

Colleges & Universities Where Students Receive the Most Need-Based Scholarships & Grants



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Attending college is very expensive for most students and their families. They now have to decide what schools are worth it and if their dream school is out of reach from a financial standpoint.

According to the most recent data compiled by LendEDU (<https://lendedu.com/blog/average-cost-of-college-statistics/>), the average price to attend a private four-year college is \$50,900 per year, while a public four-year in-state institution is \$25,290.

Many students look for ways to pay for college (<https://lendedu.com/blog/how-to-pay-for-college/>), whether it be scholarships (<https://lendedu.com/blog/scholarships/>), grants, student loans, working while in school (<https://lendedu.com/blog/how-to-make-money-in-college/>), or something else. Out of all of the options, scholarships and grants are considered the best as they do not need to be repaid.

The schools that you will see below have been recognized by LendEDU as institutions where students can expect to receive the most need-based scholarships and grants.

The rankings are compiled through data licensed from Peterson's. According to the dataset, need-based scholarships and grants could have come from a variety of sources, including:

- Need-based institutional scholarships & grants (i.e., from the college itself)
- Need-based state scholarships & grants
- Need-based federal scholarships & grants

- Need-based external scholarships & grants (i.e., National Merit scholarships)

Complete Rankings

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Rank	Institution	Average Amount of Need-B. Received
1	Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University	\$87,484.91
2	Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	\$74,779.65
3	The Colorado College	\$52,555.89
4	Williams College	\$52,072.96
5	Yale University	\$51,933.94
6	Amherst College	\$51,599.17
7	Princeton University	\$51,283.68
8	Vassar College	\$50,767.97
9	Harvard University	\$50,608.94
10	Webb Institute	\$50,304.69
11	Middlebury College	\$49,965.73
12	Wesleyan University	\$49,309.99
13	Haverford College	\$49,064.01
14	Pomona College	\$49,028.10
15	Brown University	\$48,866.13
16	Dartmouth College	\$48,701.11
17	University of Chicago	\$48,689.88
18	Northwestern University	\$48,578.92
19	Wellesley College	\$48,569.88
20	Colgate University	\$48,408.21
21	Swarthmore College	\$48,384.05
22	Duke University	\$48,246.21
23	Stanford University	\$48,046.97
24	University of Notre Dame	\$47,840.61
25	Iona College	\$47,663.46
26	Colby College	\$47,562.33
27	Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary	\$47,459.00
28	Bucknell University	\$47,309.93
29	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	\$47,251.60
30	Trinity College	\$47,199.00
31	Bowdoin College	\$46,780.20
32	Franklin & Marshall College	\$46,479.38
33	Claremont McKenna College	\$46,335.50

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34	Smith College	\$46,280.02
35	Vanderbilt University	\$46,226.45
36	Southern Methodist University	\$46,124.06
37	Georgetown University	\$46,101.29
38	University of Pennsylvania	\$46,033.36
39	Tufts University	\$45,967.77
40	Manhattan College	\$45,903.98
41	Davidson College	\$44,936.91
42	Oberlin College	\$44,712.23
43	Barnard College	\$44,683.29
44	Hamilton College	\$44,378.63
45	Pitzer College	\$44,310.78
46	University of Southern California	\$44,290.24
47	Washington and Lee University	\$44,020.93
48	Skidmore College	\$43,960.40
49	Washington University in St. Louis	\$43,922.70
50	Lafayette College	\$43,825.67
51	California Institute of Technology	\$43,392.72
52	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	\$43,357.70
53	Bates College	\$42,804.01
54	Dominican College	\$42,759.09
55	Bryn Mawr College	\$42,253.51
56	Cornell University	\$42,211.32
57	Kenyon College	\$42,031.21
58	Bard College	\$41,487.38
59	Emory University	\$41,386.48
60	Grinnell College	\$40,950.37
61	University of Rochester	\$40,732.39
62	Harvey Mudd College	\$40,655.47
63	Reed College	\$40,637.05
64	Wake Forest University	\$40,390.33
65	Rice University	\$40,355.27
66	Berklee College of Music	\$40,294.11
67	Dickinson College	\$39,786.67
68	Brandeis University	\$39,735.72
69	University of Richmond	\$39,627.81
70	Connecticut College	\$39,500.53
71	Lehigh University	\$39,452.41
72	Babson College	\$39,431.86
73	Andrews University	\$39,389.35
74	Macalester College	\$39,244.64
75	Carleton College	\$38,818.63

76	Gettysburg College	\$38,797.86
77	Vanguard University of Southern California	\$38,705.48
78	Union College	\$38,495.37
79	Mills College	\$38,292.13
80	Occidental College	\$38,272.06
81	Drew University	\$38,058.01
82	Boston College	\$37,704.37
83	Scripps College	\$37,534.57
84	Marlboro College	\$37,392.41
85	Syracuse University	\$37,368.36
86	Carnegie Mellon University	\$37,357.25
87	DePauw University	\$37,274.21
88	College of the Holy Cross	\$37,022.18
89	Earlham College	\$37,006.60
90	Whitman College	\$36,924.36
91	Bennington College	\$36,891.32
92	College of the Atlantic	\$36,724.12
93	The College of Wooster	\$36,643.35
94	Wheaton College	\$36,422.78
95	Albion College	\$36,393.77
96	St. Lawrence University	\$36,363.41
97	Loyola University Maryland	\$36,332.30
98	Santa Clara University	\$36,319.89
99	Boston University	\$36,091.37
100	Pacific University	\$35,904.80
101	Manhattanville College	\$35,678.20
102	Sarah Lawrence College	\$35,148.34
103	The University of Findlay	\$35,035.66
104	Chapman University	\$35,003.68
105	Denison University	\$34,789.07
106	Mount Holyoke College	\$34,677.34
107	Pepperdine University	\$34,662.50
108	Lawrence University	\$34,359.49
109	Chatham University	\$34,296.02
110	Ursinus College	\$34,117.25
111	Tulane University	\$33,740.82
112	Illinois Institute of Technology	\$33,651.09
113	University of Denver	\$33,529.92
114	The George Washington University	\$33,452.43
115	Lubbock Christian University	\$33,425.35
116	Hendrix College	\$33,265.10
117	Seattle University	\$33,247.66

118	Lewis & Clark College	\$33,202.25
119	St. Olaf College	\$33,018.98
120	Albright College	\$32,815.99
121	Kalamazoo College	\$32,773.16
122	California Lutheran University	\$32,743.55
123	Goucher College	\$32,686.79
124	Berea College	\$32,583.12
125	Linfield College	\$32,552.49
126	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	\$32,535.97
127	Fairfield University	\$32,506.63
128	Case Western Reserve University	\$32,421.62
129	Beloit College	\$32,350.26
130	Knox College	\$32,317.81
131	University of Kentucky	\$32,196.85
132	Clarkson University	\$32,045.00
133	University of Portland	\$31,841.82
134	Rhodes College	\$31,764.71
135	Villanova University	\$31,762.89
136	Willamette University	\$31,695.00
137	Trinity University	\$31,372.61
138	The Juilliard School	\$31,193.54
139	McDaniel College	\$31,041.26
140	Washington & Jefferson College	\$31,005.81
141	Coe College	\$30,879.17
142	Susquehanna University	\$30,853.21
143	Saint Peter's University	\$30,771.59
144	Ohio Wesleyan University	\$30,739.34
145	Concordia University Wisconsin	\$30,725.41
146	Southern New Hampshire University	\$30,645.03
147	College of Saint Benedict	\$30,620.33
148	Saint John's University	\$30,531.82
149	Agnes Scott College	\$30,522.93
150	Wabash College	\$30,486.33
151	Southwestern University	\$30,394.08
152	Juniata College	\$30,360.17
153	Hollins University	\$30,356.55
154	Centre College	\$30,354.53
155	Rollins College	\$30,146.41
156	Westmont College	\$30,091.64
157	University of Miami	\$30,084.47
158	Cazenovia College	\$30,029.03
159	Simmons College	\$29,939.66

160	Iowa Wesleyan University	\$29,907.89
161	Muhlenberg College	\$29,884.68
162	Hartwick College	\$29,817.83
163	Wells College	\$29,726.61
164	Cleveland Institute of Music	\$29,496.96
165	Furman University	\$29,483.41
166	Providence College	\$29,437.23
167	Roanoke College	\$29,422.94
168	Principia College	\$29,406.82
169	California College of the Arts	\$29,398.15
170	Saint Mary's College	\$29,332.76
171	Valparaiso University	\$29,292.99
172	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus	\$29,162.75
173	The University of the South	\$29,132.20
174	Stetson University	\$29,102.54
175	University of San Francisco	\$28,981.12
176	Capital University	\$28,926.59
177	Elizabethtown College	\$28,635.93
178	University of Dallas	\$28,624.69
179	Washington College	\$28,613.36
180	Georgetown College	\$28,556.70
181	Loyola University New Orleans	\$28,456.92
182	Saint Louis University	\$28,441.51
183	Monmouth College	\$28,434.61
184	University of Detroit Mercy	\$28,422.84
185	Millsaps College	\$28,410.63
186	Whittier College	\$28,403.11
187	University of the Pacific	\$28,392.76
188	Clark University	\$28,377.67
189	Saint Vincent College	\$28,362.71
190	Sweet Briar College	\$28,359.32
191	Campbell University	\$28,342.72
192	University of La Verne	\$28,303.14
193	Seattle Pacific University	\$28,147.85
194	Bentley University	\$28,017.01
195	Whitworth University	\$27,982.91
196	Randolph College	\$27,870.96
197	Ithaca College	\$27,826.61
198	Elmira College	\$27,661.42
199	Oklahoma Baptist University	\$27,463.65
200	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus	\$27,285.82
201	Luther College	\$27,280.24
202	Illinois Wesleyan University	\$27,266.65

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203	Oglethorpe University	\$27,263.31
204	Bellarmino University	\$27,146.16
205	University of Puget Sound	\$27,103.57
206	Bridgewater College	\$27,094.54
207	Soka University of America	\$26,890.22
208	Centenary College of Louisiana	\$26,840.41
209	Alma College	\$26,817.52
210	Mitchell College	\$26,785.36
211	Lebanon Valley College	\$26,767.69
212	Neumann University	\$26,764.86
213	Emory & Henry College	\$26,720.47
214	Wofford College	\$26,645.85
215	Wittenberg University	\$26,600.52

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Need-Based Scholarships & Grants Per Student

- The median amount of need-based aid received by a student is \$13,584.
- The average amount of need-based aid received by a student is \$17,550.

Applicants for Need-Based Aid Scholarships & Grants

- The average amount of need-based applicants per school is 2,730.
- The median amount of need-based applicants per school is 1,502.

Median Available Need-Based Scholarships & Grants Per Type

- The median amount of need-based institutional aid at a given school is \$11,124,630.
- The median amount of need-based state aid at a given school is \$1,978,98.
- The median amount of need-based federal aid at a given school is \$4,085,262.
- The median amount of need-based external aid at a given school is \$526,922.
- The median total amount of need-based aid at a given school is \$25,675,843.



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totaling the amounts of need-based aid available at that school and dividing that sum by the total

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