Bishop Heelan High School

senior class of 2022-2023 informational brochure
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IMPORTANT DATES

March 15 (Wednesday – End of 3rd Quarter) Silver Cord hours submission deadline (submit paperwork to homeroom teachers)

May 2  (Tuesday Crusader Time) Marian Day practice in Fine Arts Building

May 3  (Wednesday) Graduation Fees of $95, fees for honors classes and deposits for silver/honor cords are due and must be paid before caps and gowns will be distributed (will be collected by the main office; please make checks out to Heelan). Graduation fees cover the cost of the Orpheum, caps, gowns, diplomas/covers, programs, and flowers.

May 4  (Thursday) Senior Signing Day Tentative

May 4  (Thursday Crusader Time) Cap and gown distribution in homerooms

May 9  (Tues Crusader Time) Graduation Practice in Fine Arts Building

May 10  (Wednesday) Seniors lined up by 7:55 am in caps/gowns) Marian Day Prayer Service in Fine Arts Auditorium at 8:30 am. Senior Brunch after Marian Day.
Graduates are encouraged to send caps/gowns home with parents after Marian Day Prayer Service.

May 16  (Tuesday) Senior Awards Assembly at 1:30 pm in Fine Arts Auditorium

May 16  (Tuesday) Seniors lined up by 6:30 pm in Parish Center in caps/gowns, silver and red cords, and NHS stoles if received) - Baccalaureate @ St. Michael's, 2223 Indian Hills Drive at 7:00 pm

May 17  (Wednesday) Senior semester tests

May 18  (Thursday) Senior semester tests - last day of classes for seniors

May 19  (Friday) Make up day for senior semester tests

May 21  (Sunday) Seniors lined up by 1:00 pm in caps/gowns, honor, silver, red cords and NHS stoles if received). Graduation is at the Orpheum at 2:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND MARIAN DAY, BACCALAUREATE, SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY AND GRADUATION
SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

All are welcome to attend Marian Day, Senior Awards Assembly, Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Tickets are not necessary. After graduation, Pierce Street will be blocked off between 5th and 6th streets and senior will receive their actual diploma from their homeroom teacher.

Heelan orders caps and gowns for graduates which should be worn for Marian Day, Baccalaureate and Graduation. Seniors will receive their cap and gown during Crusader Time on Thursday, May 4, 2023 after all graduation fees ($95), deposits for honor and/or silver cords, transcript fees, fees for Calculus and/or English Honors, and other fines, are paid.

Graduation fees are $95 and covers the cost of Orpheum rental, caps, gowns, diplomas and covers, programs and flowers. These fees, along with all other fees and fines, (fees for English Honors and Calculus, transcript fees, and all other fines, etc.) must be paid by Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Checks should be made out to Heelan and can be brought to Mrs. Staiert in the main office.

After third quarter, a notification will be sent to senior parents/guardians by mail and/or email regarding how much is owed before caps and gowns will be distributed. This will include which seniors qualify for honor and/or silver cords and the required refundable deposit for the cords ($10 for each of them).

Marian Day will tentatively take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, is a long-standing tradition here at Bishop Heelan and continues the traditional practice of Marian devotions during the month of May. This assembly unites the entire student body and presents the seniors for the first time in their caps and gowns. At this prayer service, the Bishop Heelan community participates in a traditional May crowning ceremony and afterwards, the seniors will enjoy a breakfast after Marian Day.

Intent/Scholarship Information Forms

At the end of the school year, you will receive an intent form asking for information on where you plan to attend college and information on all scholarships you will be receiving. This information is needed so that a final transcript can be sent to that school and so that the information can be printed in the graduation booklet. If you decide to attend a different school over the summer, please notify Mrs. Rosauer at deb.rosauer@bishopheelan.org so that a transcript can be sent to that school.

Scholarship information is needed on ALL SCHOLARSHIPS YOU RECEIVE INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS YOU RECEIVE FROM A SCHOOL YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND. This information is needed for the graduation booklet. Heelan does not receive this information from colleges and organizations; you need to provide it to us.

Senior Signing Day is a tradition that was started a few years ago where seniors sign a banner indicating which community college or college they will attend or military branch they will be joining.
DRESS CODE
For Marian Day, Baccalaureate, and Graduation

The dress code information is NOT meant to be all inclusive. The dress code guidelines in the handbook will apply. Listed here are Heelan’s expectations for our graduates. The school reserves the right to make the final decision concerning compliance with the spirit and intent of these guidelines concerning dress and appearance.

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<th>MEN</th>
<th>WOMEN</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dress shoes; no tennis shoes or canvas shoes</td>
<td>Solid color dress shoes or solid color dress sandals - no flip flops, canvas shoes, or boots!</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dark solid colored dress socks</td>
<td>Tan pantyhose are optional. No other colors/patterns are allowed. Socks must not be visible.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Solid colored dress shirt with ordinary collar &amp; tie no tux shirts or bow ties</td>
<td>Dress or skirt/blouse. It looks better when the dress doesn’t hang down below the gown. No high-low dresses.</td>
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<td>Dress slacks neutral, solid color (khaki, navy, black, brown, gray)</td>
<td>No dress pants, capris, shorts, gauchos, leggings, split skirts or rompers.</td>
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<td>Ties</td>
<td>Ear jewelry according to dress code. No other visible piercing can be worn.</td>
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<td>Clean shaven</td>
<td>Strapless, off the shoulder, or low-cut dresses or blouses are not allowed (cleavage and back must be covered) Spaghetti straps or sleeveless dresses if covered up with sweater or jacket will be permitted.</td>
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<td>No ear jewelry</td>
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<td>Proper hair cut as determined by the administration</td>
<td>Dresses or skirts will be No shorter than two inches above the knee!</td>
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After you are lined up, a check on the above will be taken. If you have not followed regulations, you will forego participation in that event. No warning or option to change! Come "in compliance!"

DRESS CODE FOR SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY AND SENIOR SIGNING DAY
Seniors follow the Heelan dress code for bottoms and a t-shirt that represents their plans after college (community college, college, military branch, work force) OR wear a regular uniform top.
REQUIREMENTS FOR CORDS

HONOR CORDS, SILVER SERVICE CORDS, AND RED CORDS - BLOOD donation

**Honor Cords (Heelan Gold):**
Seniors who have a cumulate GPA of 3.75 OR have been on the honor roll (Silver 3.25/Gold 3.75) each of the first 15 quarters they are enrolled in high school. In addition, any student wishing to graduate with Honor Graduate status must have taken a minimum of one (1) honors level course in their four years at Bishop Heelan. Students who qualify will receive a letter notifying them in the mail after third quarter.

Honor cords will be presented at Baccalaureate after Mass and should be worn to Graduation.

**Service Cords (Silver):**
Seniors who have completed 60 service hours cumulatively during their freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior years (or 15 hours per year that the student attended Heelan), AND who have submitted paperwork to their homeroom teachers by **Wednesday, March 16, 2023 (end of third quarter)** will receive a Silver Cord at the Senior Awards Assembly.

Silver cords should be worn to Baccalaureate and Graduation.

**Donor of Distinction Cords for Blood Donations (Red):**
Red cords will be presented during the Senior Awards Assembly. LifeServe Blood Center provides red cords to eligible students free of charge.

Seniors who **attempt** to donate blood three times by May 1, 2023 will be awarded red cords that will be worn at Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Red cords should be worn to Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Contact person at LifeServe is Allison Brumels, 712-635-4930; email is allison.brumels@lifeservebloodcenter.org.
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(Transcript can be found under “Reports” on Infinite Campus.)

48 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED

6 Credits of Math Required; 8 Credits Recommended

6 Credits of Science Required; 8 Credits Recommended

9 Credits of English (including Speech or Debate)

1 Year of Spanish

1 Semester of Financial Literacy

2 Credits of Life Skills OR Fine Arts

6 Credits of Social Studies
   One Semester of US History 1850-1920
   One Year of World History
   One Year of US History
   One Semester of Government

8 Credit of Theology
   or 1 semester for every semester that students attend Heelan

New Testament Studies 9 1 Semester 1 Credit
Scripture Foundation 9 1 Semester 1 Credit
Morality 10 1 Semester 1 Credit
Sacraments 10 1 Semester 1 Credit
Morality Honors 10 1 Semester 1 Credit
Sacraments Honors 10 1 Semester 1 Credit
Catholic Church History 11 1 Semester 1 Credit
Christian Lifestyles 11 1 Semester 1 Credit
Catholic Church History Honors 11 1 Semester 1 Credit
Christian Lifestyles Honors 11 1 Semester 1 Credit
Justice 12 1 Semester 1 Credit
Salvation History 12 1 Semester 1 Credit
New Evangelization Seminar 12 1 Semester 1 Credit
Justice Honors 12 1 Semester 1 Credit
Salvation History Honors 12 1 Semester 1 Credit
ACT DEADLINES AND TESTING DATES

To sign up for the ACT, go to www.act.org and create an account. Keep track of your log in information because you will need it to retrieve your scores and to sign up for future tests. Your transcript will be helpful with answering questions; your transcript can be located on Infinite Campus under “Reports.

When you come to the school code use Heelan code 164-050 so your ACT scores will be sent to Heelan and will become part of the Heelan transcript.

It will be to your benefit to take the ACT several times because schools always take your highest score and some colleges super score (take the highest score in each category).

Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch may obtain four ACT fee waivers (take the ACT for free) from the school counselors in the Guidance Office.

Everyone should take the ACT regardless of your future plans. Plans can change and almost every college offers scholarships based on GPA and ACT scores.

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<td>December 10, 2022</td>
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Act PREPARATION

Obtain a free “Preparing for the ACT booklet from the Guidance Office. Take the practice test, correct it with answers in the back of the booklet and use it to study for future tests.

Take a free ACT prep class at Heelan; one will be offered in September and one in March. Students will take four practice tests and receive their results. Listen for announcements and watch emails.

Borrow one of the ACT prep books available in the Guidance Office.

For the April, June and December tests, students can order a Test Information Release (TIR). The TIR is a digital copy of the multiple-choice test questions used to determine your score, a list of your answers, a copy of your answer document and the answer key. This can be used to study for future tests and can be ordered separately for up to six months after the eligible test date for $40.

Go to https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test for some online options.
APPLY, APPLY, FILE, DECIDE
SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

**APPLY** TO COLLEGES - complete most college applications by October 1, 2022
BE AWARE OF DEADLINES; apply to EVERY college you are interested in

**APPLY** FOR SCHOLARSHIPS (by college deadlines; apply for others throughout the year)

**FILE** THE FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in October

**DECIDE** ON A COLLEGE in the spring
(compare award letters)
APPLY TO COLLEGES

Preferably by October 1, 2022

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:
- Heelan Transcripts (see reports on Infinite Campus)
- How to Enter Dual Credit Courses on College Applications (page 13)
- Method of Payment (unless you are a member of Talent Search or are eligible for free or reduced lunch)

Apply everywhere you are interested because you do not know how you will feel in the spring AND you will not know how much financial assistance you will receive until you apply to the school, apply for scholarships, complete the FAFSA and receive an award letter in the spring.

You will probably need to provide a counselor’s email address for completion of application (this usually triggers an email to the counselor who will then upload transcripts and a possible letter of recommendation, if required).

Students M-Z: Bob Geary (bob.geary@bishopheelan.org)
Students A-L: Marla Pluim (marla.pluim@bishopheelan.org)

Resource: https://www.icansucceed.org/college-planning/apply-for-college

Ways to Apply to Colleges – via Common App or directly on each school’s website.

**Common Application** (www.commonapp.org)

One application for 900 schools across the country.

If you have free or reduced lunch OR you are a member of Talent Search, your application fees will be waived. Must indicate this on the Common App.

Iowa Colleges that Participate: Buena Vista, Coe College, Cornell College, Drake, Grinnell, Iowa State, Loras, Luther, Morningside, Simpson, St. Ambrose, Univ of Dubuque, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Upper Iowa University, Wartburg, College

Nebraska Colleges that Participate: Creighton, Hastings, Nebraska Wesleyan, University of Nebraska Lincoln

South Dakota Colleges that Participate: Augustana University, Dakota Wesleyan University and University of South Dakota

**Apply Directly at Each School**
Go to each school’s website and look for application (usually found under admissions).
Can also google the name of the school along with the word “application” to be taken directly to the required page.
Apply to colleges

How the first-year Common App works
A quickstart guide for students using the first-year Common App.

1 Add colleges
Get started by adding colleges to your list. You can find colleges to apply to in the College Search tab of your Common App account. The College Search tab also has information and links to help you research each college. Over 900 colleges use Common App! Go to commonapp.org/explore to start exploring.

2 Stay organized
Each college has its own set of specific requirements and supplements. When it comes to tracking this information and staying organized, we’re here to help! Use the “Requirements Grid” and each college’s “College Information” page to find this information.

To start your college application checklist, check out our “My College Requirements” worksheet at commonapp.org/ready.

3 Complete and submit
Answering all the questions in the Common App tab is a great way to start your applications. For each college you will:

- Answer college specific questions
- Invite and manage recommenders
- Complete other supplements (if applicable)

After all these sections are complete, you are ready to submit your application! Submission is simple: review, pay (if applicable), and submit.

How does my application get there?
When you submit we combine your responses from the Common App and college specific questions, as well as any supplements, into one form. Your counselor, teachers, and other recommenders complete their reports and evaluations separately.

As recommenders submit their forms, they will be sent to the college to be added to your application.
HOW TO ENTER DUEL CREDIT COURSES ON

WESTERN IOWA TECH CLASSES

Free to Iowa Students;
Out of State Students’ Cost is $423 for 3 Credit Class, $564 for 4 Credit Class

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<td>Art History (counts as a Fine Arts Credit at Heelan; Int’l at Iowa State)</td>
<td>3 Credits</td>
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<td>ART 101</td>
<td>Art Appreciation (transfers only as an elective to UNL and Iowa State)</td>
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<td>BIO 151</td>
<td>Nutrition (must have 22 on ACT or 2 Sem of High School Chem w B- or better)</td>
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<td>BUS 102</td>
<td>Intro to Business</td>
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<td>CRJ 100</td>
<td>Intro to Criminal Justice</td>
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<td>ENG 105</td>
<td>Comp 1 (must have ACT Composite of 22)</td>
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<td>GEO 121</td>
<td>World Regional Geography</td>
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<td>HIS 110</td>
<td>Western Civ (Ancient to Early)</td>
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<td>HIS 111</td>
<td>Western Civ (Early to Modern)</td>
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<td>LIT 101</td>
<td>Introduction to Lit</td>
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<td>MAT 121</td>
<td>College Algebra (need ACT Math score of 21 and have taken Pre-Calculus)</td>
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<td>MMS 101</td>
<td>Mass Media (counts as an English elective on Heelan transcript)</td>
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<td>PHI 105</td>
<td>Intro to Ethics</td>
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<td>PSY 102</td>
<td>Human and Work Relations</td>
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<td>Intro to Psych- (good one to start with - counts as Social Studies elective)</td>
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<td>Development Psychology (Psych 111 is prerequisite)</td>
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<td>PSY 241</td>
<td>Abnormal Psychology (Psych 111 is prerequisite)</td>
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<td>SPC 112</td>
<td>Public Speaking (counts as an English elective on Heelan transcript)</td>
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<td>SOC 110</td>
<td>Intro to Sociology</td>
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<td>SOC 115</td>
<td>Social Problems (satisfies Diversity requirement at Iowa State)</td>
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<td>SOC 120</td>
<td>Marriage and Family</td>
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<td>HSC 114*</td>
<td>Medical Terminology</td>
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<td>HSC 173*</td>
<td>Nurse Aide Theory CNA (4 weeks Tues/Thurs Evenings)</td>
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<td>HSC 174*</td>
<td>Nurse Aide Clinical CNA (2 weeks Tues/Thurs evenings)</td>
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<td>(Must pay for testing - $175)</td>
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<td>MAT 772*</td>
<td>Applied Math</td>
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*Does not transfer to a four-year school

BRIAR CLIFF CLASSES

$35 Per Credit

ENGLISH HONORS (2 CREDITS) AT HEELAN IS EQUAL TO BRIAR CLIFF WRTG 131, WRTG 259, ENGL 110

• WRTG 131  Writing in the Digital Age (1st Semester)  3 Credits
• WRTG 259  Contemporary Argument & Research (2nd Semester)  3 Credits
• ENGL 110  Intro to Lit (2nd Semester)  3 Credits

CALCULUS 1 TAKEN AT HEELAN

• MATH 217  Calculus 1 (2nd Semester)  4 Credits

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY HONORS TAKEN AT HEELAN

• BIOL-221-01  Anatomy & Physiology I and Lab  4 Credits
• BIOL-222-01  Anatomy & Physiology II and Lab  4 Credits
FREE TUITION OPPORTUNITIES
LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIPS-FUTURE READY IOWA-FOR IOWA RESIDENTS
https://iowacollegeaid.gov/lastdollar

WESTERN IOWA TECH

ADMINISTRATION (Health)
Administrative Assistant
Medical Assistant
Medical Coding Specialist
Medical Scribe
Medical Secretary
Medical Transcriptionist

CONSTRUCTION & TRADES
Air Cond, Heating & Refrigeration
Construction
Electrician
Industrial Welding
Plumbing
Welding Technology

LAW Enforcement
Law Enforcement
Police Science Technology

ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING
Electromech Tech
Mechanical Engineering Tech
Robotics and Automation

AGRICULTURE
Agribusiness Tech
Agriculture Management
Agriculture

CULINARY ARTS
Culinary Arts
Food Service

HEALTH CARE
Dental Assisting
EMS - Paramedic
Nursing
Paramedic (Diploma)
Physical Therapist Asst
Practical Nursing
Surgical Technology

COMPUTER & INFO TECH
Computer Support Tech
Cyber Security & Digital Crime
Info Security & Analyst
Network Admin & Security

ST. LUKE’S
Nursing – Associate Degree
Radiologic Technology
Respiratory Care

BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP
OPEN TO ALL APPLICANTS
Must work in South Dakota for three years
www.builddakotascholarships.com

Agriculture (3 Programs)
Automotive (11 Programs)
Building Trades/Const (14 Programs)
Energy Technicians (5 Programs)
Engineering Technicians (9 Programs)

Healthcare (18 Programs)
Information Tech/Computer Info (7 Programs)
Precision Manufacturing (8 Programs)
Welding (4 Programs)

NEBRASKA CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS
NEBRASKA RESIDENTS ONLY
https://northeast.edu/financial-aid-and-scholarships/scholarships/nebraska-career-scholarships

Drafting
Electrical Construction and Control
Health Information Management Systems
Information Technology

Machining & Manufacturing Automation
Paramedic
Plumbing
Welding
APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

After applying to each college go to their financial aid page and look for scholarships (or Google the name of the college along with the word “Scholarships” and look for scholarships.  It is very important to be aware of each school's deadline; some may come as early as November 1, 2022.

COLLEGE SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS:
Most colleges have scholarships that are automatically awarded.  It is important to familiarize yourself with these so you can attain the requirements by the end of the school year if possible.
EXAMPLES:
   Iowa State:  https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/scholarships/freshman/ia
   University of Iowa:  https://admissions.uiowa.edu/cost-aid/first-year-resident-scholarships
   Western Iowa Tech:  https://www2.witcc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/

Most colleges also have scholarships you will need to apply for.  Many colleges have one application for many scholarships and additional scholarships as well
EXAMPLES:
   Iowa State:  https://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/scholarships/ (one app for many scholarships)
   University of Iowa:  https://uiowa.academicworks.com/
   Western Iowa Tech:  Foundation Scholarship is available after you apply and are accepted

HEELAN WEBSITE AND EMAIL
Check your school emails from Mrs. Rosauer (deb.rosauer@bishopheelan.org) for available scholarships.

These may also be found on the website under Guidance

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:
In November, many local scholarships become available including Kind World, Walt Fiegel, Josh Lester, Flight 232, etc.

See www.siouxlandcommunityfoundation.org for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINES
There are many more, but here are some of the best ones.  They often have Twitter, Facebook and Instagram Pages
   www.goingmerry.com
   https://www.icansucceed.org/ican-scholarship-database
   www.fastweb.com
   www.scholarships.com
   www.Scholarships360.COM

PARENT AND STUDENT EMPLOYERS
Many companies and corporations offer scholarships to students of employees.  Parents should contact HR or other personnel to check for availability.

Companies that offer scholarships/tuition reimbursements to students (not all inclusive):  Best Buy, McDonalds, Walmart, Chick-Fil-A, Chipotle, Taco Bell, UPS, Starbucks, Home Depot, Fed Ex (see https://myscholly.com/50-companies-with-amazing-tuition-reimbursement-programs/)
If you are going to college next year, an important step in the process begins October 1.

The first step of the financial aid process is to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the form that helps you access grants, scholarships, and student loans. Everyone should file the FAFSA regardless of the amount of money you make.

Deadlines
Every college or university has their own preferred filing date for the FAFSA -- some as early as December 1st -- so check out www.ICANsucceed.org/priority to find the priority dates for the schools you are applying to.

Tax Information
You will use your parents’ tax information from 2021 to file the FAFSA for the 2023-2024 school year. The FAFSA is solely based off of 2021 taxes, so you won’t have to update the FAFSA with 2022 taxes. Visit www.fafsa.gov to file the form.

This extended timeline is beneficial to you because it will allow you to receive your financial aid offers early in the spring semester. This will give you more time to make a final decision about where you want to go to school. You may receive financial aid award letters as early as January or February, and you still have until May 1st to make your final decisions.

Assistance
If you have questions about paying for college, or would like free help filing your FAFSA, ICAN offers free resources for college planning and financial aid. You can visit their website, www.ICANsucceed.org/ to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment, or call their toll free number, 877-272-4692 to talk to an advisor.

You can also visit a FAFSA Ready Iowa event which offers free assistance without an appointment. Visit www.icansucceed.org/fafsareadyiaevents to find a location near you.

Stay on top of the process, and file your FAFSA as soon as possible!
FAFSA-What You Will Need

Ready to File the FAFSA? Here’s What You’ll Need

Filing for financial aid is less stressful when you are prepared. Use the checklists below to help you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Student:**
- Social Security number, driver’s license number and date of birth.
- 2021 federal and state tax returns.
- W-2 forms and/or other records of income earned in 2021.
- As of today, what is the balance of checking, savings, and investment accounts?*
- Records of untaxed income received in 2021 (e.g., veterans benefits, etc.).
- 2021 business and farm records.
- Alien registration number, if not a U.S. citizen.
- As of today, are you married? If married, what is the date of marriage? If divorced or separated, what is the date of divorce or separation?
- Child support paid and/or received in 2021.
- A federal student aid identification (FSA ID) username and password.***
- A list of the colleges/universities you wish to apply to.

**Parent(s):**
- Social Security numbers and dates of birth.
- 2021 federal and state tax returns.
- W-2 forms and/or other records of income earned in 2021.
- As of today, what is the balance of checking, savings, and investment accounts?*
- Records of untaxed income received in 2021 (e.g., veterans benefits, etc.).
- 2021 business and farm records.
- As of today, are you married? If married, what is the date of marriage? If divorced or separated, what is the date of divorce or separation?
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***FSA ID
The FSA ID is a username and password that will confirm your identity when signing the FAFSA. To sign the FAFSA online, the FAFSA requires the student and ONE parent to sign with an FSA ID.

When creating an FSA ID you must have access to your phone or email. During setup you will be asked to verify your cell phone and/or email address by entering a code sent by text or email to the contact information listed. Learn more at ican.succeed.org/fsaid.

When should I file?
The 2023-24 FAFSA form will be available October 1, 2022. Each college has a priority date for the FAFSA. You should file the FAFSA before the priority date. If you are applying to multiple schools, file by the earliest date.

IRS Data Retrieval
The IRS Data Retrieval Tool within the FAFSA application can be used to automatically pull MOST of your 2021 tax information into your FAFSA application. You will still need to have copies of your 2021 taxes and W-2s on hand as a reference.

Questions? Call (877) 272-4692 or email ICAN@ICANsucceed.org. If you would like FAFSA completion assistance from an ICAN Student Success Advisor, it is highly recommended that you setup your FSA ID** prior to your appointment.

* See backside for applicable investment and asset accounts.
**The FAFSA is a form that may be completed without professional assistance via paper or online forms provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

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WHAT IS A FSA ID?
What is an FSA ID? An FSA ID is a username and password that allows you to log into multiple student aid websites and services without inputting personal information such as your social security number each time.

HOW IS THE FSA ID USED?
The FSA ID is used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents.

HOW DO I GET AN FSA ID?
The process of setting up the FSA ID takes about 15 minutes. For the purposes of the FAFSA, the student submitting, and one parent will be required to have an FSA ID. You can create an FSA ID here: https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm

STEPS TO CREATE AN FSA ID
1. When logging in to one of the websites listed above, click the link to create an FSA ID.
2. Create a username and password, and enter your e-mail address.
3. Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.
4. If you have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you will be able to enter it and link it to your FSA ID. You can still create an FSA ID if you have forgotten or do not have a PIN.
5. Review your information, and read and accept the terms and conditions.
6. Confirm your e-mail address using the secure code, which will be sent to the e-mail address you entered when you created your FSA ID. Once you verify your e-mail address, you can use it instead of your username to log in to the websites.

You can use your FSA ID to sign a FAFSA right away. Once the Social Security Administration verifies your information in one to three days, or if you have linked your PIN to your FSA ID, you will be able to use your FSA ID to access the websites listed above. For help, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

WHAT WEBSITES WILL UTILIZE THE FSA ID?
- FAFSA.gov
- The National Student Loan Data System (NSDLS) - www.nslds.ed.gov
- StudentAid.gov
- Agreement to Serve (ATS) - www.teach-ats.ed.gov

HOW TO RECOVER AN FSA ID
Do you already have an FSA ID and are having trouble accessing it? You can’t just get a new one, you have to recover it. Watch this video from Federal Student Aid to learn the steps to recovering your ID.

Go to: https://www.icansucceed.org/financial-aid/financial-aid-process/fsa-id scroll to the bottom of the page.
Comparing school financial aid offers

A school aid offer (sometimes called an award letter) tells you what financial aid you can receive at a particular college or career school.

If you’ve applied to several schools, be sure to compare aid offers to see which school will be the most affordable.

If you listed a school on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form and have been offered admission by that school, the financial aid office at the school will send you an aid offer (often electronically). The offer includes the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive from federal, state, private, and school sources. This combination of aid is your financial aid package.

You might get a tentative aid offer from a school and then find that it changes later. This could happen for a variety of reasons, such as if you indicated that you plan to live on campus when you submitted your FAFSA form but then later decided to live off campus or if you are selected for verification.

Because your financial aid package is created for you and is based on the cost of attending a particular school, your aid amounts will vary from school to school.

Figuring Out Net Price

Follow these easy steps to figure out your net price, or net cost, for each school, and find out which school will be most affordable for you.

First, find the cost of attendance for your program on the aid offer. If the school doesn’t list the cost of attendance on the aid offer, ask the financial aid office for this figure. Make sure it includes amounts you will pay to the school directly (such as tuition and fees) as well as other costs (such as living expenses, books and supplies, and transportation).

Next, subtract the grant and scholarship amounts on your aid offer from the cost of attendance amount. Also subtract any savings you have available to put toward your school costs for the school year. The remaining amount is your net or out-of-pocket cost.

Compare the net costs for the schools you are considering. The net cost is the amount you will have to pay out of your pocket, using earnings from work or loan funds that you borrow.

If you have any questions or don’t understand what’s in your aid offer, contact the financial aid office at the school. It’s there to help!

For instance, it’s important to understand what you’re being offered (e.g., which items in the offer are grants and which are loans). You also need to think about which aid to accept.

Also, because your aid offer might include student loans, it’s important for you to compare the amount of debt you would be taking on at the schools you are considering.

If you find that you’ll need to take out a larger amount in private loans at one school than at another, you should pay special attention to the terms and conditions of the private loans so you understand what your obligations would be. Read about federal versus private loans.
How to set up a

JUNIORS AND SENIORS WILL BE GRANTED THREE EXCUSED COLLEGE VISITS PER SCHOOL YEAR

Go to the college website and click on the link to set up a group visit (usually under Admissions or the main page). If group visit does not work or if you prefer, contact Admissions for an individualized visit.

A parent should notify Main Office regarding the details of the visit via a phone call, note or email at least two days before the visit.

Students must get a gold “Notice of Absence” slip from the Main Office which needs to be signed by all teachers. Students should also ask for assignments they will be missing when they are gone.

The “Notice of Absence” should be returned to the Main Office after it is signed by all teachers.

Upon returning to school, students are asked to bring in an itinerary from the visit and/or a copy of a confirmation email from the college.
Make the most of your college

Visiting a college is one of the most effective ways to determine whether it’s right for you. No matter how perfect a college may seem on paper or online, nothing compares to the impression you get when you’re on campus. Below is a list of questions to ask and things to observe on a college visit.

### Admission and Financial Aid
- What are the GPA and SAT®/ACT® test score requirements for admission and scholarships?
- Is there an admission application fee? If so, when is it due? Is it refundable?
- What are the application deadlines for admission and financial aid? Does the school award institutional scholarships? How do you apply?
- What’s the cost of attendance? What items are included in the cost of attendance? Are there other costs (lab or health fees)?
- What types of payment plans are available? When is payment due?

### Academic
- What type of academic calendar does the school have?
- What’s the retention rate?
- What’s the job placement rate? Do employers recruit on campus?
- How long, on average, does it take students to graduate? Is it difficult to get into the classes required for graduation?
- What’s the student to faculty ratio? Does faculty include teaching assistants or do professors teach the majority of classes?
- What’s the average class size? Are the professors accessible to students?
- What’s the academic advising system like? Are you assigned an adviser or do you choose your own?
- How are AP®/CLEP® Postsecondary Enrollment and Dual Enrollment courses treated?

### Campus
- Is a car necessary? What type of public transportation is available?
- Do many students use bicycles around campus or town? Is there a secure place to keep or store a bicycle?
- Are there computers in the residence hall rooms or are the rooms equipped for them? Do they offer wireless Internet access?
- What types of meal plans are available? Are there alternative options available besides the dining hall?
- What’s the crime rate on campus? Is the campus security adequate? Does the college have safety procedures and precautions in place?

### Student Life
- Are there fraternities and sororities on campus? What other student organizations could you join?
- What are the housing options? Can you live in a sorority or fraternity house? Is housing guaranteed?
- How diverse is the student body? What’s the male to female ratio? Do the majority of students come from within or outside the state?
- Is the town or city safe? What types of cultural events (music, theater, art) are offered? Are airports, bus stations, etc., nearby for travel?
- What types of athletic programs does the school offer? Are the athletic teams important to the campus?
- Is health insurance offered?
Make the most of your college

College Visit Checklist

It’s a good idea to visit at least two or three schools. While you’re there, take a campus tour and stay overnight in a residence hall. Call ahead to schedule appointments with an admission counselor, financial aid officer and faculty member from your major course of study.

Use this chart to take notes and compare schools. Make a copy of it if you plan to visit more than three schools.

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CAREER EXPLORATION

VIRTUAL JOB SHADOW
www.virtualjobshadow

Log in for Class of 2023
www.virtualjobshadow.com
Log in (upper right)
Enter WITCC Intermediary Network
User Name: First Name Capitalized, First Initial Capitalized, year of
graduation (Jane Doe would be JaneD2023)
Password is Password 123 (capitalize the P)
Click on Tools – Assessment
  Career Clusters Interest Survey
  Career Clusters Interest Survey EZ
  O*NET Interest Profiler
  O*NET Work Importance Locator
  O*NET Ability Profiler

JOB SHADOWS
Print a copy of the Job Shadow Application (see pages 25-26) or obtain one
through the School Counseling Office (Guidance).

Return the completed form to Mrs. Pluim in the School Counseling Office.

ACT CAREER ASSESSMENTS
https://www.icansucceed.org/career-planning/career-assessments
Visit www.MyACT.org to get started OR
Go through the assessment and the results with an ICAN advisory –
schedule a Career Assessment appointment at
www.icansucceed.org/apt
Job shadow application

WITCC Intermediary Network Job Shadow Application

Complete the Application and Release — send to Tina Benton
tina.benton@witcc.edu  712-274-8733, ext. 1601
www.witcc.edu/win

STUDENT INFORMATION (please print clearly)

NAME: __________________________ HIGH SCHOOL: ______________________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________ GRAD YEAR: __________________________
CITY/STATE/ZIP: ______________________ EMAIL: _______________________________
CELL PHONE: _________________________ BIRTHDATE: __________________________
HOME PHONE: ________________________
GENDER?  □ MALE  □ FEMALE

LIST DAYS/TIMES THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO DO YOUR JOB SHADOW: BE SPECIFIC

Monday  □  Tuesday  □  Wednesday  □  Thursday  □  Friday  □

Specific time of day (for example: 9:30-10:30 or 2:00-4:00) ______________________________________

JOB SHADOW INTEREST INFORMATION

LIST YOUR TOP 2 CAREER INTEREST AREAS

1. __________________________  2. __________________________

SPECIAL REQUESTS: While we can’t guarantee that a specific request will be available, please tell us any preferences you have. For example, if you choose Teacher as a career, which subject or grade level would you prefer. Is there anything specific you would like your host to cover?

List some of your interests, activities, and/or other career fields you are considering:

What other career exploration activities have you done? (ex: Virtual Job Shadow demo, met with Counselor)

Transportation to and from the job shadow is the student’s responsibility. What is a limit to the distance you can travel
# Job Shadow Application

## WITCC Intermediary Network Job Shadow Application

### PARTICIPATION RELEASE

I am the parent or guardian of the student whose name appears above and I have authority to make legal decisions for the benefit of this child.

I recognize that work-based learning opportunities of this nature have a risk of lost or stolen property, injury or even death during transportation to, from, on-site, and during the activities. I, on behalf of the child and for myself, waive any and all claims of liability arising from the child’s participation in this opportunity, including claims against the following parties (and their employees, contractors and volunteers): Western Iowa Tech Community College, the school and school district that the child attends, and the employer who hosted the work-based learning opportunity.

I agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Western Iowa Tech Community College, the school and school district that the child attends, and the employer how hosted the trip (and their employees, contractors and volunteers) from and against any and all claims of liability that derive from claims that I or my child make against any other party arising from this work-site opportunity.

I give my consent to have a Western Iowa Tech Community College staff member contact my son or daughter at some future date to review their career development.

I understand that transportation to and from the job shadow is the student’s responsibility.

**Media:** I agree to allow my child’s photograph, video tape or motion picture image that includes his/her name or likeness or any recording that includes his/her voice to be used in marketing materials to promote the Iowa Intermediary Network program through Western Iowa Tech Community College. I understand that my child’s photo/image will only be used in a positive manner in publications, print advertising, promotional materials or any other medium to inform others about the career exploration activities coordinated by Western Iowa Tech Community College throughout its service area.

Initial Box if you do NOT want your child’s image or name to be included in media or marketing pieces.

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### SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS

As your student’s success is our goal, please indicate any accommodations or support this student will need:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

This application has been reviewed and approved:

| SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE | DATE |

| PRINTED NAME/TITLE |

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Western Iowa Tech Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status or any other protected basis as defined in Iowa or federal laws as amended from time to time in its educational programs, activities, admission procedures, or employment practices. Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against may file a complaint through the College’s Complaint or Grievance Procedures. Complaint or Grievance Forms and Procedures may be obtained from the WITCC Human Resources Department, Dr. Robert H. White Building, Room 504, (712) 274-4400, Ext. 1220.
RESOURCES

I CAN SUCCEED (ICAN): www.icansucceed.org
ICAN Resource Zone
https://www.icansucceed.org/about-ican/services/the-resource-zone
Career & College Access in Iowa Services
- Personal Advising Sessions
- Community & Virtual Events
- Special Events & Programs
- Your Planning Timeline
The Resource Zone
- Scholarships
- E-Alerts/Tips Signup
- Materials Library
- ICAN Events & Presentations
- Life After High School Planning Tips
- Virtual Presentations
- Real Advice From Real People (Video Library)
- Glossary
- Budgeting Calculators
- Certified FAFSA Professionals

IOWA COLLEGE AID: www.iowacollegeaid.gov
Iowa Scholarships and Grants
Digital Downloads, Brochures and Booklets (See Publications Link at the Bottom)
- Your Course to College
- Filing the FAFSA and other Grants and Scholarships
- Student Loans
- Student Loan Forgiveness
- Last Dollar Scholarship

COLLEGE RAPTOR: www.collegeraptor.com
- Find Your College
- Find Scholarships
- Research Careers
- Compare Financial Aid Offers
SENDING TRANSCRIPTS
FROM WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BRIAR CLIFF
TO THE COLLEGE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

In most cases, this should be completed at the end of senior year even though many colleges ask for it at the time you apply to their school.

SENDING WIT TRANSCRIPTS
To transfer your WIT college credits to the college you will be attending, you will need to send your transcripts from WIT (cost is $5) – you will need to have a payment method ready

Google “send Western Iowa Tech Transcripts” OR go to www2.witcc.edu/transcripts/:

Click on “Undergraduate Transcripts”

Click on “Order Now”

Under “Order a Transcript” enter Western Iowa Tech.

Fill out the form

Contact for questions: Michelle Wallace in Student Records; her email is transcripts@witcc.edu and her phone number is 712-317-3451. Office hours are M-F 8am – 5pm.

SENDING BRIAR CLIFF TRANSCRIPTS
To transfer your Briar Cliff college credits for English Honors, Calculus 1 and Anatomy and Physiology, you will need to send your transcripts from Briar Cliff to the college you will be attending (cost is $15) – you will need to have a payment method ready

Google “send Briar Cliff Transcripts” OR GO TO https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/32792/institution

Enter your email address and fill out the information. You will need to create a Parchment account. If you have already completed your Briar Cliff class(es) select “Send Now”. If you have NOT completed your Briar Cliff class(es) select “hold for grades”.

Contact for questions: Registrar at Briar Cliff is Deidre Engel; email is Deidre.Engel@briarcliff.edu and her phone number is 712-279-5448.
ASKING FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

When you apply for admission to a university, a job, or a scholarship, you may be asked to include letters of recommendation. These letters, typically written by teachers, counselors, or managers, are meant to vouch for your qualifications and character.

A strong recommendation allows the person reviewing your application to get to know you beyond your resume, giving a more complete picture of who you are and what motivates you.

How to request a letter of recommendation
It’s totally normal to feel nervous about asking for a letter of recommendation. While it may feel uncomfortable at first, it’s a normal part of the application process. With a bit of preparation, you can maximize your chances of getting stellar recommendations.

Choose who you want to write your letters.
The most effective recommendation will come from someone who knows you well and can speak to your character on a personal level. Make a list of several people who you could ask. You’ll probably only need three, but it’s always a good idea to have backups in case something falls through.

If you’re applying to college, consider asking a teacher and your School Counselor. Choose teachers of classes where you performed well (and who you had good rapport with). Teachers you had during your junior or senior year will have the freshest memories of you (and are likely more accustomed to writing such letters).

When you apply to colleges, sometimes you are required to provide a school counselor’s email (bob.geary@bishopheelan.org or marla.pluim@bishopheelan.org): the counselor will receive an email notifying them that a transcripts needs to be uploaded AND/OR a letter of recommendation is required. Check in with your school counselor to make sure they received the email.

ASK IN PERSON
Give plenty of time for them to write the letter (preferably two weeks), provide them with a resume and what they are writing the letter for (specific college you are applying to or specific name of the scholarship, etc), when it is due and how they should submit it (will they receive an email or should they return it to you).

Follow up before the due date.
Follow up with a polite reminder a week or two before your letters are due. This is a good opportunity to thank them for writing the letter and offer to send any additional information they may need.

Say a final thank you.
It’s common courtesy to send a short thank you note to each individual who wrote a letter on your behalf. Express your appreciation for their support with a mailed handwritten note or email. And be sure to update your recommenders with the good news when you’re accepted to the role.
SENIOR PHOTO INFORMATION

As you plan for your senior pictures, please keep in mind the following yearbook guidelines:

All yearbook submissions should be formal head-and-shoulder shots, taken indoors, with no hands visible. (Exceptions for outdoor photos can be made with individual approval.)

Ladies’ shirts must cover shoulders and may not be low-cut.

Gentlemen must wear a collared shirt, preferable with a tie and/or jacket. Hair and facial hair must meet dress code standards.

Portraits should be full-color, 300 resolution, and submitted as a digital file.

Keep in mind that any portraits taken stylistically (crooked camera angles, color enhancements, etc.) may look strange once they are lined up next to traditional senior portraits.

Be sure to ask your photographer if they will submit the yearbook headshot, or if you will be responsible for this. Please assure them that any images sent directly to Mrs. Bonnema will not be redistributed. Photos should be emailed as attachments. Photos will be due at the end of 1st semester.

Please email photos and any questions to Mrs. Bonnema at:
Emily.Bonnema@bishopheelan.org