING

HOUSING & SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA

**For: Family & Scholars**

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR**

**What are the steps **YOU** need to take  
to go to college?**



**Ongoing Items:**

1. Choosing/exploring your major
2. Applying to scholarships – watch deadlines!
3. Checking your email, keeping phone and address up to date
4. Preparing for OJs and personal statements



# Countdown to Iowa State

- **Assignment due September 30th**
  - Identify 5 scholarships
  - Research 3 on-campus housing options
  - Review resources on C2C website





What do you think  
the value of a college  
education is?

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# Budgeting Activity

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**Group 1:** You have \$800.00 per month to spend

**Group 2:** You have \$1600.00 per month to spend

- Rent
- Utilities
- Entertainment
- Food
- Hygiene
- Supplies
- Shopping
- Transportation
- Other Expenses





# The value of a college education

- College degree opens a world of career, employment, socio-economic opportunities that rarely exist without a degree.
- People who earn a college degree make \$1million more than those who do not earn a college degree
- Studies have also shown that as the level of education increases, so does job satisfaction.





# The value of a college education: Why a **STEM** degree

- Opportunity to contribute to and be apart of cutting-edge innovation
- STEM-savvy citizens
- STEM workers earn 26% more than non-STEM workers
- STEM degree holders earn more (even if they don't work in a STEM field)
- STEM degree holders are less likely to be unemployed

Source: US Department of Commerce, ESA Issue Brief #03-11, July 2011





# The value of a college education: Why a **STEM** degree

- Over the past 10 years, STEM jobs have grown 3 times faster than non-STEM jobs
- STEM jobs are projected to grow by 17% from 2008-2018, compared to 9.8% for non-STEM occupations



# COST OF ATTENDANCE

- **Tuition** (courses—covered by Science Bound!)
- **Fees** (CyRide, health facility, printing, rec facilities, student clubs & organizations)
- **Housing and meals** (rent, food - on- or off-campus; estimated)
- **Books and supplies** (estimated)
- **Personal expenses** (shampoo, toothpaste, daily essentials, coffee, estimated)





# IOWA STATE ESTIMATED EXPENSES (2023-24)

	Iowa Resident
Tuition	\$8,962
Fees	\$1,535
Housing & Meals	\$9,726
Books & Supplies	\$1,091
<b>Billable Costs</b>	<b>\$21,314 per year</b>
Personal Expenses	\$2,430
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$24,204 per year</b>



# WHAT YOU COULD PAY ESTIMATED (2023-24)

	Iowa Resident
Tuition	-\$8,678 (SB Scholarship)
Fees	\$996
Housing & Meals	\$9,358
Books & Supplies	\$1,000
<b>Billable Costs</b>	<b>\$11,990 per year</b>
Personal Expenses	\$2,430
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$14,420 per year</b>



# Helpful tips in choosing housing:

- Review options at [housing.iastate.edu/places](https://housing.iastate.edu/places)
- Typically **suites** in Union Drive and Buchanan Hall are the most **expensive**
- Students living in **Wallace or Wilson** (Towers Neighborhood) **do not have to have a meal plan**, but access to kitchens is limited
- Traditional buildings with **no A/C is least expensive**: Friley, Helser, Oak, Elm, Birch Welch Roberts, Willow, Wallace , Wilson

# Virtual Tours

- [Willow/Larch](#)
- [Eaton](#)
- [Helser](#)

# Residence Halls

**RICHARDSON COURT - located East of the Memorial Union - all halls closed winter break**

Hall	Style	AC	Doubles	Triples	Singles	DAS	Notes
<b>Barton</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	\$6,935	
<b>Birch</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	\$6,935	all-male building
<b>Freeman</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	\$6,935	<b>Spectrum House</b> (4th floor) is gender-inclusive
<b>Larch</b>	Traditional	Yes	\$4,874	--	--	\$7,063	
<b>Lyon</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	\$6,935	
<b>Maple</b>	Traditional	Yes	\$5,472	\$5,742	--	--	
<b>Roberts</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	\$6,935	all-male building
<b>Welch</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	\$6,935	all-male building
<b>Willow</b>	Traditional	Yes	\$4,784	--	--	\$7,063	

**SOUTH CAMPUS - located South of the Memorial Union - all halls open winter break**

Hall	Style	A/C	Singles	XL Singles	Doubles	DAS	Notes
<b>Buchanan</b>	Suites	Yes	\$7,119	--	\$6,190	--	
<b>Geoffroy</b>	Traditional	Yes	--	--	\$6,344	\$9,199	
<b>Wallace</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,500	\$4,815	--	--	No meal plan required; all single rooms
<b>Wilson</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,500	--	\$4,050	\$5,625	No meal plan required

**UNION DRIVE - located West of the Memorial Union - all halls closed winter break**

Hall	Style	A/C	Doubles	Triples	Singles	DAS	Notes
<b>Eaton</b>	Suites	Yes	\$6,537	--	--	--	Substance free
<b>Friley</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	\$6,218	--	Some houses are substance free
<b>Friley</b>	Traditional	Yes	\$4,847	--	--	--	Some houses are substance free
<b>Helser</b>	Traditional	No	\$4,783	--	--	\$6,935	
<b>Martin</b>	Suites	Yes	\$6,537	--	\$7,518	--	\$7,459=corner suites, \$8,513=loft (2-level) suites



# Iowa State Meal Plans

## Cardinal (Default Plan)

- Anytime access to Friley Windows, Union Drive Marketplace, and Seasons dining centers
- GET & GO– 2 meals per day (2 locations to choose from first-floor UDCC and Conversations in Oak-Elm)
- \$250 Dining Dollars per semester / \$500 per year
- 5 Guest Meals per academic year
- \$2432 per semester / \$4864 per year

## Gold Plan

- 210 meals per semester with access to Friley Windows, Union Drive Marketplace, and Seasons dining centers
- GET & GO– 2 meals per day (2 locations to choose from first-floor UDCC and Conversations in Oak-Elm)
- \$250 Dining Dollars per semester / \$500 per year
- \$2285 per semester / \$4570 per year

**\*Meal plan required for on campus housing except for Linden, Wallace or Wilson Hall (2023-2024)**

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# Where to begin

## ➤ HOW TO BEGIN?

- Talk about college financing and create a plan to pay for college, identifying how much each family member will be contributing.
- Remember that high academic performance, strong leadership experience, and volunteering experience can help make you a strong applicant for scholarships.

**➤ WHAT IS YOUR STRATEGY?**

# ISU OneApp

- Opened September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- ISU Scholarship Portal allowing students to apply for multiple scholarships in one system

<https://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/scholarships/>

The logo for ISU OneApp features the word "One" in yellow, a large red number "1" in the center, and the word "App" in red. The entire logo is set against a white rectangular background.

One1App



# Scholarships/Grants

- **College/department/other ISU scholarships**
  - Most require an additional application
- **University and federal grants**
  - Based upon FAFSA filed by **January 2**



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## COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

MEETINGS & INFORMATION   SCHOLARSHIPS   RESOURCES   VIDEOS



Welcome

[APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO ISU](#)

This website is for the Science Bound Program  
Countdown to College

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Phone (local): 515-294-1300

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# WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- File by deadline at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)
- Federal & school-specific aid





# WHAT IF I HAVE TO TAKE OUT STUDENT LOANS?

## FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

- File the FAFSA
- Eligible for up to \$5,500 as a first-year student
- Loan amount increases with grade level in school

## FEDERAL PARENT LOAN

- Separate credit-based application after the FAFSA is filed

## PRIVATE LOANS

- Credit-based application through a bank or credit union
- Students must have a cosigner
- Interest rate and terms vary by lender



# Looking Forward:

## **Scholarships: Writing Workshop, 9/30**

- Learn how to write appropriate essays & personal statements for scholarships and college applications
- Write introduction paragraph
- Complete a draft for scholarship application

## **C2C Meeting #2 – November**

- Scholarships
- FAFSA
- Personal Statements, Shadow Day, & Senior OJs

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**QUESTIONS?**