



Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship (INGSS)

HOW TO APPLY

Applications

Go to www.iowaCollegeAid.gov/iowaNationalGuard

- ▶ INGSS requires 2 applications: FAFSA and IFAA
- ▶ Complete and submit your FAFSA until you receive an email from the Department of Education confirming application was submitted successfully.
- ▶ Complete and submit your IFAA until you receive an email from Iowa College Aid confirming application was submitted successfully.

Deadlines

Both applications need to be successfully submitted by the following dates.

- ▶ 1 July: For the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters
- ▶ 1 December: For the upcoming Spring semester only

Automatic Late Application Exceptions

- ▶ Were you on Title 10 Federal Active Duty orders over either the 1 July or 1 December deadline i.e. MOB / IADT?
- ▶ If so, you have 30-days from completion of those Title 10 orders to submit both applications.
- ▶ If not, and you submit the applications after the deadline, you and your unit need to submit a late application Exception to Policy (ETP) packet.

Iowa College Aid Website



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right place.



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Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship

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- Iowa resident
- Member of an Iowa Army or Air National Guard unit for each term the member receives benefits
- Satisfactorily complete required Guard training
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- *Note: A qualified individual cannot receive an Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship award for more than 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent (effective July 1, 2015) of undergraduate study.*

Required Applications

[FAFSA](#)[IFAA](#)

Important Dates

October 1: Iowa Financial Aid Application and FAFSA will be available

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Select FAFSA

FAFSA

- ▶ Check out this video for info about the FAFSA and the resources available to help fill out this important application.

<https://youtu.be/LK0bbu0y5AM>

- ▶ Visit this link for more helpful tools to apply for FAFSA.

<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help>

★ **Make sure it's the correct school year!**

FAFSA... continued

Once you have submitted your FAFSA, ensure you have received an email from the Department of Education that states your application was successfully submitted.

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IFAA

Step 1




IowaCollegeAid.gov
Because College Changes Everything

 **ICAPS**
Iowa College Aid
Processing System

Eligibility Wizard: **Step 1**, Step 2, Step 3, Application, Confirmation

The Iowa Financial Aid Application provides Iowans with an opportunity to apply for scholarships, grants and loan repayment programs.

Please select the academic year in which you are applying for aid: 2021-2022 

Select the school year

Please select:

Select

☒ I am/will be an undergraduate/graduate college student seeking scholarships and grants. To learn more, [click here](#).

Select

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For assistance, please contact Iowa College Aid by phone at 877-272-4456, option 3, or by email at grants@iowacollegeaid.gov.

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Eligibility Wizard: Step 1, Step 2, Step 3, Application, Confirmation**High School Information**

Will you complete or have you completed: 

When did you or will you complete your diploma? (mm/yyyy)

Selected High School: **JOHNSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Search High Schools... by name: or by city:

Select your High School from the table below.

High School Name	City
<u>OUT-OF-STATE HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
<u>JOHNSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>JOHNSTON</u>

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)

IFAA

Step 2 continued



Select the
appropriate
answer
from the
drop down
options

Colleges and Universities

You can choose up to three colleges and universities, but you must choose at least one.

College 1: Allen College

College 2: Briar Cliff University

College 3: Buena Vista University

Are you a member of the Iowa National Guard? Yes

Are you currently in foster care; **OR** did you age out of foster care or Iowa's state training school at age 18; **OR** were you adopted from foster care after age 16? No

As of today, are you: Serving in military

Have you been enrolled in college before? Yes

Were you enrolled in any of the academic terms listed below? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Fall 2021
- ☐ Summer 2021
- ☐ Spring 2021
- ☐ Fall 2020
- ☐ Summer 2020
- ☐ Spring 2020
- ☐ Fall 2019
- ☒ Any term prior to Fall 2019

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Select

IFAA

Step 3

Ensure there is an “X”
besides INGSS.

Eligibility Wizard: Step 1, Step 2, **Step 3**, Application, Confirmation

Iowa Financial Aid Program Matches

Based on the information you have provided, you may qualify for the programs indicated with an “X”. To obtain information about the eligibility criteria for a program [click here](#).

Programs	Allen College	Briar Cliff University	Buena Vista University
Education & Training Voucher*			
All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship*			
Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship*			
Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship*	X	X	X
Future Ready Iowa Grant*	X	X	X
Iowa Tuition Grant^	X	X	X
Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant^			
Kibbie Grant^			
Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last Dollar Scholarship^			

^ These programs **only** require completion of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA).

* These programs require completion of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) **and** the Iowa Financial Aid Application (by clicking **Apply Now** below).

These programs are not available because the application deadline has passed.

Legal Disclaimer

By continuing on to the Application you acknowledge that:

- This Eligibility Wizard provides only an approximation of state financial aid eligibility (and even then, only if accurate data is entered into the Eligibility Wizard).
- Not all students will qualify for all of the aid that the Eligibility Wizard indicates may be available.
- If you will attend college during the 2021-2022 academic year and appear to be eligible to apply for a scholarship or grant that requires completion of an application, you will see an Apply Now button. You will need to complete the application in order to apply for any additional scholarship or grant programs.
- The Eligibility Wizard should not be used as the primary means of selecting a college or university.
- The Eligibility Wizard does not replace the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a complete financial aid award package provided by a college financial aid office.

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You may be eligible for other programs!
Depends on selections / schools in Step 2

Select

IFAA

Application



Complete
every field!

Use correct
information!

Eligibility Wizard: Step 1, Step 2, Step 3, **Application**, Confirmation

Personal Information

First Name Last Name Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Gender <Choose One> Ethnicity <Choose One> Social Security Number (SSN) Confirm SSN

Contact Information

Address City State Iowa

Phone Zip

Email Confirm Email

Authorization for Cell Phone Texting Alerts

☐ By checking the authorization box and including your cell phone number, you are authorizing Iowa College Aid staff to initiate text message reminders to you regarding upcoming college and financial aid application deadlines. If your cell phone plan charges you to receive text messages, you will bear the responsibility for the cost associated to receiving the text messages.

Email Disclosure

All notices regarding your eligibility will be sent by email. Communications will be sent to the email address listed on this application. Please note that although email is generally dependable, disruptions unique to the electronic world can occur which could prevent delivery. You may call or email the Iowa College Student Aid Commission at any time to check the status of your application. Thank you for supporting our efforts to conserve paper.

[Exit](#) [Save & Continue](#)

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Select

IFAA

Application continued

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Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship

National Guard Information

Branch <Choose One> ▼

Military Grade <Choose One> ▼

Unit Name <Choose One> ▼

Enrollment Status

Fall 2021 <Choose One> ▼

Spring 2022 <Choose One> ▼

Authorization & Release

Click the link to read the terms and conditions and then indicate if you agree or do not agree. Click Exit to return to the Iowa College Aid website, Skip to exit from this program application but remain in the Iowa Financial Aid Application, or Submit to apply for this program.

[Terms and Conditions](#)

Please check one of the following:

☒ I agree to the terms and conditions

☐ I do not agree and am not applying for NGEAP program at this time



Select the appropriate answer
from the drop down options

[Exit](#) [Skip](#) [Submit Application and Continue](#)

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Select

IFAA

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Future Ready Iowa Grant (FRG)

Colleges and Universities

Select the program that you intend to enroll in at the college or university that you selected.

College 1: Allen College Program:

College 2: Briar Cliff University Program:

College 3: Buena Vista University Program:

Certification

☒ I understand that I:

- Must enroll in an eligible program at an eligible institution
- Must have completed 1/2 the credits necessary to complete an eligible program (credits must be accepted by the college)
- Must attend orientation
- Must register for classes with an academic advisor
- Must create a graduation plan if required by the college
- Must participate in career advising sessions if required by the college
- Must maintain continuous enrollment

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Please check one of the following:

☒ I agree to the terms and conditions

☐ I do not agree and am not applying for FRG program at this time

[Exit](#) [Skip](#) [Submit Application and Continue](#)

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Select the
appropriate answer
from the drop down
options

Select

IFAA

Confirmation

Eligibility Wizard: Step 1, Step 2, Step 3, Application, **Confirmation**

Your Application

Name: John Doe

Tracking Code: 8LMZLN2LL9NN9PYM4MPWLL

You have successfully completed and submitted an application(s) for program(s) at the following school(s):

- Allen College
- Briar Cliff University
- Buena Vista University

The table below displays the program(s) for which you have submitted an application, and the corresponding date and time that each application was submitted. You will also receive individual emails verifying submission of an application for each program listed below.

Program	Status	Action
Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship	Submitted 04/14/2021 02:35 PM	Complete
Future Ready Iowa Grant	Submitted 04/14/2021 02:41 PM	Complete

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*****Also check for a confirmation email from Iowa College Aid*****

IFAA Help

If you need any assistance in completing your IFAA, please contact Iowa College Aid by phone at 877-272-4456, option 3, or by email at grants@iowacollegeaid.gov

INGSS Application Final Steps

- ▶ Ensure you have completed **BOTH** the FAFSA and IFAA.
- ▶ Ensure you submitted the FAFSA and IFAA for the correct school year.
- ▶ If one application was submitted by the deadline and one application was not submitted by the deadline, this is considered a **late application**.

INGSS Determination

For applications submitted by the 1 July deadline

- ▶ Fall semester eligibility review will be the first few weeks of July.

Email notifications will be sent to the email on the application, from Iowa College Aid, in mid-July.

- ▶ Spring semester eligibility review will be the first few weeks of December.

Email notifications will be sent to the email on the application, from Iowa College Aid, in mid-December.

For applications submitted 2 July – 1 December

- ▶ Spring semester eligibility review will be the first few weeks of December.

Email notifications will be sent to the email on the application, from Iowa College Aid, in mid-December.

**The determination email will state approval or disapproval.
If disapproval, the email will state the reason(s) of the disapproval.**

INGSS Questions

Want to stay updated on program changes to include current rates, policy changes, INGSS state law, the exception to policy process, etc..

- ▶ Start by bookmarking our website www.IowaNationalGuard.com/Education and select "Service Scholarship" on the left-hand navigation bar.
- ▶ Follow us on Facebook @IAARNGEducationIncentives



If you cannot find the answers at these locations, contact your unit first!

Iowa National Guard INGSS Contacts

Iowa Army National Guard

► Address:

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Johnston, Iowa 50131

► Main Line: 515-252-4468

► Email: ng.ia.iaarng.list.g1-education-services@mail.mil

Iowa Air National Guard

► Address:

Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center
7105 NW 70th Ave., BLDG A1, Rm 176
Johnston, Iowa 50131

► Main Line: 515-252-4555