

# Financial Aid and Scholarships

Ripon College administers a comprehensive array of merit and need based financial aid programs that are designed to provide qualified students with the opportunity to attend the College regardless of their family financial situation. Financial need is not a factor in the Ripon College admission decision process.

Ripon College scholarships recognize and encourage academic potential and accomplishment as well as special talents and participation. These awards for excellence are given to deserving students regardless of financial need. Scholarships are available in the following areas:

## Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships supersede all other Ripon College scholarships. A student may receive one of the following tuition scholarships:

**Pickard Scholarship** - \$15,000 per year or full tuition. Candidates are invited to campus for a competitive interview process. Candidates typically are ranked in the top 5% of their high school class and have an ACT  $\geq$  30 or SAT  $\geq$  1340. (Interview required.)

**Knop Science Scholars Program** - one full tuition. Awarded to a student who must demonstrate a commitment to studying the natural sciences or mathematics, be enrolled in or have completed both four years of mathematics and four years of natural science, and be among the top 5 percent of his or her school class or have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or better. Additional requirements include an interview and an essay.

**Gleason Presidential Scholarship** - \$48,000 (\$12,000 per year). Minimum criteria: 3.8 GPA top 5% in class, 30 composite ACT/1340 composite SAT.

**Faculty Scholarship** - \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year). Minimum criteria: 3.76-4.0 GPA; 29 composite ACT/1300 composite SAT.

**Dean's Scholarship** - \$34,000 (\$8,500 per year). Minimum criteria 3.51-3.75 GPA; 27 composite ACT/1220 composite SAT

**Founder's Scholarship** - \$28,000 (\$7,000 per year). Minimum criteria 3.36-3.5 GPA; 25 composite ACT/1140 composite SAT.

**Honor Scholarship** - \$24,000 (\$6,000 per year) Minimum criteria: 3.2-3.35 GPA; 24 composite ACT/1110 composite SAT.

**Valedictorian Scholarship** - \$24,000 (\$6,000 per year). Awarded to students who are ranked #1 in their high school class.

**Diversity Scholarship** - up to \$5,000 per year. Awarded to high-achieving students each year who will contribute to the cultural, ethnic, geographical and socioeconomic diversity of Ripon's student body. (Separate application form required.)

**Dickinson Scholarship** - \$45,000 (\$11,250 per year). Awarded to two students each year. Qualified candidates must have a 3.0 GPA, intend on studying business, mathematics, or the natural sciences, and be a graduate of a Dodge County, WI, high school, with preference given to graduates of Beaver Dam High School. Demonstrated financial need is considered.

## Performance/Recognition Tuition Scholarships

Performance/Recognition and Academic Scholarships can be combined to a maximum of \$11,000 per year.

**Art Scholarship** - up to \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year) maximum award. Awarded to students who demonstrate ability and/or potential in art. (Portfolio required)

**Music Scholarship** - up to \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year) maximum award. Awarded to students demonstrating talent or potential in instrumental and/or vocal abilities. Contingent upon continued participation in one of Ripon's music programs. (Audition required.)

**Theatre Scholarship** - up to \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year) maximum award. Awarded to students who demonstrate ability and/or potential in drama. Contingent upon continued participation in Ripon's Theatre program. (Interview required.)

**Forensics Scholarship** - up to \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year). Awarded to students who have been active in forensics and have distinguished themselves at the regional, state, or national level. Contingent upon continued participation in Ripon's forensics program. (Interview required.)

**Boy/Girl State Scholarship** - up to \$16,000 (\$4,000 per year). Awarded to students who have participated in a Boy/Girl State Program.

**Legacy Award** - \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year). Awarded to siblings, children or grandchildren of Ripon alumnae/alumni.

**Ripon College National Latin Exam Scholarship** - up to \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year). Created to recognize achievement in pre-collegiate Latin. Any admitted student who has earned at least a Magna designation on the Level II or higher National Latin Exam will qualify for this

renewable scholarship. Renewal requirements include taking one Latin, Greek, or Classics course the first year and maintaining satisfactory progress towards a degree in any major.

All scholarships are renewable on an annual basis. Pickard Scholars must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. Knop Science Scholars must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 the first year, and a 3.25 at the end of each following year, and make satisfactory progress toward a major in natural science or mathematics. All other academic scholarships are renewed based upon continued satisfactory progress towards a degree. Art, Music, Theatre and Forensics Scholarships are renewed based upon continued satisfactory participation in these activities. Ripon College Legacy Awards and Boy/Girl State Scholarships are renewed automatically each year based on satisfactory academic progress. The total of your scholarships may not exceed the cost of tuition.

Ripon College reserves the right to expand, discontinue, or adjust the selection criteria, eligibility requirements, and award amounts for these and other scholarships in the future.

## **ROTC**

Ripon has a long tradition of Army ROTC on campus. Special incentive programs enable Army ROTC scholarship recipients to attend Ripon and receive additional scholarship assistance. Contact the Office of Admission for details. ROTC candidates must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## Need-Based Financial Aid

Financial need is the difference between the annual Cost of Attendance at Ripon and the amount a student, and his or her family, are able to contribute toward those costs. That ability is reflected in the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is determined annually based on the information entered on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may file their FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Continuing students will receive a Renewal FAFSA notice directly from the Department of Education on an annual basis.

New students must be admitted to Ripon College before a financial aid award can be made. All students are encouraged to apply/reapply for financial aid each year as soon as possible after January 1. Late applications will be considered for available funding.

Financial aid is renewed annually based upon the Renewal FAFSA results and satisfactory academic progress. Award amounts may be adjusted to reflect changes in demonstrated financial need, changes in student enrollment or housing plans, student's year in school, and available funding.

Student financial aid awards may consist of a combination of federal and

state-funded grant programs, Ripon College grant and scholarship awards, other non-institutional scholarships, on-campus student employment, and educational loans. The amount of each award is determined by the Office of Financial Aid in accordance with federal, state and program regulations, and the availability of funds.

A student must be enrolled in the regular program of the College and be registered for a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit (full-time) in order to qualify for receipt of aid funded by the College, and must be registered for at least 6 semester hours of credit (halftime) to receive federal and state aid. Students must consult the Office of Financial Aid if they are planning to carry fewer than 12 credits because an adjustment may have to be made in the aid award.

One semester of Ripon College financial aid may be applied to affiliated off-campus study programs. Only federal and state financial aid is available for non-affiliated off-campus study programs.

For additional information about financial aid and scholarships, please consult the Ripon College financial aid award guide, the admission application, or simply contact the admission or financial aid offices for assistance.