



RIPON COLLEGE

**2020-21 Counselor
Reference Guide**



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THE FACTS ABOUT RIPON COLLEGE

LOCATION

Ripon, Wisconsin

FOUNDED

1851

CAMPUS ACREAGE

250 tree-lined acres, including 130 acres of native prairie, oak savanna and wetland habitat.

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

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ENROLLMENT

788 undergraduate students

CLASS SIZE

The median class size at Ripon is 17 students. Seventy percent of classes have fewer than 20 students.

FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE

78 percent

COURSES OF STUDY

More than 60 areas of study, including preferred and early admission programs in pre-engineering, pre-law, and pre-medicine and health.

STUDENT SATISFACTION RATE

Ninety-one percent of Ripon students indicate they are satisfied or more than satisfied with the amount of attention they receive from faculty.

OUTCOMES

Ninety-eight percent of Ripon College graduates are employed, in graduate school or student teaching within six months of graduating.

75 percent: our five-year acceptance rate to medical school.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Ripon College offers special fast-track pre-professional programs, which place qualified students on a fast track to earn sought-after graduate degrees in engineering, law, nursing and osteopathic medicine sooner from affiliated colleges and universities.

APPLICATION DATA (first-year students, past four years)

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applications	2,504	2,619	2,900	2,614
Acceptances	11,686	1,806	2,016	1,936
Deposits	236	273	221	242

CURRICULUM

Ripon College's five-course curriculum, Catalyst, rigorously develops the 21st-century skills that employers seek while streamlining the path to graduation. Our students enjoy extensive freedom to pursue their passions and craft their own academic program of study. Learn more at ripion.edu/catalyst.

TUTORING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Ripon College's Franzen Center for Academic Success coordinates student tutoring services and ensures our students have easy access to the resources that will help them succeed. Our Student Support Services program recently received a new 5-year, \$1.4 million grant to increase the retention and graduation of first-generation students; students who come from families with lower incomes relative to family size; and students with physical or learning disabilities.

ATHLETICS

40 percent of students participate as a member of one of 19 NCAA Division III varsity athletic teams, including:

- Baseball (m), Basketball (m,w), Cross Country (m,w), Dance (w), Football (m), Soccer (m,w), Softball (w), Swimming and Diving (m,w), Tennis (m,w), Indoor Track and Field (m,w), Outdoor Track and Field (m,w), Volleyball (w)

The College recently completed a \$22 million-plus renovation and addition to our athletics, health and wellness facility, including a state-of-the-art 65,000-square-foot field house.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Eight residence halls on campus offer a variety of living options. Typically, first-year students are housed together within groups of fewer than 20. First-year students who pledge fraternities and sororities continue to live in their halls until their sophomore year when they move into upper-class living areas.

GREEK LIFE

Many Ripon College students are members of Greek fraternities or sororities. Greek organizations provide leadership opportunities and a feeling of belonging while attending Ripon College. Ripon is home to several Greek chapters housed in the residence halls.

ROTC

Students who are interested in pursuing a full Army ROTC scholarship are eligible for the ROTC Enhancement Grant of up to \$2,000 for their first year. The introductory military science course is required to be taken in the first year on campus.

UNIQUELY RIPON

Our students have opportunities to bridge theory and practice with our **LIBERAL ARTS IN FOCUS** programs. They can spend three weeks in programs around the world, from biodiversity in Costa Rica to history in Rome.

▶ *Ripon College boasts a Nobel Prize winner! Oliver E. Williamson, a member of the Ripon class of 1954, received the 2009 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. Sadly, Dr. Williamson died this past year.*

▶ *Ceresco Prairie, a 130-acre town-gown project of sustainability, has been restored to its native prairie, oak savannah and wetlands habitat and serves as our largest outdoor classroom.*

▶ *A little overwhelmed at the thought of transitioning to college life? The Bridge Program enriches the transition into college for first-generation, first-year college students and provides them with early move-in and extra support.*

▶ *Harrison Ford '64, a movie actor and film producer who starred as Han Solo in the "Star Wars" franchise and as the title character in the "Indiana Jones" film series, got his start in theatre on the boards of Ripon College.*

▶ *Our professors are awesome! Ripon students are not surprised to see their teachers and mentors sitting next to them at a basketball game or music performance, and it's common for professors to invite their students into their homes for dinner.*

Ripon's (3+3) PRE-LAW SCHOLARS

PROGRAM allows students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor degree to take advantage of a fast-track plan with American University Washington College of Law, Marquette University, the University of St. Thomas, Mitchell Hamline School of Law to earn their law degree one year sooner.

▶ *Our graduates are competitive in earning prestigious national scholarships, fellowships, grants and awards. Lucy Burghardt '10 was a Gates Scholar and earned a master's degree at Cambridge University. Sam Sondalle '11 earned a Goldwater Scholarship and was accepted to the M.D./Ph.D. program at the Yale University School of Medicine with a full-tuition scholarship and stipend. Zach Morris '02 was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, studied at Oxford University, played touch football with Bill Clinton and socialized with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.*

▶ *We offer some pretty unique study areas, including minors in Latin American and Caribbean studies, national securities studies and coaching, to name a few.*

▶ *Interested in the medical field? Many Ripon College students get hands-on real-life experience by working as part-time emergency medical technicians (EMTs) for the city of Ripon.*

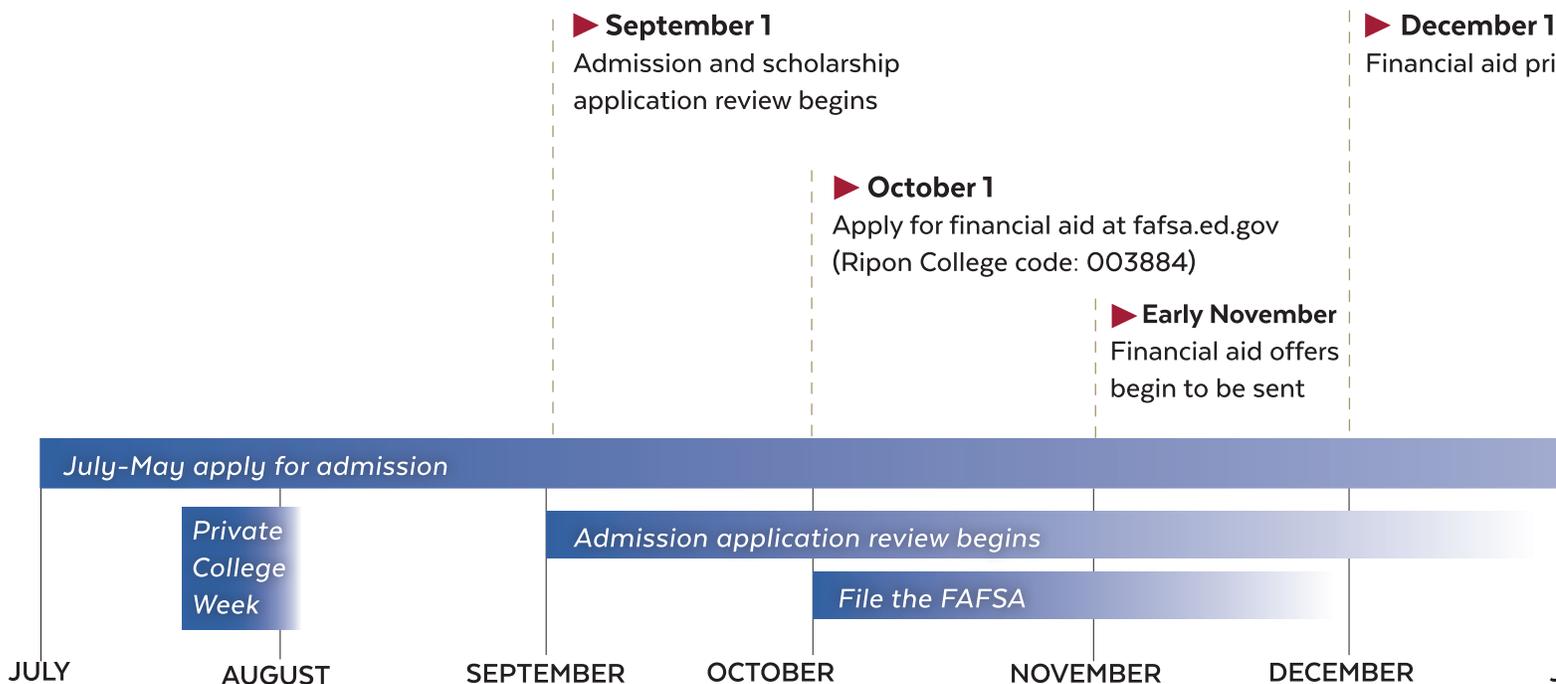
▶ *Career Discovery Tours, held each spring and fall, offer selected students the opportunity to travel to vibrant cities across the United States to gain first-hand knowledge of a variety of careers directly from successful Ripon alumni and friends, and to expand their networking circle.*

▶ *Jonathan Muraskas '78, a leading pediatric expert, especially on premature babies, was named a Top Doctor by U.S. News and World Report; and was ranked in the top 1 percent in his specialty, neonatology.*

As part of our **CENTER FOR POLITICS AND THE PEOPLE**, students learn constructive political debate, analyze public policy and engage actively in their government.

Ripon recently completed a multi-million dollar renovation and expansion of its athletic, health and wellness facility. The new **WILLMORE CENTER** features one of the best indoor tracks in the country.

RIPON COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR ADM



STUDENT PROFILE

Enrollment: 788 undergraduates

Average GPA: 3.4

Mid-Range SAT Scores: 1030-1240

Mid-Range ACT Scores: 21-27

Retention Rate (first-time, first-year students): 78%

Domestic & International Diversity: 17%

RIPON.EDU/APPLY

We also accept the Common Application: commonapp.org

Candidates must submit the following:

- Completed application
- \$30 application fee (will be waived if you apply by Jan. 15)
- Secondary school transcript

Optional:

- Results of ACT or SAT tests
- Secondary school counselor recommendation
- Personal statement
- Interview

On-Campus and Virtual Visit Events

We offer a number of opportunities for you and your family to visit in person and virtually with our admission counselors and current students. Join us on campus or tour from your own home. It's up to you!

VISIT: ripn.edu/visit for more information.

MISSION TIMELINE

Our **Direct-Entry** approach allows students to take classes in their areas of interest the day they arrive on campus.

Priority deadline



IMPORTANT: File the FAFSA

VISIT: ripn.edu/scholarships

The total out-of-pocket cost to attend Ripon College varies for each student based on individual academic and performance-based achievement and demonstrated financial need. Financial aid can come from federal, state, institutional and private sources. It can be in the form of gift aid (scholarships and grants) or self-help (student employment and low-interest loans). We determine each student's financial aid individually, and you may receive a combination of types of aid depending upon your eligibility. To determine your aid package, we use information you supply on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available online beginning Oct. 1, 2020, at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to include the Ripon College federal school code (003884).

When filing the FAFSA, you must use your full legal name and Social Security number as each appears on your Social Security card. It must be on file with Ripon College for your aid to be disbursed.

AMONG THE BEST: RIPON RECEIVES TOP MARKS IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Social Mobility: #1 *U.S. News & World Report**
- Graduate Earnings: #1 *U.S. Dept. of Education**
- Bang for the Buck: #2 *Washington Monthly**
- Best Value: #1 *Milwaukee Business Journal**
- Innovation: Top 50 *College Consensus*

* Denoted numbers reflect rank among Wisconsin schools.



APPLYING IS EASY ... AND FREE IF COMPLETED BY JANUARY 15!

REQUIREMENTS

Ripon College encourages applications from those students who are best prepared to benefit from and contribute to both the academic and extracurricular opportunities provided on a liberal arts and sciences residential campus. In evaluating applications, attention is paid to evidence of academic achievement, as indicated both by the distribution of courses taken in secondary school and by performance in those courses.

Preference normally is given to students who present more than the expected 17 units of college preparatory work. Other factors considered in admission decisions include evidence of significant extracurricular and community service activities. Applicants are encouraged to provide any additional information that they think might be helpful in evaluating their credentials.

A minimum of 17 units of college preparatory work should include:

Mathematics:	algebra, geometry and algebra II
English:	4 years
Social Studies:	3 years
Natural Sciences:	3 years

Additional units from the subject areas listed or foreign language

Average secondary school cumulative GPA: 3.40

Incoming students graduated in their high school's:

Top 10%: 23% | Top 25%: 50% | Top half: 87%

When it comes to test scores:

Average ACT score: 24	Average SAT score: 1149
75% of incoming students scored above 21	75% of incoming students scored above 980
25% scored above 27	25% score above 1270

AP/IB & COLLEGE CREDIT

Students receiving a three or higher on most AP exams will receive three or more credits toward graduation at Ripon. Credit and placement are given to students who have passed the IB-North America courses, higher level, with a grade of four or better. Placement is subject to approval by the appropriate Ripon College academic department.

Credit for liberal arts and sciences work at accredited institutions will be awarded for courses in which a C- or better was earned.

CAN I AFFORD RIPON COLLEGE?

Ripon College is committed to offering a uniquely personalized experience that is within reach of most families. Complete our Net Price Calculator (ripon.edu/admission/calculator), and you will discover that Ripon is more affordable than many similar private colleges — and, in some cases, large public universities. The total out-of-pocket cost to attend Ripon varies for each student based on individual academic and performance-based achievement and demonstrated financial need.

COSTS FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition	\$46,823
Room (double occupancy)	\$4,443
Board (three meal-plan options)	\$4,210
Activity Fee	\$300
Total Annual Cost	\$55,776

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

One hundred percent of Ripon College students receive aid.

Ripon's extensive scholarship program is designed to recognize and reward applicants for their talents and abilities. **Our scholarships range from \$20,000 to \$36,000 and are renewable for four years.** These scholarships are the result of generations of alumni and friends of Ripon College giving back in appreciation for what they received at Ripon with the hope that others might similarly benefit from all the College offers.

Ripon College awards need-based financial aid using information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To be considered for financial aid, Ripon encourages all students to file the 2021-22 FAFSA. Priority filing deadline is Dec. 1, 2020. Financial aid packages will start to be sent out in early November.

RIPON COLLEGE IS TEST-OPTIONAL

Students applying to Ripon are encouraged to present application materials that most accurately reflect their diverse academic talents and potential, including: high school transcripts, recommendation letters, writing sample, leadership positions, work history, involvement in school and community activities, and commitment to Ripon's core values. Students may choose to submit either their ACT or SAT scores if they feel those results best represent their academic potential. The admission committee gives the same consideration for admission and scholarships to students with and without test scores.

If choosing to submit test scores: When taking the ACT or SAT, submit your results to Ripon College using ACT code: 4636 or SAT code: 1664.

For further information about the many scholarships offered at Ripon College, visit ripon.edu/scholarships.