

## **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Are you or someone you know planning on enrolling in college?

Get the money you need for college. File your FAFSA!

### **Common Myths about Financial Aid Debunked**

**MYTH:** My family makes too much money.

**TRUTH:** Some aid is not based on income. By not filing, you are not going to be considered for non-income based aid.

**MYTH:** The FAFSA is too hard to fill out.

**TRUTH:** The average time to complete your FAFSA is 21 minutes.

**MYTH:** The FAFSA form is only for federal student loans.

**TRUTH:** When you complete the FAFSA form you're automatically applying for everything from grants and scholarships to work-study funds and loans from federal, state, and schools sources.

**MYTH:** My grades aren't good enough to get aid.

**TRUTH:** Most aid is not linked to your previous academic performance.

**MYTH:** I support myself so I don't have to include parent information.

**TRUTH:** This is not always the case. A variety of questions are asked to determine your dependency status.

**MYTH:** I need to file taxes before completing my FAFSA.

**TRUTH:** You can use estimated amounts and then go back in and update your information after your taxes are filed.

**MYTH:** I already completed FAFSA so I don't need to do it again.

**TRUTH:** You must complete your FAFSA every year that you plan to attend college.

**MYTH:** My ethnicity or age makes me ineligible for aid.

**TRUTH:** This is not a factor what-so-ever.

### **Ways to Complete Your FAFSA**

- Online at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Contact the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend
- Through the FAFSA App - Search for "MyStudentAid"
- Contact your high school counselor
- Schedule with Iowa College Aid Network at <https://www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/ICARUB>



**SUCCESS CAN COME TO YOU AT ANY TIME IN YOUR LIFE! REACH OUT TO UPPER IOWA TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THEIR CLASS OFFERINGS.**

**EDUCATION BUILT FOR LIFE**

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The online undergraduate programs at Upper Iowa University (UIU) are once again ranked among the top online bachelor degree programs nationwide by U.S. News and World Report. The recognition also includes being ranked among the best online programs for veterans.

Click [here](#) for more information about what programs are offered!



**Career Spotlight INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE**

**Average wage: \$25/hour**

Funding is available to take courses to prepare you to become an Industrial Maintenance Technician. Check out the GAP Tuition Assistance Program for more information!

**NOW HIRING**

59 local employers have posted jobs in this career field in recent months!



**Check out some of the resources available to continue your education and training at Hawkeye Community College**

**PATHWAYS TO ACADEMIC CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT (PACE).**

Pathways to Academic Careers and Employment (PACE) provides customized support services to enable eligible credit students to acquire effective academic and employment training to secure gainful, quality, in-state employment.

Students enrolled in programs within healthcare, information technology, and manufacturing may be eligible for financial assistance and career navigation support.

Contact Leah Beier at [leah.beier@hawkeyecollege.edu](mailto:leah.beier@hawkeyecollege.edu) OR 319-296-4296 x 3106 to start the eligibility process.

**GAP TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Do you want to find a career that will take you to the next level but do not have the training that you need to qualify for these positions?

Short-term training in areas like manufacturing, healthcare, transportation or IT may be right for you, and you may qualify for financial assistance. Currently, funding is available for eligible participants. Eligibility is determined after completing an application process.

If interested, please email [gap@hawkeyecollege.edu](mailto:gap@hawkeyecollege.edu) or call 319-296-4296 x 3104.

**HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING**

**High School Completion Classes**

Class start date: March 21, 2022

Registration deadline: March 3, 2022

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/HawkeyeHSC>

**English Language Learning Classes**

Class start date: July 11, 2022

Registration deadline: June 9, 2022

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/HawkeyeELL>