



# NILES TOWNSHIP COLLEGE FAIR 2026

COLLEGE AND POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT

*Tuesday, March 17, 2026*

*6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*

Niles West High School  
5701 W. Oakton St.  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Pre-register for the fair at [www.strivefair.com](http://www.strivefair.com) or scan the QR/Snapchat Code:



March 2026

To: Students and Parents

From: Niles North and Niles West Counselors

Again, District 219 will host its annual College Fair at Niles West on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Representatives from approximately 175 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and provide information. Time spent preparing for the evening is essential to making the most of this opportunity. Enclosed is a packet of valuable guides to assist you in this preparation.

Before attending the fair, you and your student should do the following:

- Check out the tentative list of colleges that will be represented and the descriptions they provided.
- Develop a list of “must-see” colleges. Look beyond the familiar and find other institutions that meet your needs. DO NOT eliminate schools because you are not familiar with them. Go to our website at <https://west.niles219.org/about/school-offices/college-career-resource-center>. You will be able to learn more about the individual college.
- Review the comparison charts at the end of this booklet and modify them to meet your particular needs.
- Review requirements for state school admissions.
- Bring this packet with you to the College Fair. THE ENCLOSED MATERIALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THE 17<sup>th</sup>. Only an updated list of participating colleges and their location at the Fair will be available at the door that night.
- Pre-register for the fair at [strivefair.com](http://strivefair.com). Fill out the information and bring your barcode to the college fair. After the fair, you will receive a list of the colleges you spoke to and their contact information.

We look forward to seeing you on March 17 and hope you have a productive and enjoyable evening.

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**Augustana College****Rock Island****IL****Midwest****Small**

Coed of 2,500; 115-acre wooded campus located 2.5 - 3 hours west of Skokie in the Quad Cities (population 400,000). Largest programs are Biology, Business, and Education; popular programs in Speech Pathology, Music, Music Education, Pre-med, Pre-physical therapy, Pre-law, Asian Studies, and English. Excellent facilities for Fine Arts with a new theater arts performance space which opened fall of 2016. All students receive \$2,000 for Augie Choice to use towards study abroad, internship or research in junior or senior year. Average recalculated GPA 3.5; Average ACT range: 23-29; Average SAT: 1130-1380; Test Optional School.

**Aurora University****Aurora****IL****Chicago Area****Medium**

Co-Ed, 4,100 undergraduates, residential setting, 7 residence halls on campus. Strong liberal arts school with over 60 undergraduate majors offered. Most popular majors are Exercise Science/Athletic Training Masters (3+2), Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Social Work, Nursing, Education. New majors include Data Engineering, Health and Wellness, Healthcare Administration, Sport Management, pre-Speech Language Pathology, and pre-Nutrition. Our scholarships range from \$10,000 to \$19,000 for the 4 years a student is seeking their undergraduate degree. 4 club sports and 25 Division 3 athletic teams competing in the Northern Athletic Collegiate Conference. Admission requirements: GPA 2.5 or higher on 4.0 scale; ACT 19 or higher, 990 on the SAT or higher.

**Ball State University****Muncie****IN****Midwest****Large**

Ball State is a student-centered university committed to providing students with a creative and collaborative learning environment. We offer about 120 undergraduate degree programs and enroll approximately 20,000 students. Ball State is committed to a sense of community, from direct access to faculty members to our signature immersive learning projects that connect students of different disciplines with business and nonprofit partners. Our average class size is 25 students, and we boast a 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio, allowing students to build personal relationships with professors within their major. Many of our programs are nationally recognized, and with a 94% career placement rate, students who invest in a Ball State education reap the benefits of a degree that is highly valued by employers and peers. That's why the Princeton Review has named us one of the best universities in the Midwest for more than a decade. Our 731-acre residential campus is one hour northeast of Indianapolis. We encourage you to visit both in-person and by taking our virtual tour at [bsu.edu/visit](http://bsu.edu/visit). Learn more about admission requirements, scholarships, and financial aid at [bsu.edu/admissions](http://bsu.edu/admissions).

**Beloit College****Beloit****WI****Midwest****Small**

You just might be curious and thoughtful, inspired and empathetic, athletic and artistic — and ready to find your way. At Beloit, you'll connect your education to the world by exploring your passions, collaborating with friends and mentors, and putting ideas into action. Choose from more than 50 majors, join up to 5 career-focused Schools including Business and Health Sciences, and intern with over 200 local businesses, while receiving individualized faculty mentorship. Set in a vibrant city along the picturesque Rock River in southern Wisconsin, Beloit College is a diverse and inclusive community of 1,000 undergraduate students from 44 U.S. states and more than 40 countries. Campus buzzes with more than 40 student-run clubs, 18 DIII sports teams, and over 20 Greek and special-interest houses, and downtown Beloit offers restaurants and entertainment just two blocks from campus. Find your career path, your purpose, and lifelong friends. Find your way at Beloit.

**Benedictine University****Lisle****IL****Chicago Area****Medium**

Benedictine University is a four-year, private, Catholic University in the Benedictine Tradition that provides a Values-Centered Liberal Arts Education enriched by our excellence in Science. We are a smaller school with just under 3,000 undergraduate students on our Lisle campus, which is located roughly 25 miles west of downtown Chicago, offering students a blend of a close-knit collegiate atmosphere and easy access to the cultural, internship, and career opportunities of a major city. Nearby communities like Naperville provide additional dining, shopping, and entertainment options just minutes away. Academically, Benedictine University provides a wide range of degree options across liberal arts, sciences, business, health, education. Our small class sizes, internship and research opportunities, one-on-one attention and free tutoring provide for a very hands-on academic environment for students to excel and

succeed. Student life at Benedictine blends academics with community engagement, athletics, and extracurriculars. On the Lisle campus, teams compete as the Eagles in NCAA Division III sports, and there are numerous clubs, service opportunities, and social activities that contribute to a spirited campus culture. We are also very proud of our diverse student body and welcoming campus.

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**Binghamton University****Binghamton****NY****East****Large**

#1 Public in NY and #1 SUNY with 14,000 undergrad and 3,000+ graduate students. Located in a suburban area with a 190-acre nature preserve right in our backyard. We're 3 hours from NYC, 5 hours from Washington DC, Boston & Cleveland and 4-hours from Canada. Six schools: engineering, business, liberal arts, college of community and public affairs, nursing and pharmacy. Binghamton offers 130 majors and 4+1 degree programs for every school and major. Popular majors include: philosophy, politics and law, biology, computer science, biomedical engineering, pre health, nursing, business and theater. R1 research institution with a Nobel prize winning professor Sir Stanley Whittingham for his invention of the lithium-iron battery. Access to internships and 1000 study abroad programs. Merit based scholarships ranging from \$5,000-15,000 renewable. 21 Division 1 sports, 30 intramural club sports and 450 clubs. Test Optional: average scores SAT:1300-1450, ACT: 29-33. We will superscore the SAT. Students can self-report their transcript and test scores when applying for admissions.

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**Blackburn College****Carlinville****IL****Midwest****Small**

The nation's only student-managed Work Program; coeducational, residential liberal arts college in Carlinville, Illinois, midway between Springfield and St. Louis; combines a liberal arts education with paid, hands-on professional experience through a student-run Work Program where students work about 10 hours per week supporting campus operations, building leadership and career skills, strengthening resumes, and earning up to \$8,000 annually toward tuition to help make a private college education more affordable; strong academic programs in accounting, art, biology, business, computer science, creative writing, criminal justice, education, music, psychology, and more; recognized for social mobility and student outcomes, including Washington Monthly rankings of #1 bachelor's college in Illinois and #2 preparing students for Ph.D. programs; internships, research, leadership development, and career preparation integrated throughout the student experience; NCAA Division III athletics with 20+ varsity, club, and intramural sports; active campus life with student organizations, music, theatre, and service opportunities; personalized financial aid including automatic merit scholarships based on GPA alongside need-based assistance; Blackburn gives you a four-year head start on your future.

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**Bowling Green State Univ.****Bowling Green****OH****Midwest****Large**

Located in one of America's Best College Towns, Bowling Green State University is located in the northwest corner of Ohio that is 15 miles south of I-90 and 23 miles south of Toledo. Total undergraduate population consists of 16,000 students and over 200 different academic programs. BGSU excels in the areas of: Business, Education, Forensic Sciences, Music, Aviation and Sports Management. Inside the classrooms, we boast an average classroom size of 24 students and a student to faculty ratio of 18 to 1. Great automatic merit-based scholarships that are available to out-of-state students to make BGSU affordable and a great value.

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**Bradley University****Peoria****IL****Midwest****Medium**

Coed of 5,300 undergrads, 700 grads; residential setting about 3 hours from Chicago; Five Colleges: Business Administration, Communications & Fine Arts, Educations & Health Sciences (includes Nursing), Engineering, and Liberal Arts & Sciences; undergraduate health science major leads to doctorate in physical therapy; (100+ academic programs); Unique programs include Sports Communications, Nutrition & Dietetics, Actuarial Science, Interactive Media, Retail Merchandising, Music Business. NEW program in Hospitality Leadership; strong program for undecided students. Rolling, priority deadline Nov. 30 admissions; average GPA 3.25/4.0; ACT 23-28 (mid 50% of students); strong performing arts, Division 1 athletics (especially men's soccer and basketball); NEW women's volleyball & basketball arena; Bradley is a place where students experience a unique combination of resources not available at most small colleges and personal attention not commonly found at large universities. Bradley is the place where your story begins. Begin your story now at: <http://admissions.bradley.edu/>

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<b>Bucknell University</b>	<b>Lewisburg</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Small</b>
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<b>Buffalo, Univ. at</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>NY</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Large</b>
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<b>Butler University</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Coed of 4,489 undergraduate students; residential setting; 295-acre campus just 10 minutes north of downtown Indianapolis. Comprehensive university with more than 100 majors; known for Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Arts, Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Communications. 20 men's and women's Div. I sports; intramural and club sports available; performing arts for non-majors, Greek system with 7 national fraternities and 7 national sororities; Middle 50% ACT 26-30, SAT 1160-1330, GPA 3.61-4.16 (weighted).

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<b>California Polytechnic State University</b>	<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Large</b>
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California Polytechnic State University, also known as Cal Poly, is located in San Luis Obispo, halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Undergraduate students can choose from almost 70 majors, with Cal Poly's highly ranked engineering programs as the most popular choice. There are more than 80 state-of-the-art laboratories and 50 clubs dedicated specifically to the Cal Poly College of Engineering. Students can also get involved with any of the other 400 student organizations, including Rose Float, which allows students to conceptualize and create a float for the New Year's Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. For student athletes, Cal Poly offers dozens of intramural and club sports, along with the nearly 20 Cal Poly Mustangs varsity teams, which compete in the NCAA Division I Big West and Great West conferences.

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<b>Carleton College</b>	<b>Northfield</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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We approach learning with enthusiasm, energy, and a distinctly Carleton brand of playfulness. This is a collaborative place where students and professors work together to make sense of the messiness of life. With over 30 majors to choose from, you can explore your interests – and develop new ones. Located in Northfield, Minnesota, we're just 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Often cited for its charm and livability, Northfield consistently ranks among the best college towns.

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<b>Carroll University</b>	<b>Waukesha</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Carroll University is a private university located in Waukesha Wisconsin, serving as Wisconsin's oldest institution of higher education (1846). Waukesha is in a suburban community (pop. 71,000) just 20 minutes outside of Milwaukee, 90 minutes north of Chicago, and 60 minutes east of Madison. Its location near Milwaukee allows for proximity to over 50 Fortune 500 companies and internship and clinical opportunities. Carroll is home to 2,608 full time undergraduate students with 85% of students living on or within the campus community. Carroll offers over 95 majors and is best known for majors in the health sciences, especially our direct admit programs for Nursing and Physical Therapy, but also offers unique programs like music therapy, marine biology, and video game design. The average class size is 22 and students are also able to take classes within their major in their first semester. Carroll requires students to do some form of study abroad exploring cultures different from their own and integrate cultural immersion and curriculum. When it comes to athletics, Carroll is a NCAA Division III school in the CCIW and offers 23 different athletic teams. 100% of our students do receive financial aid with the merit scholarship that ranges from \$19,000 to \$25,000 (2023-2024) and is renewable every year for the next 4 years. Free application, rolling admission and test optional. Website: [www.carrollu.edu](http://www.carrollu.edu) (apply online at university website or through common application).

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**Carthage College****Kenosha****WI****Midwest****Small**

Carthage College offers students the best of both worlds: a stunning lakeside campus just steps from a vibrant downtown, with unmatched access to two major metropolitan areas—Chicago and Milwaukee. Home to more than 3,000 students, Carthage offers over 75 majors and programs across various areas, including Business and Economics, Nursing (with direct entry), Health Sciences, Psychology, the Sciences, Athletic Training, Engineering, and more. 100% of students receive scholarships and grants, a Carthage education is both personal and affordable—preparing students for meaningful careers and lives of purpose.

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**Case Western Reserve University****Cleveland****OH****Midwest****Small**

Case Western Reserve University students pair ambition with ingenuity at one of America's top-ranked research universities. In labs and classrooms, Case Western Reserve students spend each and every day asking—and discovering—how to solve the biggest issues of today and tomorrow. With 98% of undergraduates participating in experiential learning, students gain hands-on research and lab experience early and often, working alongside leading faculty in state-of-the-art labs and facilities. They have access to top internships, co-ops, study abroad programs, and world-class institutions like Cleveland Clinic and the Cleveland Museum of Art. This combination of rigorous academics and unparalleled opportunities ensures you'll be exceptionally well-prepared for graduate or professional school and career success. Think, design and create right from the start. Whatever your academic and career focus, Case Western Reserve has the rigorous programs, collaborative network of peers and mentors, and world-class resources to get you there.

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**Chicago State University****Chicago****IL****Chicago Area****Medium**

Chicago State University is the sole four-year public Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) in Illinois, situated on Chicago's South Side. Our secure and residential campus provides a distinctive experience that nurtures a sense of belonging in our diverse community. With over 50 undergraduate academic majors, a prestigious HONORS College, and the RISE academy program for incoming freshmen, CSU offers a wide range of opportunities for academic growth. Diversity thrives at CSU, encompassing not only our student body but also our faculty and staff, with an impressive 73% representing people of color. As a university, we embody the advantages of a large institution, featuring 60+ student organizations, 15 Division 1 athletics programs, extensive student-led research opportunities, and a lively Greek life. While providing a comprehensive array of offerings, Chicago State University distinguishes itself by delivering personalized attention and guidance to each student. This creates an environment reminiscent of a small college within the setting of a larger institution. The Admissions team is committed to supporting today's scholars on their journey toward a bright and successful future.

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**Chicago, Univ. of****Chicago****IL****Chicago Area****Medium**

Located in the community of Hyde Park on Chicago's South Side, the College at the University of Chicago provides a dynamic, diverse, and rigorous undergraduate program. Here 7500 students thrive in an interdisciplinary environment that encourages critical inquiry and independent thought. We accept applications via the Common or Coalition Application and will read all applications holistically and contextually. At UChicago you can choose from over 50 majors and 50 minors; explore the world through study abroad programs; engage with research opportunities across a variety of fields; plan your future with our career advancement services, including over 4,000 Metcalf Internships as well as 14 pre-professional programs; cheer on 20 varsity sports teams competing at the Division III level in the NCAA; lead advances across the scientific disciplines at the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering; and experience over 400 cultural, artistic, and political student organizations on campus.

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**Cincinnati, Univ. of****Cincinnati****OH****Midwest****Large**

The University of Cincinnati offers hundreds of majors - many nationally ranked - a top cooperative education program, a campus you have to see to believe, and a diverse community of people to learn from and study with. You are sure to find your niche in one of our 400+ student organizations. And, you will find plenty of friends, food and fun in our award-winning living, dining and recreational facilities. UC is a public research university with an enrollment of more than 53,000 students and has been named "Among the top tier of the Best National Universities," according to U.S. News & World Report. Discover your true possibilities at UC!

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<b>Clemson University</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Large</b>
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<b>Coe College</b>	<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Coed of 1,400; 55-acre urban setting; located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa's second largest city; liberal arts with strong departments in Physics, Business Administration, Education, English, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, and Nursing; about 50% of students from out-of-state; 25% affiliated with soror/frat; most students remain on campus weekends; residential campus; Division III sports; average ACT 26, average GPA 3.7. We do not require the writing portion of the ACT.

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<b>College for Creative Studies</b>	<b>Detroit</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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College for Creative Studies is a private, not for profit college located in Detroit Michigan. We currently have approximately 1,300 students on campus including undergraduate and graduate students. The student to faculty ratio is 10:1. Student admittance is based on both a portfolio review as well as GPA and we are test blind for domestic applicants. Housing is available on campus. Fun facts: (1) 209+ sponsored research projects (students working directly with industry artists and designers) took place between 2017—2024; Undergraduate programs; (2) 2,202 companies engaged with CCS to recruit students in the 2023/2024 academic school year, 64+ were international companies Undergraduate Programs Include: Art Education (endorsement), Studio Art and Craft, Communication Design and Strategy\*, Craft and Material Studies, Entertainment Arts (Animation, Concept Design, Game Design) , Fashion and Accessories Design, Film, Illustration, Interdisciplinary Art & Design, Interior Design, Photography, Product Design\*, Transportation Design\*. \*These programs are STEM endorsed.

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<b>Columbia College - Chicago</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Chicago Area</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Columbia College Chicago prepares students to succeed in creative careers. We offer more than 50 undergraduate degree programs that lead to careers in fields as diverse as film and television, fashion, video game design, the fine and performing arts, and many others. Columbia students are driven to pursue their passions and are willing to put in the hard work to get there. We do it, watch it, support it, applaud it: We are one of the largest presenters of cultural events in Chicago, with hundreds of performances, gallery exhibitions, screenings, readings, and lectures every year.

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<b>Concordia University - Chicago</b>	<b>River Forest</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Chicago Area</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Concordia University Chicago is a liberal arts-based Christian university in the Lutheran tradition. Through its College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, and College of Graduate and Innovative Programs, Concordia offers more than 100 areas of study in small classes taught by professors who are passionate about teaching and student success. With more than 5,000 full-time undergraduate and graduate students, Concordia University Chicago is located in River Forest, 10 miles west of downtown Chicago. Learn more at [www.CUChicago.edu](http://www.CUChicago.edu).

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<b>Concordia University - Wisconsin</b>	<b>Mequon</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and member of the Concordia University System; total population of 8,000, with a total undergraduate population of 2,600; liberal arts with 70+ undergraduate programs; top areas of study in health professions, education, and business; 200 acres on the shores of Lake Michigan, 15 miles north of downtown Milwaukee; Academic scholarships ranging from \$10,000-\$15,000; 29 NCAA DIII sports teams, plus cheer and dance teams; 40+ clubs, organizations, intramurals, and ministries; 11:1 faculty-to-student ratio; average class size of 15; minimum requirements of 2.5 GPA and 18 ACT; average incoming student GPA is 3.4, with an average 25 ACT.

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**Denver, Univ. of** **Denver** **CO** **West** **Medium**

The University of Denver (DU) is a mid-sized, private university with 6,152 undergraduates, a 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio, and an average class size of 24. We are the only university in the state to have both a metropolitan campus (15 minutes from downtown Denver) and a 700 acre mountain campus (2 hours north of Denver). Our middle 50% GPA is 3.73-4.0 and we are test-optional. 99% of students receive merit scholarships that range from \$12,000-\$36,000 each year up to four years, and our average need-based aid offer is \$47,844. Application rounds include Early Decision I, Early Decision II, Early Action, and Regular Decision. DU offers strong programs in Business, Psychology, Biological Sciences, and International Studies, and unique programs in Kinesiology and Sports Studies, Emergent Digital Practices, Real Estate and the Built Environment, Hospitality Management, Critical Race & Ethnic Studies, and Game Development. We have 18 NCAA DI teams, over 100 student-run organizations (our largest being our Alpine Club), and an active study abroad program. 81% of students complete an internship while at DU, 95.5% of 2022 graduates completed their degree in 4 years or less, and 90% of 2022 graduates were employed or continuing their education within 6 months after graduation.

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**DePaul University** **Chicago** **IL** **Chicago Area** **Large**

DePaul is the largest private, not-for-profit university in the Midwest and the 13th largest private institution nationally. 4 year private Liberal Arts University located in the heart of Chicago. Population: 23,799; Female: 53%, Male: 47 %; Applicants admitted: 68.8%; Mid 50% ACT scores 23-28. Graduate in 6 years: 67.7%; Return as Sophomores: 86.9%. Approximate cost: \$34,390 tuition depending on major. Financial Aid: Approximately 80% of DePaul students receive some form of financial aid. Most Popular majors: Business, Computing & Digital Media, Communications, Psychology, Biological Sciences, Education. What Makes Us Special: DePaul University offers a diverse learning environment that utilizes the many benefits of Chicago, all while maintaining the personal attention of a small university.

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**DePauw University** **Greencastle** **IN** **Midwest** **Small**

DePauw University is a residential liberal arts university known for global opportunities, leadership development, and an active community of approximately 1,900 students. The University offers more than 50 fields of study across the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences, and business, and nearly 90% of DePauw students study abroad during their time at DePauw. DePauw is nationally recognized for a distinctive education that combines academic rigor with experiential learning, including internships and undergraduate research. The University offers 23 NCAA Division III varsity sports, 22 Greek-letter organizations, and more than 120 student organizations. Through the DePauw Promise, DePauw is committed to meeting students' demonstrated financial need. Merit scholarships are available and range up to \$45,000.

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**Detroit Mercy, Univ. of** **Detroit** **MI** **Midwest** **Medium**

University of Detroit Mercy is a private university founded in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions. We are the largest Catholic institution in Michigan and have a student body of approximately 5,778 students. Detroit Mercy offers more than 100 academic programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees, including 35 accelerated options where students can earn both a bachelors and masters in a shortened amount of time. We offer Merit based scholarships ranging up to \$16,000 per undergraduate year. The most popular majors include engineering, science, pre-health, nursing, business, architecture, psychology, political science and cybersecurity. Detroit Mercy is home to 17 NCAA Division I sports teams, more than 100 student organizations and 14 fraternities and sororities. Many students participate in undergraduate research or complete internships/cooperative education assignments at a variety of companies in Downtown Detroit and Southeast Michigan. The Wall Street Journal & College Pulse recently ranked UDM #36 best colleges in the U.S. out of 4,500 colleges/universities (Top 1%). They ranked UDM #2 in the State of Michigan. Go Titans!

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**Dominican University** **River Forest** **IL** **Chicago Area** **Small**

Coed of 2,280 undergrads, 1,027 grads; Roman Catholic; four graduate schools and the Undergraduate Rosary College of Arts and Sciences; located in the River Forest suburb of Chicago. Strong programs in Business (AACSB Accreditation), English, Nutrition, and

Psychology; unique programs in Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising and Graphic Design; 7 Pre-professional programs; rolling admissions; 85% state residents.

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**Drake University**

**Des Moines**

**IA**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

Full-time undergrad 3,000; 6-hour drive from Chicago; will generally consider motivated students for admission in upper 1/2 of class; athletic scholarships; fine arts scholarships; strong programs in Business, Fine Arts, Actuarial Science, Pharmacy and Education, Insurance, Graphic Design; Pre-med & Pre-dental, has own law school; study abroad to include a semester at sea; no foreign language requirement; College of Arts & Science, Zimbleman College of Business, School of Journalism & Mass Communication have a 3 + 3 program with law schools. Pharmacy is a 6 year doctoral degree. No test requirements

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**Drexel University**

**Philadelphia**

**PA**

**Northeast**

**Large**

Coed of 21,703; Urban location within University City, Philadelphia; R1 Research Institution with 100 distinct programs that include Engineering, Pre-med and Health Professions, Business and highly selective programs in Media Arts and Design; Co-op program as well as study abroad; Competitive scholarship consideration; 18 D1 sports and 250+ clubs and organizations; We are test optional but will super score SAT and ACT scores.

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**Eastern Illinois University**

**Charleston**

**IL**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

Eastern Illinois University is a mid-sized, public university located in beautiful Charleston, IL, about 3.5 hours south of District 219. EIU was founded as a teaching school, so education has always been a popular major, and Pre-med, Psychology, Biology, and Exercise Science are also common choices now. With a population of 8500 students, EIU is large enough to offer quality academic programs, Division I Athletics, and extensive student life opportunities, yet still small enough to provide our students with personal attention and individual assistance. Eastern is affordable and accessible, as we have one of the lowest costs of attendance in Illinois and offer a guaranteed (frozen) tuition rate for all 4 years. Admissions Requirements:· No Application Fee· 2.8/4.0 GPA or higher (test-optional)· 2.5/4.0 GPA and 960 SAT or 18 ACT (test-reported)· Students with a GPA between 2.3-2.79 will be reviewed to determine eligibility for admission to Pathways to Achievement, Confidence, and Knowledge (PACK). Scholarship Requirements:· 3.0 GPA or higher will receive an automatic merit scholarship· 3.75 GPA or higher will have the opportunity to apply for our Honors Scholarships (full-ride & full-tuition)

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**Eckerd College**

**St. Petersburg**

**FL**

**Southeast**

**Small**

Liberal arts coed of 2,000; 188 acres on the waterfront; Marine Sciences, Environmental Studies, Political Science, Interdisciplinary Arts, Business, Psychology, Creative Writing, Pre-law, Pre-med, International Business, International Relations, Communication, Business Administration, 3-2 Engineering; 90% live on campus with themed housing including pet-friendly, gender-neutral, and many more. Average students travel over 1,000 miles from home to be on campus; NCAA Division II athletics; Avg. ACT 25, SAT 1200 (CR+M); \* Merit-based scholarship range is now \$18,000 - \$27,000; Ranked #1 in the country for short-term study abroad; A brand new multi-million dollar "hybrid" cafeteria will soon open for students

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**Elmhurst University**

**Elmhurst**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Small**

Elmhurst University Overview: Coed of 3,614 total; 2,960 undergraduate; 48-acre suburban setting; just a 30-minute train ride from Chicago; 4 year Private Liberal Arts University with 70 majors, well known for Business, Education, Music, Nursing, Natural Sciences

majors; 15 graduate programs numerous undergraduate and graduate certificate programs; 40% live on campus, 60% commute; rolling admissions, Division III sports; (GPA 3.4); SAT 1139.

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**Elon University**

**Elon**

**NC**

**Southeast**

**Medium**

Private, co-ed, liberal arts university with 6,300 undergraduates and over 70 majors. Located in central North Carolina about 25 miles east of Greensboro and 40 miles west of Raleigh adjacent to the city of Burlington (50,000 residents). Nationally recognized for its model of engaged learning, which is based on strong relationships with professors within the classroom connected with out of the classroom learning. Requires completion of at least 2 of the 5 Elon Experiences before graduation (Study Abroad, Internships, Leadership, Service-Learning, Undergraduate Research). Largest programs: Business, Communications, Biology, Exercise Science, Psychology, Education, Nursing. Currently ranked #1 study abroad program for master's levels universities (73% of students study abroad at least once). SAT mid-range 1160-1320, ACT mid-range 25-30 and GPA 3.4-4.4. Comprehensive cost (room/board & tuition): \$56,127.

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**Florida, Univ. of**

**Gainesville**

**FL**

**Southeast**

**Large**

Coed student population of 60+K/38+K Undergrad; located in the city of Gainesville (population of approximately 140K). UF is two hours north of Orlando and an hour and a half from each coast; UF is a major public comprehensive land, sea, and space grant research university. UF is home to 16 colleges and more than 180 research centers and institutes. UF offers over 120 undergraduate degree programs and 228 graduate degree programs. Popular majors include Engineering, Business, Biological & Biomedical Sciences, Health Professions, Communication/Journalism, Social Sciences, Ag/Animal Sciences & Computer Sciences. Professional Programs include Athletic Training, Business Administration, Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Nursing, OT, Pharmacy, PT, PA & Veterinary Medicine; UF is the nation's higher education leader in AI; UF's Career Connections Center, ranked #2 on Best Colleges, can connect students to internships & jobs. Study abroad programs. Possible scholarship opportunities \$8K- \$20K along with the opportunity for a Grandparent Waiver of Out-of-State Tuition & Fees. University of Florida (ufl.edu); Division 1 NCAA/SEC with 18 athletic teams, 3K+ intramural & sports clubs, 1K+ student organizations, 60+ Greek organizations; The middle 50% 2024 freshman profile ranges are GPA 4.5-4.7, ACT 30- 34, SAT 1360-1500. Superscores accepted. Test scores may also be self-reported within the student's Gator Portal when applying for admissions, but will need to have the official scores submitted from the testing agency at a later time. Students must complete the SSAR to self-report their transcript. We do not accept letters of recommendation. Once a student submits their application, no edits or additions can be made. Opportunities to apply include Early Action, Regular Decision, Transfer & International. Application is found on the Common App (supplemental essays required). Honors College is an additional application.

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**Glasgow, Univ. of**

**Glasgow**

**UK**

**International**

**Large**

The University of Glasgow is the 4th oldest university in the English-Speaking world, founded in 1451. Today, we are recognized as one of the top 100 universities in the world according to the Times Higher and QS World Rankings (2025). We are extremely proud to be recognized as the Scottish University of the Year in 2024 and we are one of the founding members of the prestigious Russell Group of leading UK research intensive universities. The university is a community of over 43,000 students from over 140 different countries studying on a vibrant urban campus. We offer a wide range of degree programs across our Colleges of Arts, Social Science, Science & Engineering, and Medical Veterinary and Life Sciences. Scholarships are available and applications can be made through the Common App or UCAS.

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**Grand Canyon University**

**Phoenix**

**AZ**

**West**

**Large**

Coed of 25,000; Phoenix, Arizona; liberal arts with 74 distinct programs that include engineering, nursing, and strong business department – particularly entrepreneurship; biomedical engineering, fine arts, sciences, computer sciences; internships as well as study abroad; Academic Scholarships ranging from \$2,550-up to \$9,050; 21 NCAA athletic programs and 90+ clubs and organizations; SAT's 600 CR, 600 M; ACT 22-28. Students can self-report their transcript and test scores when applying for admissions.

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**Grinnell College****Grinnell****IA****Midwest****Small**

Mentors from day one? Yes. Passionate students? Of course. Beautiful campus? For sure. Grinnell's hallmark and greatest strength is the agency you have in shaping your own studies and career. At Grinnell, you'll love the freedom of our "individually advised curriculum." We require only two courses outside your major. The rest of your four-year class schedule is up to you and your academic adviser to craft, based on your interests and aspirations. You can uncover what you truly care about, like diving into a new major or working on graduate-level research in your topic of choice. And, combined with our no-loan financial aid policy, Grinnell students graduate with less debt and more direction. Every Grinnellian has access to study, work, and experiences in more than 30 countries. Even on campus, you'll hear more than 70 languages spoken by students from every state and 85+ countries. Grinnellians come from all over the globe to attend this top-ranked national college.

**Hanover College****Hanover****IN****Midwest****Small**

Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana (scenic 650-acre campus overlooking the Ohio River)  
 Indiana's oldest private college (Founded 1827) Coed of 1157; residential campus, about 45 miles northeast of (Louisville, KY) 90 miles southeast of Indianapolis, IN and 80 miles southwest of Cincinnati, OH; liberal arts curriculum with 38 distinct programs that include business, engineering, education, communication and strong science department – particularly pre-med, pre-vet, physical therapy, occupational therapy, environmental science, pre-law, music, fine arts, history; internships as well as study abroad; Academic Scholarships ranging from \$20,000-up to Full Tuition; 20 NCAA Div III sports and +100 clubs and organizations; Test optional admission. Average admitted student GPA 3.79

**Holy Cross College****Notre Dame****IN****Midwest****Small**

Holy Cross is a Catholic, four year, co-educational, liberal arts institution located in Notre Dame, IN. With a 13.1 faculty/student ratio, students find personal attention from professors who care about their success. The College focuses on the holistic development of the mind, body, and spirit. Students must complete three requirements before graduation-an internship to develop their real-world qualifications, a service experience to develop their compassion, and an international experience to expand their horizons. We are integrated with University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College sharing many academic and social opportunities. The college has implemented a tuition freeze which means that all continuously enrolled students will start and finish with the same tuition rate.

**Hope College****Holland****MI****Midwest****Small**

Coed of 3200; 50-acre campus on shore of Lake Michigan; liberal arts with particularly strong programs in Science (especially chemistry and biology), Engineering, Dance, Pre-Med, English (creative writing and lit), Social Sciences; newer library; extensive internship opportunities; strong division three athletics; research in natural sciences; Unique Christian Character GPA 3.7; ACT 22-28. Brand new \$36 million Science Center.

**Illinois - Chicago, Univ. of****Chicago****IL****Chicago Area****Large**

UIC is the nation's model public urban research university, and offers students the opportunity to study with an outstanding faculty while taking advantage of the cultural and education resources in one of the world's great cities. With a diverse and talented student body of 25,000, UIC is the largest university in the Chicago area and ranks among the top 50 research universities in the nation. Programs are offered in Architecture, Art & Design, Applied Health, Business Engineering, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Education, Nursing and Urban Planning. Our professional health science programs are a major source of new physicians, pharmacists, dentists, and nurses for the state of Illinois. Newly built & renovated campus residence halls house nearly 4000 students. Average ACT: 24 ; Average HSPR: top 25%.



**Illinois Student Assistance Commission****Deerfield****IL****Midwest**

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is a state agency which administers grants and scholarships for residents of Illinois. ISAC provides students with information and assistance to help make education beyond high school accessible and affordable. ISAC also powers the ISACorps, a group of near-peer mentors stationed throughout the state of Illinois that assist students, parents, and the community in finding their path through higher education. To start working with an ISACorps member today and for more information on ISAC visit us at <https://studentportal.isac.org/isacorps>

**Illinois Wesleyan University****Bloomington****IL****Midwest****Small**

National liberal arts university (undergraduates only) of 1,600; Liberal Arts with strong programs in sciences, business, English, music, political science; Fine Arts degrees in art, music and theatre; Nursing major is direct admission and highly selective; unique combination of Liberal Arts, Fine Arts and Nursing in same community as large university (Illinois State University); a range of pre-professional programs with excellent placement in medical and law schools; 24 Division III varsity sports teams and 160 Academic All Americans recognized by NCAA; Over 100 Student Organizations on campus and over 700 locations for study abroad opportunities; Ranked #1 in Illinois and #7 in the nation for job placement by Zippia; Over 99% of 2023 graduates were employed or in graduate school within six months of graduation.

**Indiana Institute of Technology****Fort Wayne****IN****Midwest****Small**

Indiana Tech, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, serves around 1,400 on-campus students and over 8,000 total students. The 42-acre campus offers over 55-degree programs, including Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Computer, Industrial & Manufacturing), Cybersecurity, Business Administration, and Health Science (Nursing track). We are a test-optional institution and are on the Common App. Our academic scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$18,000 annually based on a student's GPA at point of acceptance. Students can self-report their transcript when applying for admission.

**Indiana University****Bloomington****IN****Midwest****Large**

Residential Big 10 institution; 39,000 undergraduates; Liberal Arts focus with nationally ranked programs in Business, Music, Journalism, Education, Computing and Informatics, and the Arts and Sciences. Beautiful campus located 50 miles south of Indianapolis. Bloomington is a quintessential college town.

**Indiana University - Indianapolis****Indianapolis****IN****Midwest****Large**

No description provided by University

**Iowa State University****Ames****IA****Midwest****Large**

Enrollment: 39,432 – undergrad: 25,628 grad: 4,170 - acre suburban campus; especially strong in Human Sciences and related fields, Engineering (College of Engineering provides 15 undergraduate majors and hosts the second largest engineering career fair in the nation), Agriculture, Business, Education, Design, Sciences; extracurricular learning environment is one of the finest in the nation; Division I athletics; rolling admissions. Mid 50% ACT 22-27. Test optional for both admission and merit scholarships. Do not require the writing portion of the ACT.

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<b>Iowa, Univ. of</b>	<b>Iowa City</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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The University of Iowa is among the top public research institutions in the nation. Home to more than 32,000 students, we deliver a world-class education in over 200 areas of study and over 100 graduate programs. From the most prestigious creative writing program in the United States, to a nationally recognized academic medical center, our balanced excellence in the arts and sciences encourages innovation and exploration across the disciplines. Our 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio and smaller class sizes than peer institutions allow students to work directly with their professors while gaining real-world experience and valuable, practical skills. And with state-of-the-art academic resources in every field, Hawkeyes have access to personalized support and are equipped with the tools they need to stand out in a competitive workforce. With more than 600 student organizations on campus, we offer a variety of opportunities to get involved and have fun outside the classroom. The university seamlessly blends into the heart of Iowa City, a top 10 college town that offers all the amenities of a big city in a safe, open environment. More than 100 restaurants, local shops, Big Ten athletics, and music venues are within walking distance of campus. Undergraduate enrollment: 23,407; First-year class: 5,561; Average GPA: 3.86; Mid 50% ACT scores: 21-28; Approximate cost: \$47,390; Student-to-faculty ratio: 15:1

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<b>John Carroll University</b>	<b>University Heights</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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<b>Kansas, Univ. of</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>KS</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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Located in Lawrence, Kansas, the University of Kansas is a flagship, public, AAU research and teaching institution. Home to 20,000 undergraduate students, KU is a great place to be. Approximately 44% of our students come from out-of-state (11% from IL) and from over 100 countries. Jayhawks learn in challenging classes with world-renowned faculty in more than 200 fields of study, serve and lead in over 600 student-run organizations, explore the world through study abroad experiences in 75 different countries, and celebrate Jayhawk traditions during Big 12 athletic events and throughout the year. KU offers wonderful scholarship opportunities starting at a 3.25 GPA. For additional information, contact the KU Office of Admissions at [adm@ku.edu](mailto:adm@ku.edu) or (785) 864-3911.

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<b>Kent State University</b>	<b>Kent</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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A suburb of Cleveland, Kent, OH is consistently ranked as one of the top college towns in the U.S. Kent State's enrollment is 21,000 undergraduates and nearly 6,000 grad students. Noteworthy majors include Fashion Design & Fashion Merchandising - #1 Fashion program in the Midwest and top 5 in the U. S., Aerospace Engineering and #4 ranked aviation and flight programs in the College of Aeronautics and Engineering., Architecture and Interior Design programs. Newly constructed \$83.5 million College of Business building. College of Nursing the top feeder for the Cleveland Clinic, #2 ranked hospitals in the world. 375 undergraduate and graduate academic degree programs at Kent State. Kent State is one of 146 Carnegie R1 research institutions. NCAA Division I athletics, the Golden Flashes compete in the Mid-American Conference (MAC). Kent State was named the Most Affordable College in Ohio" by Money.

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<b>Knox College</b>	<b>Galesburg</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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One of the 40 Colleges That Change Lives, Knox College is a private, undergraduate, residential liberal arts and sciences institution located in Galesburg, Illinois. With a tradition of free inquiry, independent thought, and diverse perspectives, Knox is one of the most diverse colleges in the nation, enrolling 1,100 students from 43 states and 56 countries, 29% international students, 42% domestic students of color. Knox's curriculum allows students to develop their own educational plan choosing from more than 60 academic programs and applying their education through study abroad, internships, and undergraduate research. 100% of Knox students complete an independent study, research, or creative project and/or participate in a unique Immersion Term. Test Optional, SAT Mid-50% 1180-1310; ACT Composite Mid-50% 21-29.

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<b>Lake Forest College</b>	<b>Lake Forest</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Chicago Area</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Experience the "best of both worlds" at Lake Forest College. Receive a liberal arts education in the suburban community of Lake Forest, while taking advantage of Chicago's resources. Students gain a pragmatic edge with the opportunity to pursue a double-major and one minor, up to three internships for credit, and a number of study abroad programs, leading to impressive career and graduate school placements. Popular majors include Business, Finance, Data Science, Biology, Psychology, Politics, and Education. GPA 3.8; ACT 27-31; SAT 1150-1370. We are test optional. 80 percent of students live on campus, and the College offers over 80 student organizations and 23 varsity sports.

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<b>Lawrence Technological University</b>	<b>Southfield</b>	<b>MI</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Lawrence Technological University, in Southfield, Michigan, is a private university founded in 1932 that offers more than 100 programs through the doctoral level in its Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Business and Information Technology, and Engineering. PayScale lists Lawrence Tech among the nation's top 15 percent of universities for the salaries of its graduates, and U.S. News and World Report lists it in the top tier of best Midwestern universities. Students benefit from small class sizes and a real-world, hands-on, "theory and practice" education with an emphasis on leadership. Activities on Lawrence Tech's 107-acre campus include more than 60 student organizations and NAIA varsity sports.

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<b>Lewis University</b>	<b>Romeoville</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Chicago Area</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Population: Undergrad 4,500; Graduate 2,400; Setting: Suburban, 35 miles southwest of Chicago; four-year private, Liberal Arts, Catholic institution; Special programs: Nursing, Aviation Flight, Aviation & Aerospace Technology, Aviation Administration, Aviation Air Traffic Control, Aviation Maintenance Management, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Criminal/Social Justice, Forensic Criminal Investigation, Exercise & Movement Science, Radio/TV Broadcasting, Business, Education. GPA: Average student comes in between 3.2 – 3.35 GPA, 21- 26 ACT Composite. Minimum standards are a 2.5 GPA and 18 ACT Composite.

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<b>Loras College</b>	<b>Dubuque</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Located overlooking the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa, this coed of approx. 1,300 students is a Catholic liberal arts college offering strong Bachelor of Arts programs including business, elementary and secondary education, criminal justice, accounting and finance. We offer several Bachelor of Science degrees, including biochemistry, biology, ABET accredited general and mechanical engineering, and kinesiology (which is often paired with our athletic training MAT in 3+2 years). Loras has national award-winning programs in creative media and sport management. We also offer additional academic and social supports for those with learning disabilities or attention deficit disorders, including students with autism spectrum disorder through the Lynch Disability Resource Center. Loras is on rolling admission; tuition award program based on student's GPA ranging from \$22,000 - \$28,000 for new first year students (renewable annually); GPA average 3.4, we do not require test scores.

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<b>Louisville, Univ. of</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>KY</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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Mid-size, public institution in Louisville, Ky, with approximately 12,000 undergraduates and Division I athletics in the ACC. Over 200 degree programs, including graduate and doctoral level studies. We have our own medical school and hospital, dental school, and law school on campus. Our flagship programs include business, engineering and nursing, with other popular majors including biology/pre-med, psychology, and music. We offer the Border Benefit scholarship which provides instate tuition for any admitted student. Additional merit dollars can be added to the Border Benefit scholarship for academically talented students that meet the criteria.

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**Loyola University of Chicago****Chicago****IL****Chicago Area****Medium**

Full time Undergrad 12,538, grad 4,846; undergraduate and graduate programs available on both Lake Shore campus and Water Tower campus; 2 year associates degree program through Arrupe College at the Water Tower campus only, private, Roman Catholic Jesuit university with all Liberal Arts and Sciences; direct entry Nursing Program; Pre-Health, Psychology, Communications, Education, Theater, Engineering, Public Health, Environmental Sustainability, Business, Biology. Over 80% of students are residential; has a campus in Rome, Italy and over 150 different options for studying abroad; Rambler Success Program for highly motivated students who may not meet regular admission criteria. Average GPA 3.8; middle 50% ACT 25-30, SAT 1200 - 1370. Test optional, and we accept superscore.

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**Luther College****Decorah****IA****Midwest****Small**

Private, Liberal Arts and Sciences institution with approximately 1600, all undergraduate; 175 acre main campus, surrounded by additional 825 acres featuring six biology field sites and miles of hiking, biking and cross-country ski trails; Strong departments in the sciences, music, business, education, psychology, math and nursing; 90%+ of students do study abroad, which ranks #2 nationally; strong music tradition; Division III athletics, featuring 21 sports. Free application, Rolling admissions, and test optional.

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**Lynn University****Boca Raton****FL****Southeast****Small**

Coed of about 3500 students, residential location, 30 miles south of West Palm, 30 Miles North of Fort Lauderdale , 50 Miles North of Miami; Unique and Innovative curriculum with 63 undergrad majors. Programs include College of Business, College of Aeronautics (+ flight school), College of Communication & Design, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education and Conservatory of Music. We run on a block schedule (4 terms, 4 weeks each, 1 to 2 classes a term, 2 ½ hr classes Monday-Thursday). We are also an Apple Certified school with every student receiving an apple device for course materials and textbooks. Scholarships ranging from \$16,000-\$28,000 a year, Presidential Scholarship (full-ride scholarship), Students come from 40+ states and 100+ countries represented. 80 programs in 25 countries for study abroad, over 30 clubs and organizations which include: Fraternities/Sororities, Club sports, Student Government, Black Student Union, GAME club and much more. 19 Division II NCAA teams, 27 National championships, Club Hockey, Tennis and Soccer also available. Over 600+ internships last year and 98% of graduates receiving employment or grad school after one of graduation. We are TEST OPTIONAL and have no GPA requirement. However, on average the GPA is around a 3.3 weighted and test scores are 23 ACT, 1150 SAT. Super score and test scores. We take a holistic approach to our admissions process.

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**Maine, Univ. of****Orono****ME****Northeast****Large**

Founded in 1865: Located in Orono, ME, about 20 minutes north of Bangor, the 3rd largest city in Maine. UMaine offers 250+ Majors and Minors, 200+ clubs and Organizations, 400+ study abroad opportunities, and 17 NCAA Division 1 Sports. Top programs include: Engineering, Nursing, Business, and Marine Biology. We also offer an Early College opportunity if students want to take online classes through our institution while still in high school. We offer individual classes as well as 8 pathways to jumpstart their college career. Flagship Merit scholarships that range from \$9,000-\$20,000, additional scholarship opportunities for National Merit Finalists, and a \$3,000 scholarship for students applying to the performing and visual arts. We are test optional and a test score will not affect the merit scholarship. Official transcripts from High School needed.

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**Marian University****Fond du Lac****WI****Midwest****Small**

Coed of 3,000; Liberal Arts institution affiliated with Roman Catholic Church; 50-acre campus in rural area 60 miles northwest of Milwaukee; strong health science programs (Nursing and Radiological Technology)), Pre-Professional, Business, Education, Criminal Justice, Social Work; unique programs in Art Therapy and Sport & Recreation Management; much personal attention for students; variety of hands-on-learning experiences; special admission services for the learning disabled; Average ACT 21. We do NOT require the written portion of the ACT.

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<b>Marist University</b>	<b>Poughkeepsie</b>	<b>NY</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Marist University is home to 5,062 undergraduate students and is a comprehensive, independent institution grounded in the liberal arts. Our 240-acre campus in Poughkeepsie, New York, rests along the beautiful shores of the Hudson River Valley and is 90 minutes north of New York City. We also have an Italy campus, located in the city center of Florence. We have 47 undergraduate majors and numerous graduate programs including our Doctor of Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant programs. Popular programs include Business Administration, Fashion Merchandising, Fashion Design, Game Design, Communication and Psychology. We are a Division I institution with 23 sports. We are members of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, also known as MAAC and the Pioneer Football League. 50% of our students study abroad and according to The Princeton Review we are in the Top 10 in Happiness and Love of College.

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<b>Marquette University</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Located in Milwaukee, WI, Marquette University is the most comprehensive Jesuit university in the United States with roughly 8,200 undergraduate students, 3,700 graduate students, 75 majors, 80 minors, over 265 clubs and organizations, and an active alumni/ae network of 115,000 strong worldwide. Both urban and residential, research-driven and student-focused, Marquette offers students an unparalleled academic direct-admit experience in seven colleges, including Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, and Nursing. 95% of freshmen and sophomores live on campus. Marquette hosts an early action decision deadline of November 15th and a regular decision deadline of February 1st. After February 1st, we admit on a space-available and rolling basis. The mid 50% range for SAT is between a 1160-1340, and for GPA is between a 3.4-3.9 unweighted. Scholarships and financial aid are available to 100% of admitted students. Details may be found at: [www.marquette.edu/explore](http://www.marquette.edu/explore).

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<b>Massachusetts Amherst, Univ. of</b>	<b>Amherst</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Large</b>
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<b>Maynooth University</b>	<b>County Kildare</b>		<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Large</b>
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Coed of 16000; students from over 120 countries; university town, about 44 miles west of Dublin; over 40 distinct programs that include engineering, law and criminology, business, music, media studies, design innovation, sciences, computer sciences, history, humanities, nursing; study abroad; Academic Scholarships from \$1,500+; over 30 sports clubs and 100 clubs and organizations; SAT 1090-1350; ACT 21-29; internationally recognized degree; one-year graduate work visa post-graduation.

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<b>McKendree University</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Coed of 2,200; Suburban setting about 280 miles southwest of Chicago, 25 miles east of St. Louis; Liberal Arts with 46 major areas of study. Pre-professional studies in Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Medicine, and Optometry. Education, Business, Music, Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Information Technology/Computer Science. Internships are available. Academic scholarships range from \$1,000 to full tuition. 22 NCAA Division II sports and over 50 student-led campus activities and organizations. Average ACT 24 & GPA 3.5.

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<b>Memphis, Univ. of</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>TN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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We have 22,000 students, 250 fields of study, 350 student clubs, 200 Study Abroad Programs, 19 Division I Athletic teams, 2,700 new freshman, average class size of 30, 16:1 student to faculty ratio, ranked in top 5% of global universities, 55% of students from underrepresented populations, 33% first-generation, and 80+ countries represented. Out-of-state tuition & fees, book rental, and a small meal plan for one year is around \$19,000. Add an additional \$9,000 for a premier residence hall and generous meal plan. Various scholarships are available. Non-resident fee waiver offered to students admitted to our Honors College. Admission review requires a transcript and ACT or SAT score to be submitted. Memphis is the region's cultural, sports and entertainment hub.

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**Merrimack College****North Andover****MA****Northeast****Small**

Established 1947, Suburban location, about 25 miles North of Boston; over 100 programs that include pre-med, pre-law, and strong business department – particularly Finance; Other majors include Creative arts and Design, Humanities, Government, Engineering and Health Sciences. Strong internship and accommodation support; Merit Scholarships ranging from \$5,000-up to \$35,000 (Some full pay options for recruited athletes); 28 Division one sports, 19 Club Sports, and 80+ clubs and organizations. Standardized Test Blind; Free Application

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**Michigan State University****East Lansing****MI****Midwest****Large**

Located in East Lansing, three miles east of Michigan’s capitol in Lansing, MSU’s campus is one of the biggest and greenest in the nation. Top 30 Public university, 51,316 Students, 26.6% Students of Color, 5,200 Acres. Academics: Top-ranked programs, high-quality opportunities and a diverse, inclusive and collaborative community enable Spartan students to create personalized paths that prepare them to succeed and lead. 400+ Academic programs; 300+ Education abroad programs; 35 Programs and concentrations in the top 25 nationally; 16:1 Student-faculty ratio. Ranked in the top 10 nationally by U.S. News & World Report for learning communities, study abroad and service-learning offerings.

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**Michigan Tech. University****Houghton****MI****Midwest****Medium**

Michigan Technological University is a top public university offering more than 130 degree programs in engineering; forest resources; computing; technology; business; economics; natural, physical, and environmental sciences; arts; humanities; and social sciences-all with a reputation for extraordinary hands-on learning. Michigan Tech’s Enterprise program allows students to manage their own corporate-sponsored, real-world research projects and business ventures, and our graduates enjoy an outstanding 96-percent undergraduate job placement rate.

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**Millikin University****Decatur****IL****Midwest****Small**

At Millikin University, Performance Learning is the difference. Starting on day one, you start your future career through hands-on, real-world experiences that carry real risk and reward. You will run your own business. Tour with a rock band. Write award-winning journalism. Conduct graduate-level research. Work on a movie set. Our unique Performance Learning approach to education will help you dive in, grow and do the work of your major, all four years. You’ll find success – Our students succeed through our innovative Performance Learning environment. Our students choose from 250+ internship opportunities and 50+ academic programs that are designed to fast-track their careers. We’re affordable – Millikin is committed to providing access to a private school education at an affordable cost. Millikin provides one-on-one, wraparound student support services, and 100% of Millikin students receive a scholarship! You’ll find your fit – Outside the classroom, our nearly 1,700 students thrive on Millikin’s beautiful, inclusive campus. Students pursue their passions and discover new interests through 75+ organizations and clubs, championship NCAA DIII athletics, and exciting Greek life and performing arts opportunities. Here you'll not only grow as a student, but as an engaged, enthusiastic member of the Big Blue. Schedule your visit today and see why so many outstanding students have decided to #MakeItMillikin.

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**Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)****Milwaukee****WI****Midwest****Small**

Coed of 2,800; private, urban downtown setting; highly selective university. BS degrees in Architectural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Computer Engineering, Software Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering; Business (Marketing, Management, Finance, Accounting and Operations and Systems Management) , Nursing, User Experience and Actuarial Science. Newest majors in Fall 2026: Cybersecurity Systems and Health Innovations. In Fall 2025 we started two new pathways for students unsure about their major: Engineering Explorers Pathway and Computing Explorers Pathway. 5-year freshman to master's degree in Architectural Engineering and Civil Engineering, good science/math skills (Pre- Calculus or higher is highly recommended)

with college prep background; rolling admissions policy; min. GPA 3.0; avg. GPA 3.7; ACT min. 24 with Math subscore of 24; avg. ACT 27; ACT writing is NOT required; scholarships for all admitted students. Free Application. MSOE is still test optional, and we do not require essays or letters of recommendation for the admission or scholarship process.

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<b>Minneapolis College of Art and Design</b>	<b>Minneapolis</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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<b>Minnesota - Twin Cities, Univ. of</b>	<b>Minneapolis</b>	<b>MN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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The University of Minnesota Twin Cities offers 150+ majors, world-renowned professors, and an exciting Big Ten atmosphere--all at a great Twin Cities location.\* As a member of the esteemed Association of American Universities, we are proud to offer the highest quality academic programs to students in a vibrant campus community. Your world-renowned professors will inspire you and guide you as you achieve your career goals and dreams.\* The incredible resources available at our world-class research university range from the nation's most comprehensive study abroad program, to 1,000+ student clubs! You will connect with your University of Minnesota classmates, discover new passions, and explore the world around you--having the college experience you've always dreamed of!\* The University of Minnesota is the only public Big 10 university in a major metropolitan area (with 15 Fortune 500 companies in the Twin Cities area alone), leading to unparalleled career and internship opportunities. You will experience the unique combination of a classic Big 10 campus, with quick access to entertainment, culture, and hands-on career experiences.\* At the University of Minnesota, your college experience will be enhanced by our world-renowned professors and all of the resources of a top public research university. Our outstanding programs and faculty provide students with a prestigious degree at a great value for Illinois students. Nonresident tuition for 2022-2023 is \$35,348, and room and board, along with 14 meals per week for the academic year is \$16,108.

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<b>Missouri Univ. Science &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Rolla</b>	<b>MO</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Coed of 6,522 undergrads, 8,642 total; part of University of Missouri system; full range Engineering and Science degrees and complementary Liberal Arts degrees and programs; mid-range of ACT 26-31; Division II athletics; students automatically considered for merit-based scholarships and financial aid available. Missouri's premier technological research university; 15 engineering-related majors; Business and Information Science and Technology; 200+ student activities; 14 student design teams and 10 design clubs and organizations.

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<b>Missouri, Univ. of - Columbia</b>	<b>Columbia</b>	<b>MO</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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The University of Missouri was founded in 1839 in Columbia, MO as the first public university west of the Mississippi River. Today, Mizzou has an enrollment of more than 33,000 students, 13,000 full-time employees and 330,000 alumni. The state's largest and most comprehensive university, Mizzou has more than 300 degree programs – including 89 online options – through 12 colleges and schools and is one of only six public universities nationwide that can claim a medical school, veterinary medicine college and a law school on the same campus. MU students represent every Missouri county, all 50 states and 120 countries. For more than a decade, the university has welcomed record enrollments. In fact, the fall 2024 student body includes Mizzou's largest number of high-achieving students who scored a 30 or higher on the ACT, the state's biggest international student enrollment and a record number of students from minority groups. Automatic scholarships and Missouri residency available for non-residents.

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<b>Monmouth College</b>	<b>Monmouth</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Coed of 1000; 82-acre residential, small town setting, 3 1/2 hours from Chicago and easy access to Galesburg; Liberal Arts with highlighted programs in Business, Exercise Science, Psychology, Biochemistry, Biology, Education, Chemistry, History, English, Physics, Biopsychology, Accounting, Environmental Science, Civic and Social Change (Global Food Security, Global Public Health, Peace Ethics

Social Justice); 95% live on campus; 30% in fraternity/sorority; 30% Fine Arts participation; 24 DIII varsity teams including Water Polo & Lacrosse; SAT mid-50% of 1020-1270; ACT of 21-26. Guaranteed Study Abroad+Internship+graduate in 4-years.

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### **National Louis University**

**Wheeling**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Medium**

National Louis University – Wheeling and Chicago. 1300 undergraduate students. Harrison Pathways program is a supportive program to help students get to and through college. Students are matched with a student success coach who supports them throughout their 4 years at NLU. Tuition is set at \$10,000 and can be covered in full by financial aid. Majors in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Criminal Justice, Business Administration, Psychology, Applied Behavioral Sciences, Human Services, Management Information Systems, Early Childhood Education, Healthcare Leadership, Applied Communications, Management, Social Science.

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### **Nebraska - Lincoln, Univ. of**

**Lincoln**

**NE**

**Midwest**

**Large**

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln was chartered as a land-grant university on February 15, 1869. A proud member of the Big Ten Conference, the Big Ten Academic Alliance, and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), Nebraska is classified within the Carnegie “R1: Doctoral Universities – Highest Research Activity” category. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Located in Lincoln, Nebraska, UNL has just under 24,000 students. Lincoln is the capital city of Nebraska and has a population of around 300,000. Campus is nestled next to a vibrant downtown with many easily accessible shops, restaurants, and entertainment opportunities. UNL offers over 150 majors, UCARE (UNL’s undergraduate research program), Global Experiences, and 500+ Registered Student Organizations. Out of State students can automatically qualify for one of our five academic scholarships. There are additional scholarships offered for legacy students, military connected, and First Responder dependents.

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### **Nebraska - Omaha, Univ. of**

**Omaha**

**NE**

**Midwest**

**Large**

Founded in 1908 and located in the biggest city in Nebraska; publicly funded four-year institution; offers over 200 majors including Criminal Justice and Criminology, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Aviation, and Pre-Professional programs (Pre-Law, Pre-Med, Pre-Nursing, PT, OT, etc.); Undergraduate population around 12,100; 16 CAA Division 1 Men's and Women's athletics and over 200 active clubs and organizations; Reduced tuition rates for students from 11 surrounding states (Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Montana); 20+ ACT, 1040+SAT, 3.0GPA, OR in class rank in the upper 50% of graduating class, and students can submit super scores.

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### **Nevada - Las Vegas, Univ. of**

**Las Vegas**

**NV**

**West**

**Large**

A diverse public 4 year Research Level 1 Institution in the heart of Las Vegas. We have 78 majors to choose from with direct entry to Colleges of Hospitality, Engineering, Business, Sciences, Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Integrated Health Sciences, Urban Affairs, and Education. We also offer an undecided "exploring" major for students that want to start their Gen Eds but are not sure of their major. We have the #1 Hospitality program in the country and top 3 in the world. All programs accept students at a 3.0 CORE GPA or 1120 SAT or and 22 ACT. We are test optional. We look at GPA first, if the GPA is not admissible then we will look at a test score. We only require a transcript and the application form itself. We are rolling admissions with a priority deadline of Nov 15th. We do not require or consider any other supplemental materials such as essays, letters of recommendations, or resumes. We offer a Signature Scholarship of up to \$12,000 renewable all four years. We also have the President's scholarship of \$10,000 for National Merit Finalists. We also have the Valedictorian Scholarship of an automatic \$1,000. All of our scholarships are stackable.

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### **North Central College**

**Naperville**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Small**

Coed of 2,900+ total enrolled; 69-acre suburban campus; private Liberal Arts institution with strong programs in Science, Communication, Business, Education, Broadcasting, Fine Arts, Health, Social, and Behavioral Science; emphasis on integrative

curriculum, student/faculty advisor program and small classes promoting personalized attention; 55% of population lives on campus; exceptional athletic facilities, over 25 varsity sports with 46 total national championships as of January 2025; 3-2 engineering with University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana and other institutions; internships in most fields; average ACT 25; average GPA is 3.8/4.0 weighted; students take 3-4 classes at a time in a semester system; located 29 miles west of Chicago and 1 block away from the Metra train into Downtown Chicago.

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**North Park University**

**Chicago**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Small**

Located in Chicago, North Park University is a Christian comprehensive university that serves nearly 3,200 undergraduate and graduate students from around the country and the world. Within a diverse, close-knit, urban community, North Park offers a values-based education to students through 40 undergraduate majors and an adult degree-completion program, as well as graduate and continuing education in business, nonprofit management, nursing, education, music, and theology. By integrating faith with learning — as it has done since its founding in 1891 by the Evangelical Covenant Church — North Park University continues to focus on the important task of preparing students for lives of significance and service.

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**Northeastern Illinois University**

**Chicago**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Medium**

Total enrollment: 5,756 students (undergrad: 4,207 grad: 1,549). Northeastern Illinois University is a 4 year public state university with a vibrant learning and research community. With 3 campuses across Chicago and 1 satellite campus, its Main Campus is located on the Northwest Side of Chicago. Our top 10 programs are Computer Science, Psychology, Social Work, Accounting, Biology, Interdisciplinary Studies, Communication, Media & Theater, Management/Administration, Justice Studies, and Education. NEIU also offers student housing at "The Nest" which opened Fall 2016. Housing is optional. Admission eligibility is based on GPA. Students with a GPA of 2.5 or above receive an instant admission decision. Students with a minimum of a 2.0 are still considered for admission under our NEIU For You Scholarship, and are encouraged to apply. All incoming first time, full-time freshmen can apply for the NEIU For You scholarship. Test optional. NEIU is known to graduate students with the least amount of student debt. Tuition & Fees for a full academic school year: \$12,743. Visit our home page: [www.neiu.edu](http://www.neiu.edu)

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**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb**

**IL**

**Midwest**

**Large**

Public, 4-year, coed university of 15,649 (undergraduate enrollment is about 11,500). Located in DeKalb, a city of about 40,500 located just 65 miles west of downtown Chicago. 100+ Undergraduate programs, Honors Program, extensive study abroad program, and undergraduate research opportunities. Exceptional majors include Business, Accountancy, Education, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Computer Science, Engineering, Art, Music, Theater. NCAA Division I athletics (I-A in football) and 200+ student organizations. NIU has a test-free admissions process and reviews students based on their cumulative GPA and a holistic review. Average High School GPA of New Freshman (Fall 2022) was a 3.42.

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**Northern Illinois University Engineering**

**DeKalb**

**IL**

**Midwest**

**Small**

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**Northern Michigan University**

**Marquette**

**MI**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

Four-year public residential university in Marquette, Michigan. Population: 8,600; 56% female and 10% minority; 72% applicants admitted; Mid 50% ACT scores: 20-25; Most popular majors: Education, Business, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Pre-Med, Social Work, Art & Design and Environment Science; What makes us special: NMU offers the best of all areas. Located within a city of 20,000 people, the university is surrounded by one million acres of forest land. With over 180 academic majors and approximately 300 student organizations, our students are able to explore all areas of interest. Illinois students with a recomputed 3.0 GPA and a 19 ACT receive a \$4,000/year scholarship automatically (National Academic Award), and all full-time students are provided a notebook computer as part of tuition for their use while students. % Graduate in 6 years: 49.2%; % Return as sophomores: 73%; Approximate cost:

23,510/yr. (out of state); Average Financial Aid Package: \$11,500. What makes us special: Northern Michigan University is different in very real ways. The elements that make it different, from its geography to its community to its faculty, nurture independent thinking and unleash strength of mind and character. The NMU Difference will challenge you with 21st century academics in our 180 programs that go beyond the classroom and technology tools to provide the connectivity you need to compete in the digital age. Our award-winning leadership programs and 300 student-led organizations provide a competitive edge. Plus, we make excellence affordable through merit based scholarships and financial aid resources. Learn more about the NMU Difference at [nmu.edu/why](http://nmu.edu/why).

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### **Northwestern University**

**Evanston**

**IL**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

Northwestern University is a comprehensive national research institution located in Evanston, Illinois on the shore of Lake Michigan. Located twelve miles north of downtown Chicago, our students enjoy the wealth of Chicago's outstanding intellectual, professional, social and cultural opportunities. One of the nation's premier institutions of higher education, Northwestern attracts students from around the world. Its 8,000 undergraduates represent all 50 states and approximately 75 foreign countries. Programs of study leading to a bachelor's degree in more than 80 formal academic concentrations are offered in six undergraduate schools and colleges. More than 90 percent of undergraduate courses are taught by Northwestern's 2,710 faculty members, who are among the world's leading scholars and researchers. Music auditions are required to apply to the Bienen School of Music, but not required for theater applicants. Median range SAT 1 – total 1380-1540; mid 50% ACT 32-34. Northwestern is an NCAA Division – I school and a member of the Big Ten Conference. Club, instructional, intramural and varsity sports are offered along with approximately 500 campus organizations that serve the varied interests of students. For further information: [www.ugadm.northwestern.edu](http://www.ugadm.northwestern.edu)

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### **Northwest Suburban College**

**Rolling Meadows**

**IL**

**Midwest**

**Small**

Small Allied Health School offering both Degrees and Certificates. Residential location is in Rolling Meadows, a Northwest Suburb of Chicago. Distinct Programs include Bachelor of Science Biology, Bachelor of Health Sciences as well as degrees and programs in Medical Assistant, Sterile Processing, MRI, Healthcare Management, Dental Assistant and Pharmacy Technician. Externships will be provided by the college and NWSC does provide Institutional Aid including grants of up to 40% off tuition. There are academic scholarships, President Scholarship full tuition and Dean scholarships partial tuition. High School GPA of 2.5 required for degrees and 2.0 for certificate programs. Programs are accelerated with various tracks, very flexible, some programs are hybrid and school assists with obtaining national certification if needed in the selected field.

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### **Nova Southeastern University**

**Fort Lauderdale**

**FL**

**Southeast**

**Large**

Coed 7,000 undergraduates, 7,000+ Grad students, suburban, 5 miles west of downtown Fort Lauderdale, 50+ majors, most popular pre-med, marine biology, business, psychology, education. Merit scholarship up to \$22,000/year. Tuition & Fees ~\$42,000, Room and Board ~\$12,000. 30+ Dual Admission to graduate school options for Osteopathic Medicine, law, marine science, cyber security, PA, PT, clinical psychology etc. 16 NCAA DII sports, 150+ Clubs and organizations. Test optional – super score option, mid-range 1100-1340 or 23-30.

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### **Oakton College**

**Des Plaines**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Medium**

An enrollment of about 6000 with a diverse student population; two campus locations in Des Plaines and Skokie; 80+ academic programs including career programs and transfer programs; transfer partnerships with to 4-year colleges and universities including UIC, UIUC, DePaul, NIU, and many others; open admission to all High School graduates; Health Career programs have specific admission requirements; affordable tuition; financial assistance and scholarships are available.

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**Ohio University****Athens****OH****Midwest****Large**

Ohio University, founded in 1804, is the oldest institution of higher education in the old Northwest Territory. Located in the classic college town of Athens, Ohio, the University has earned a reputation for its rich educational tradition and outstanding academic programs. Among its many distinctions, Ohio University is recognized as a leader in research and innovation, ranking in the nation's top tier of research institutions, as well as being recognized for six consecutive years as the #1 Best Value Public University in Ohio (U.S. News and World Report). Ohio University's quality is further strengthened by its designation as one of just 21 R1 institutions in the country – and the only R1 university in the state of Ohio – to be classified as an Opportunity College and University by Carnegie Classifications. Ohio University's OHIO Guarantee+ represents its continued commitment to affordability, freezing a student's tuition, housing, dining, and fees for 12 consecutive semesters; as well as delivering an individualized graduation plan that ensures graduation on-time and on-plan, or Ohio University will make it right. With over 250 areas of undergraduate study and average class sizes of 18 students, Ohio University excels in providing students with a personalized approach to their education.

**Oklahoma State University****Stillwater****OK****Midwest****Large**

Oklahoma State University, one of Oklahoma's two largest public colleges, offers 200 majors in everything from anthropology to zoology, on its scenic campus in the college town of Stillwater, Okla. OSU's thriving campus life, diverse student body, academic programs and competitive financial aid brought in the largest freshmen class at a public university in state history in Fall 2024. Pairing value with tremendous academics, OSU is consistently ranked highly among the nation's best college buys by rating agencies such as The Princeton Review.

**Oregon, Univ. of****Eugene****OR****West****Large**

At the University of Oregon (UO), you'll be welcomed into a community of student and faculty scholars who embrace new ideas and the differences among us. Our academic programs span a wide range of disciplines, from business and architecture to biology, psychology, environmental science, journalism, and many more with both regional and national rank. UO is located in Eugene, Oregon, a vibrant college town about two hours south of Portland, where community pride in academic achievement and athletic spirit runs deep. You'll discover that sustainability and environmental stewardship are part of our DNA, reflected in research, campus culture, and student initiatives. The student body includes about 20,000 undergraduate students and 4,000 graduate students, representing all 50 states and numerous countries around the world. Despite being a large research university, UO maintains an engaging academic environment with a median class size of 20 and a student-to-faculty ratio of about 18:1, helping ensure access to faculty and meaningful classroom interaction. Our students are active and engaged across a wide spectrum of activities, from student organizations and research to community service and athletics. We are proudly and permanently test-optional for admission, and we encourage all students with a strong academic profile and a passion for school spirit to apply!

**Parkland College****Champaign****IL****Midwest****Medium**

Parkland College is a fully accredited, public community college established to serve the needs of District 505, the third largest community college district in Illinois. Parkland has delivered vocational-technical and academic instruction to more than 300,000 people since its classes began in 1967. Our college has become a center for educational opportunity and community enrichment in east central Illinois and has earned a national reputation for its excellent academic standards, innovative programs, and quality instruction. Built on 255 acres of landscaped grounds in Champaign, Illinois, Parkland is centrally located and accessible to all 54 communities in the district. Our beautiful, quiet campus is situated near the intersection of interstate highways 57, 72, and 74 and is just a short drive from the University of Illinois main campus. It takes about 2 1/2 hours to reach Parkland from downtown Chicago, Indianapolis, and St. Louis. Parkland maintains 120+ degree and certificate programs designed for career and job placement or for transfer to programs at four-year institutions. The college confers the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts, Associate in Engineering Science, Associate in Applied Science, and Associate in General Studies degrees in an array of traditional and nontraditional disciplines. Parkland College enrolls approximately 20,000 students annually. Our campus is a melting pot of student life, with cultures as diverse as the communities we serve, students ranging in age from 16 to 86, and a growing international student presence. About 75 percent of our students live and work within District 505. In addition, concurrent enrollment is available for

University of Illinois students which can reach up to 3,000 per year. Parkland's 2023-2024 tuition for District 505 residents is \$178.50 per credit hour; Out-of-District tuition is \$401.75 per credit hour.

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<b>Pennsylvania State University</b>	<b>University Park</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Large</b>
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Penn State University is a multi-campus system that consists of 20 undergraduate campuses across the state of Pennsylvania. Offering over 275 majors and over 300 minors, Penn State has a large variety of academic opportunities across most disciplines. The majority of admissions decisions are based on the students' high school performance. This includes GPA, courses completed, AP, Honors, Class Rank, etc. Another part of the evaluation are Standardized Test Scores. At Penn State, ACT and SAT writing components are not required.

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<b>Pittsburgh, Univ. of</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Large</b>
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"Located only 3 miles from downtown Pittsburgh, PA, the University of Pittsburgh is a state-related institution. Our 20,000 undergraduates have access to undergraduate research, over 100 different majors, guaranteed admission for outstanding freshman to 22 graduate and professional school programs, and a 14:1 student to faculty ratio. We are test optional through the Fall 2028 class, and our test averages vary by academic program – please refer to our class profile located on our website. Admission is rolling; apply by December 1 of senior year to be considered for merit awards. Division I sports. Tuition deposits made by May 1 will guarantee residence hall housing for 3 years. [pitt.admissions@pitt.edu](mailto:pitt.admissions@pitt.edu) or [admissions.pitt.edu](http://admissions.pitt.edu) or (412)624-PITT."

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<b>Principia College</b>	<b>Elsah</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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<b>Purdue University - Northwest</b>	<b>Hammond</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is a premier metropolitan university dedicated to empowering transformational change in our students and in our community. Located in Northwest Indiana, near Chicago, PNW values academic excellence, supports growth, and celebrates diversity.

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<b>Purdue University - West Lafayette</b>	<b>West Lafayette</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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At Purdue, we never stop our persistent pursuit of the next giant leap. Whether you want to be an engineer, an artist, a health care worker or an entrepreneur, you can choose from over 200 majors to follow your passions and achieve your goals. Being part of our community introduces you to over 1,000 student organizations dedicated to service, learning, and fun. Boilermakers engage in world-changing research to deliver innovation, while creating an environment of inclusion and a culture of hard work that helps build balance and growth. In the lab, the field, the studio and on the stage, we keep learning and growing, leaving nothing untested, and nothing undone. This is the kind of place where you build your future, one small step at a time.

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<b>Queen Mary University of London</b>	<b>Bethnal Green, London</b>		<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Large</b>
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<b>Quincy University</b>	<b>Quincy</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Coed of 1,300 undergrad; 75-acre campus about 1 mile from Mississippi River; Roman Catholic Franciscan Liberal Arts with Business, Education and Communications being among the three largest departments; unique programs in Nursing, Sign Language Interpreting

and Aviation; strong academic support system and career placement program; Division II athletics; Average GPA 3.2; ACT 20-24. We do NOT require the writing portion of the ACT.

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**Ripon College**

**Ripon**

**WI**

**Midwest**

**Small**

A campus body of 800 students; a 14:1 student-to-faculty ratio and an average class size of 20 students or less; 27 buildings on 250 acres (unusually large campus for a college this size - includes over 200 acres of conservation area owned by the college); Residential (97% of the students live on campus all four years); more than 80 areas of study including numerous pre-professional tracks including pre-med and health sciences, pre-engineering, pre-law, or design your own major; Four-year graduation guarantee (see website for details). Division III NCAA Midwest Conference Athletics with 18 varsity sports, over 40+ student organizations clubs including the College Days (the oldest college newspaper in Wisconsin), and R.O.T.C. Army. The average incoming H.S. student GPA is 3.4 and the average ACT is 24; Ripon College is test-optional, but will consider ACT or SAT test results should the student elect to submit them.

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**Rockford University**

**Rockford**

**IL**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

Rockford University is located in Rockford, IL, about 90 miles northwest of Chicago, IL. RU has a student population of 1,200. Rockford University is a Liberal Arts university with over 80 Majors & Minors including pre-professional tracks and study abroad opportunities. We have new majors in Cybersecurity, Supply Chain Management, Healthcare Administration, Digital Marketing, Data Analytics, and Data Science. For First Year students, academic scholarships range up to \$19,000. A student can receive the Horizon Grant if they are an Illinois resident that is MAP and PELL eligible. Tuition is \$5,000 a year if a student receives the Horizon Grant. RU has 13 sports and over 20 clubs and organizations. Rockford University offers rolling admissions and no application fee.

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**Rollins College**

**Winter Park**

**FL**

**Southeast**

**Small**

Coed liberal arts college of 2300 students, small college feel with large city (Orlando) 10 minutes away; 30 majors with popular options being Business, Sciences, Social Sciences – Business Management, International Business, Social Entrepreneurship, Pre-Health, Biology, Chemistry, Communication Studies, Theatre Arts, Environmental Studies, English; 80% of students study abroad; service-minded student body - weekend and week-long college-sponsored service trips, 30 community engagement courses per semester, day of service during orientation; DII & intramural athletics & 90+ student organizations; SAT 1220-1330; ACT 27-30; We will super-score the SAT & ACT, and 56% of students apply without test scores.

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**Roosevelt University**

**Chicago**

**IL**

**Chicago Area**

**Medium**

Roosevelt University is a non-profit, private university named in honor of Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt with campuses in downtown Chicago and suburban Schaumburg, Illinois, along with online programs. Roosevelt's award-winning faculty and dedicated staff take pride in pushing Roosevelt's diverse students to the limits of achievement, inspiring the transformation of lives and communities through the principles of social justice and inclusion. Academic programs are offered in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, business, education, music, theatre, pharmacy and professional studies. 6,145 students study at Roosevelt, one of the Midwest's most diverse private universities. The student/faculty ratio is 20:1, average high school GPA of new students is 3.16 and average ACT/SAT is 22.4/1110. Generous academic and need-based scholarships and grants are available and 95% of students receive financial assistance. Residence halls at the Chicago Campus house nearly 1000 students. Roosevelt's 32-story "vertical campus" downtown features student housing, science labs, classrooms, and a fitness center. The Schaumburg Campus is a state-of-the-art facility near Woodfield Mall, a commuter campus with ample free parking.

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<b>South Carolina, Univ. of</b>	<b>Columbia</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Large</b>
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Coed of approx 39,000; college town location, about an hour and a half South of Charlotte, NC; comprehensive research university with over 100 majors in 12 colleges that include Arts & Sciences, the nationally ranked Darla Moore School of Business, highly competitive Nursing, and the #1 public Honors College in the Nation, Information and Communications, Education, Engineering and Computing, Hospitality Retail and Sports Management, Music, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Social Work; internships as well as study abroad; Automatic merit scholarship consideration for all admitted first-year students that meet the regular decision deadline of December 15; NCAA Division I athletics and over 700 clubs and organizations; Middle 50% of admitted student data from fall 2025: ACT 28-32 and SAT 1260-1390, ACT Science scores are not utilized by USC.

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<b>Southern Illinois Univ. - Carbondale</b>	<b>Carbondale</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Large</b>
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SIU Carbondale is a doctoral research university enrolling students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. We offer more than 200 undergraduate, 70 master's and 31 doctoral programs in addition to professional degrees in law and medicine. SIU is among the top 5 percent of U.S. higher education institutions for research. Undergraduate population of 11,000; Graduate population of 3,183; 1128-acre campus; near edge of Shawnee National Forest; Tutoring; financial assistance available; Division I Athletics; (23+ ACT or 1130+SAT and 2.0+ GPA) OR (18+ ACT or 960+ SAT and 3.0+ GPA) for automatic admission. All other students are holistically reviewed.

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<b>Southern Illinois Univ. - Edwardsville</b>	<b>Edwardsville</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville provides a high-quality, affordable education to a diverse student body of more than 13,000 students. SIUE offers more than 300 academic programs encompassing the arts, sciences, nursing, education, health, human behavior, business, engineering, pharmacy and dental medicine. Our scenic 2,660-acre campus is located 25 minutes from downtown St. Louis. Ranked 11th safest college campus in the nation by the National Council for Home Safety and Security, our students thrive with more than 300 student organizations and easy access to support services for academic success, physical and mental well-being, and career development. Our average ACT is 23.3. The typical SIUE freshman profile is middle 50% range, 1020-1270 SAT (20-26 ACT), and 76% of incoming freshmen are top 50% of their high school class. ACT Writing portion is not required. You can start the application process today at [siue.edu/apply](http://siue.edu/apply).

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<b>St. Francis, Univ. of</b>	<b>Joliet</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Private, 4-year college with 4,300 students; suburban setting with easy access to Chicago; Roman Catholic affiliated; programs in Criminal Justice, Business, Computer Science, Education, Biology, Mass Communications, Visual Arts, Nursing, Music, unique program in Nuclear Medical Technology, Radiography, Radiation Therapy, and Social Work; 94% of students receive financial aid; top 50% in class; GPA 2.5/4.0; ACT 20.

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<b>St. Norbert College</b>	<b>DePere</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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St. Norbert College is the only Catholic, Norbertine College in the world. We uphold the Norbertine traditions of Radical Hospitality and Communitio to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, faculty, staff and alumni. All denominations are welcome. Located in De Pere, Wisconsin on the banks of the Fox River, we are home to 1,600+ undergraduate students and maintain a 4-year graduation guarantee. SNC is a liberal arts institution with popular majors in Communications and Media Studies, Business, Education, Sciences (Pre-Professional Programs), Music, Art and Psychology. Our newest degree opportunities include a Public Image & Promotion concentration in Media Studies, Exercise Science, and a 4 + 1 MBA program. 30% of students study abroad. We've recently invested \$175 million in campus improvements including a new dining commons, library, fitness center and a \$40 million science center that also houses the Medical College of Wisconsin, making SNC the only small liberal arts college in the country with a medical college on campus. In the Fall of 2025, we opened our brand new 45,000 square foot, multi-use business building, the

Schneider Family Hall. We offer 27 intercollegiate sports and are a part of the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference for all teams except for Hockey and Swimming & Diving.

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### **St. Olaf College**

**Northfield**

**MN**

**Midwest**

**Small**

A residential campus of 3,124 students, St. Olaf is located 45 minutes south of the Twin Cities in Northfield, MN, a small college town environment. Founded by Norwegian Lutherans, the college thrives on global engagement and offers 45 majors and 21 concentrations, highlighted by a world-class music program and a #2 national ranking for study abroad. Recognized for its sciences and mathematics, its most populated majors include STEM, humanities, social sciences and the arts. St. Olaf attracts a high-achieving student body—with 50% of students in the top 10% of their class—and offers robust academic merit scholarships alongside talent awards for music, art, theater, and dance. Supported by strong TRIO programs and a vibrant community, the campus features 26 intercollegiate sports and over 200 student clubs.

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### **Stony Brook University**

**Stony Brook**

**NY**

**Northeast**

**Large**

Coed of 18,000 undergraduate students; residential location, central Long Island, on the North Shore, 4 miles from the beach and about 60 miles east of New York City, with a train station on campus that will take you right into Manhattan; Research institution with over 200 distinct programs that include pre-med, pre-dental, and strong STEM, and business departments – particularly Computer Science (top 10 in the country), Bio, Chem, and Psychology, as well as very unique opportunities with Marine Science; internships as well as study abroad; Merit Scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$18,000, all accepted students are automatically considered for merit scholarships; 18 division 1 NCAA sports teams and 300+ clubs and organizations; SATs 1320-1460; ACT 29-33. We will superscore your SAT/ACT, but please send your raw scores. Among top 40 national universities, top 25 public universities top 15 best value US public universities.

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### **St. Thomas, Univ. of**

**St. Paul**

**MN**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

Coed of 6,240 undergrad, 4,005 grad; largest private college in MN; 78-acre campus located in residential area 10 minutes from downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis; Roman Catholic Liberal Arts college; Unique majors include: Music Business, Actuarial Science (ASE), Catholic Studies; strong programs in Business (AACSB Accredited), Biology/ Pre-med, Journalism, Psychology, Education, Engineering and Study Abroad; opportunity for internships with 5 miles of campus; Average GPA 3.6; ACT 27, Average SAT 1290.

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### **Syracuse University**

**Syracuse**

**NY**

**Northeast**

**Medium**

A private, coeducational university with approximately 15,000 undergrads; 200-acre urban campus in central New York state; student/faculty ratio 15:1; comprehensive university with both professional and Liberal Arts; offers approximately 200 majors & 100 minors; consists of the following schools and colleges: Arts & Sciences, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Sport and Human Dynamics, Information Studies, Management, Public Communications, Visual & Performing Arts. Tuition: \$61,310. On campus housing and meals: \$18,444, Fees: \$1,751, Books and Supplies: \$1690. Division I sports; test optional SAT I or ACT used for admission. Merit scholarships and need-based financial aid available and automatically considered.

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### **Tennessee, Univ. of**

**Knoxville**

**TN**

**Southeast**

**Large**

UT Knoxville has a current undergraduate population of around 22,000 students. Our goal is to support first-rate academic and research programs as we work to become a Top 25 public research university. Our student body represents the best from the state of Tennessee, forty-nine other states, and more than ninety countries. We offer over 170 undergraduate degree programs, including several honors programs, and we award \$28 million in annual scholarships. At UT, our students can focus on scientific research, business, communications, engineering, education, or something entirely different like piano pedagogy. All applications are reviewed holistically, taking into consideration a student's academic work, test scores, recommendation letters, and involvement.

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**Texas A & M University** College Station TX South Large

No description provided by University

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**Texas Christian University** Ft. Worth TX West Medium

Texas Christian University is a selective, mid-sized private school located in Fort Worth, TX. TCU has an undergraduate enrollment of about 11,158 undergraduate students and an average class size of 26. TCU offers over 130 areas of study, including Business, Journalism, Pre-Med Professions, Nursing, and Education. Located on a beautiful, residential campus, TCU provides a close-knit community with over 400 organizations and Big 12 athletics (NCAA Division 1). The TCU admission process is test-optional with a "do no harm" policy. There has never been a better time to be a Horned Frog!

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**Trinity University** San Antonio TX Southwest Small

Trinity University is a highly selective Liberal Arts and Sciences institution with a student body of about 2,500, located in San Antonio, Texas (7th largest city in the US). The campus is nestled in a historic district but is conveniently located five minutes from downtown and 10 minutes away from the airport. Our flexible curriculum offers 56 different majors including five pre-professional programs, Pre-Health and Pre-Law advising programs, a fully-accredited Neidorff School of Business, fully-accredited Engineering program, and 5 graduate programs with 100% placement rate. Students receive personalized attention from faculty (9:1 student to faculty ratio, no TAs) but also reap the benefits of Trinity's "big school" resources, a \$1.7 billion endowment. This endowment enables us to provide students with state of the art facilities, nationally ranked professors, research opportunities, and competitive financial aid packages. Additionally, every student is considered for a merit scholarship ranging from \$12,000-\$33,000/year. We have 18 varsity sports at the DIII level and offer 115 clubs and organizations. In our student body, we see 8% international (40 different countries), 15% first-generation college students, 40% under-represented or historically marginalized, and representation from 45 states. Trinity has a 3-year residency requirement and all dorms are suite style, with walk-in closets and private balconies. We are on the Common App, Apply Texas, and Coalition. The average GPA of admitted students is a 3.8 on a 4.0 scale; mid 50% for ACT is 31-34, and SAT is 1360-1500, but we are currently test optional. No application fee or supplemental essays!

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**Tulane University** New Orleans LA Southeast Large

Established in 1834; residential location, located in the city of New Orleans; Access to 5 undergraduate schools– School of Liberal Arts, School of Science and Engineering, Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Freeman School of Business, and School of Architecture and Built Environment with +70 majors across all schools; robust career services, internships, study abroad support; graduation requirement of two service related classes; Academic Scholarships ranging from \$3,500-up to full tuition; Division I athletics with 16 sports and +300 clubs and organizations. We will super-score the SAT and ACT and are test optional. Mid 50% scores for SAT are 1430-1500 and ACT are 32-34. Students can self-report their transcript and test scores when applying for admissions.

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**U.S. Naval Academy** Naval Academy MD Northeast Small

No description provided by University

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**University College Cork** Cork Ireland Large

No description provided by University

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**University College Dublin****Dublin****Ireland****International****Large**

University College Dublin is Ireland's Global University. A large, public, coed university of 30,000, with over 25% of students coming from 140 countries outside Ireland, UCD is located on a beautiful suburban campus just south of Dublin city centre. UCD is Ireland's largest university offering full undergraduate degrees in as little as three years – study a wide range of subjects, including some of the best Irish programmes in law, medicine, international business, computer science, engineering, science, and liberal arts; academic merit scholarships available for North American students ranging from 25-100% of tuition over the full degree course; over 160 clubs and societies, as well as international student supports and free social programming and excursions; minimum entry requirements – ACT 22, SAT's 1090, 3.0 GPA. Some programmes are test optional.

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**Upper Iowa University****Fayette****IA****Midwest****Small**

Upper Iowa University (UIU) is a private, non-profit university located in Fayette, Iowa. Established in 1857, it offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in various fields, including business, education, arts and sciences, and health sciences. UIU is known for its flexible 8-Week sessions that include traditional on-campus programs, as well as online and distance education, which make it accessible to a diverse student body. The university emphasizes hands-on learning, leadership development, and community engagement, offering a supportive environment where students can grow both academically, personally, and athletically. UIU is also the only NCAA DII school in the state of Iowa hosting a competitive range of options to continue your athletic journey. With many scholarship opportunities and a competitive tuition let's help you apply for UIU today

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**Utah, Univ. of****Salt Lake City****UT****West****Large**

The University of Utah, a renowned Tier 1 research institution, offers over 100 majors to 27,000+ undergraduate students. Nestled in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, our campus is 15 minutes from vibrant downtown Salt Lake City and 45 minutes from 7 world-class ski resorts. Utah boasts nationally ranked programs in Entrepreneurship, Nursing, Social Work, Kinesiology, Business, Computer Science, and more. Apply through the Common App with an Early Action deadline of December 1st. We are test-optional, essay-optional, and recommendation-optional. Becoming an in-state resident is easy, saving you nearly \$22,000 per year in tuition after one year.

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**Valparaiso University****Valparaiso****IN****Midwest****Medium**

Undergrad 2,500; grad 400; 310-acre campus about one hour from Chicago; 70+ majors total within the College of Arts and Sciences, Business, Nursing and Health Professions, and Engineering (ranked top 25 nationally; civil, electrical, mechanical, computer, biomedical, and environmental), new programs include, Physician Assistant, Business Analytics, Supply Chain and Logistics Management, Environmental Engineering, Humanitarian Engineering; 40+ overseas study programs; Honors College (3rd Oldest In the Nation); NCAA Division I Athletics; Overall placement rate (jobs/grad school) 97% within 9 months of graduation. Medical School acceptance rate over 20 years: 85% (100% for those in Honors College). Average incoming freshman GPA 3.76, average ACT 27, middle 50% ACT 23-29; average SAT 1206, middle 50% 1090-1210.

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**Vanderbilt University****Nashville****TN****Midwest****Large**

Vanderbilt is a medium-sized, private, residential university. Located in the heart of Nashville, TN, Vanderbilt has 7700+ undergraduate students who major in the College of Arts and Science, School of Engineering, Peabody College of Education and Human Development, and Blair School of Music. Vanderbilt is an R1 institution, with \$1 billion in annual research expenditures. Vanderbilt students enjoy balance, with a residential living requirement, 450+ student organizations, and D1 SEC athletics. Vanderbilt is highly selective in its admissions process. Vanderbilt is test-optional for applicants. Vanderbilt meets 100% of a student's demonstrated financial need, with no loans.

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<b>VanderCook College of Music</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Chicago Area</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Founded in 1909, VanderCook College of Music is a private university located in Chicago, Illinois, and one of the only institutions solely dedicated to music education. VanderCook College of Music offers two degrees for undergraduate students, Bachelors of Music Education and Bachelors of Music in Performance & Pedagogy. We also offer graduate degrees for Music Teacher Certification and Music Education. The student-faculty ratio is 6 : 1. Tuition for the 2025-2026 year is \$31,000 with opportunities for substantial scholarships for students. Students will need to submit transcripts, three letters of recommendation and we are test optional.

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<b>Villanova University</b>	<b>Villanova</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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No description provided by University

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<b>Wabash College</b>	<b>Crawfordsville</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Small</b>
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Wabash College is a highly selective, nationally recognized liberal arts college for men where small classes, close faculty mentorship, and a powerful alumni network create exceptional outcomes. With 30 majors that all rank in the top 15% nationally, Wabash is featured in Colleges That Change Lives and is known for preparing graduates who lead in business, medicine, law, and top graduate programs. Guided by the Gentleman's Rule, Wabash challenges students to take ownership of their education, think critically, and lead with integrity—producing men who stand out long after graduation.

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<b>Washington Univ.-St. Louis</b>	<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>MO</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Washington University in St. Louis is a medium-size, research institution located in St. Louis, Missouri. Our approximately 7,000 undergraduates come from all 50 states and more than 50 different countries and study in one of five academic divisions—The College of Arts & Sciences, McKelvey School of Engineering, Olin Business School, College of Art, and College of Architecture. There are over 90 undergraduate majors offered including a number of interdisciplinary programs like Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology, the Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities, and a joint degree in Business & Computer Science. Our students value the collaborative and discussion-based learning environment that our faculty work to cultivate. WashU's 169-acre campus is surrounded by some of St. Louis's most vibrant neighborhoods including the Delmar Loop and Forest Park. Beyond these neighborhoods you'll find our historic and growing metro area of over 3 million residents has a lot to offer for both recreational and entrepreneurial pursuits.

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<b>Western Illinois University</b>	<b>Macomb</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>Medium</b>
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Western Illinois University is a residential, 4-year co-ed campus of approximately 5,500 students on 1050 acres in West Central Illinois. WIU offers over 60+ innovative undergraduate and graduate degree options, integrated, pre-professional, and certificate programs. Signature undergraduate programs include: Accounting, Agriculture, Biology, Education, , Nursing, Sports Broadcasting, SpeechPathology and Audiology, Supply Chain Management, Forensic Chemistry/Psychology, Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, Meteorology, and Theatre. The Law Enforcement (Ranked #1 in Illinois), Fire Medic (FESHE Certified and the only 4-year degree program offering this opportunity), and Emergency Management (ranked in the top 2%) programs make up our Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Program. Students in our Law Enforcement and Justice Administration program benefit from our partnership with the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) unit. The ATF Government to Graduate program allows WIU students to gain firsthand insight into the field and provides access to federal career opportunities. WIU's successful partnership is among the first and will serve as a template for other top universities. Western Illinois is excited to open the doors to our brand-new Performing Arts Center in the spring of 2026. This new multi-million dollar center will be an amazing addition to our campus while benefiting our students in the College of Fine Arts, and the entire WIU campus and community. WIU is one of two Illinois public institutions to receive the Best in the Midwest designation from the Princeton Review and is an Illinois public university with a guaranteed four-year rate for tuition. Qualified freshmen receive an automatic four-year Western Commitment scholarship between \$4,000-\$6,000 annually. All scholarships are subject to the continued availability of funding. Rolling admissions; Alternative



Performing Arts, Education, Nursing, Health Sciences, Information Sciences and more. UWM offers 300+ student organizations and is proud of its 15 NCAA Division I athletic teams.

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**Wisconsin - Oshkosh, Univ. of**

**Oshkosh**

**WI**

**Midwest**

**Large**

Undergrad 8,124; Grad 1,087; 182-acre urban campus; Titan National Scholar Program = in-state tuition for students with a 2.6+ GPA (\$8,258/year); 4 colleges; Letters and Science, Nursing, Business, Education and Human Services; about 33% of students live on campus; rolling admissions; on-campus housing required through sophomore year; Division III sports; Average Profile of Admitted Students: Class Rank Percentile (69th%), ACT Score (22) and Cumulative Unweighted GPA (3.25).

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**Wisconsin - Platteville, Univ. of**

**Platteville**

**WI**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

A mid-size state university in southwest Wisconsin; undergraduate enrollment 5,916; most popular majors: Criminal Justice, Engineering, Business, Biology, Education, Agriculture and Construction Management. Campus life includes diverse student organizations, clubs, and an NCAA Division III athletics program. Provides all students access to state-of-the-art equipment and hands-on training through programs like our 400-acre education and research farm and Forensic Investigation Crime Scene House (FISCH). Offers a unique tuition savings program for Illinois students called the Tuition Advantage Program.

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**Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Univ. of**

**Stevens Point**

**WI**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

The University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point (UWSP) is a mid-sized public university located in a safe, welcoming community in central Wisconsin. UWSP is known for hands-on, career-focused education with popular majors in business, health sciences, computer science, engineering, education, natural resources, and sustainability. Students gain real-world experience through internships, research, fieldwork, and applied learning starting in their first year, preparing them for careers in high-demand fields or graduate study. UWSP offers strong career preparation, personalized advising, and job-specific training that helps graduates stand out in the global workforce. Stop by our booth to learn how UWSP supports students from application to career success!

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**Wisconsin - Whitewater, Univ. of**

**Whitewater**

**WI**

**Midwest**

**Medium**

UW-Whitewater is a co-ed campus home to over 11,000 undergraduates. UW-Whitewater is located in the South-Eastern part of the state. The campus is about 2 hours away from Chicago, 1 hour away from Milwaukee, and 45 minutes away from Madison. Ma'iingan Hall is our newest residence hall, featuring pod style dorm rooms. Pods consist of 2 two-person bedrooms, closets, and a bathroom/shower. This residence hall is open to upper classmen. Over 1,000 of our students utilize the Center for Students with Disabilities. UW-W has many award-winning degree programs in the fields of Business (ranked #1 in the state of Wisconsin), Education, Communications, Computer Science (Top 10 Major), Psychology, Social Work, and Graphic Design. If you are not sure what you want to major in we have 79 undergraduate majors and 128 minors to choose from. UW-W offers unique programs in Marine Biology, Integrated Science and Business, Media Arts and Game Development, and Occupational Health and Safety. Students have many exciting study abroad opportunities along with shorter travel study programs. There are many ways to get connected on campus with over 200 student organizations, on-campus job opportunities, the largest undergraduate research program in the nation, and our Division III athletics. Non-resident scholarships are available for non-resident students based on unweighted GPA. UW-Whitewater is rated the best value in the UW system. 95% of your textbooks are included in the tuition and fees. Also included is our tutoring services, athletic events, laundry, printing, fitness center, Warhawk alley, Young Auditorium, and UC Movies.

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**Wooster, College of**

**Wooster**

**OH**

**Midwest**

**Small**

No description provided by University

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**Worcester Polytechnic Institute****Worcester****MA****East**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a STEM focused institution located in Worcester, MA, which is about 45 miles away from Boston or an hour drive. We are in a residential area of a large city. Students can find themselves within walking distance to cafes, restaurants, sports and other entertainment venues. Although WPI is a small/medium size school with ~5,000 students in undergraduate, the city of Worcester has 10 colleges/universities with a total student population of ~30,000. Students can enjoy the college town vibe while having the urban convenience. Academically, we have over 50-degree programs, some of the most popular areas of study include, engineering, life sciences, interactive media and game development, and entire business school. We also offer pre-law, pre-health, and teacher licensing track. We automatically considered students for merit scholarship based on the application with the exception to FIRST/VEX Scholarships that require a separate application. We are a D3 School with 12 different sports and over 160 clubs & organizations. We're a no-harm, test-optional institution, so students are not required to submit their test scores to be considered for admissions or scholarship.

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**Xavier University****Cincinnati****OH****Midwest****Medium**

Jesuit Catholic co-ed university; 5,000 undergraduates; 2,000 graduates; residential location just north of downtown Cincinnati (5 hrs from Chicago), easily accessible by air, driving; more than 90 majors including Biomedical Sciences (Pre-Med), Marketing, Cybersecurity, Neuroscience, Nursing, Finance, Exercise Science, Sports Management and Digital Innovation: Film and Television; Internships, honors, study abroad and service learning programs. Academic scholarships awarded at the time of admission (no separate application required). 98% of students had a job or were in graduate school within six months of graduation, and 99% of incoming students received financial aid and/or scholarships in 2025. We are test optional for all majors, scholarships and honors programs. GPA 3.21 - 3.92 NCAA Division 1, Big East Conference, club teams and intramurals and more than 180 clubs and organizations. Xavier College of Osteopathic Medicine opening in Fall 2027! Recently named the Official University of the Cincinnati Reds, providing more access to professional opportunities.

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# COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

The criteria for comparing colleges will vary according to the student's needs. Before comparing colleges, add other appropriate criteria.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Comparative Criteria	College A	College B	College C
Name of College			
Location			
Undergraduate Enrollment			
Cost Tuition/Room & Board			
Campus setting: urban/ rural/suburban			
High High School Course Requirements			
Foreign Language Req.			
Freshmen average class size			
Deadline Dates Types:ED/Rolling Adm./Priority			
Application fee On-line			
Mid 50% ACT/SAT			
Average GPA/Rank			
Essay or Personal Statement?			
Recommendations Needed?			
Financial Aid Forms Needed			
Religious Diversity			
% of students who live on us			
% of returning freshmen			
Your Major			
% of Greek life			
Athletic Division			
Your impressions			
Parent Opinion			
Your order of preference			