



With the total cost of some colleges exceeding \$70,000 a year, families are looking for ways to stretch their college dollar. There are many ways to make college more affordable. Start by thinking about the type of school that would be a “good fit” in terms of traits like size, location, and academic major, then look at these and other methods to make it affordable.

The “In-State Advantage” of Illinois Public Universities*

Chicago State University	\$ 20,739
Eastern Illinois University	\$ 21,343
Governor’s State University	\$ 19,092
Illinois State University	\$ 24,160
Northeastern Illinois University	\$ 22,239
Northern Illinois University	\$ 22,890
Southern Illinois University At Carbondale	\$ 25,221
Southern Illinois University At Edwardsville	\$ 21,893
University of Illinois, Chicago	\$22,468 – 32,430
University of Illinois, Springfield	\$ 22,763
University of Illinois, At Urbana-Champaign	\$27,312 – 32,316
Western Illinois University	\$20,896

* Tuition, fees, room & board

**Commute to college
And save the cost of room and board***

Aurora University	\$ 24,000
Benedictine University	\$ 28,730
Columbia College	\$ 26,090
Dominican University	\$ 32,160
Elmhurst College	\$ 36,755
National Louis Univ. - Wheeling	\$ 10,260
North Park University	\$ 29,120
Roosevelt University	\$ 29,800 – 37,836

* Tuition only figures. Transportation costs may vary.

Save money at your community college

Harper College	\$5,500 tuition & fees
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Attend schools with NO tuition:

- Barclay College
- Berea College
- College of the Ozarks
- Curtis Institute of Music
- Deep Springs College
- Webb Institute
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

High achieving, moderate income students, pay no tuition, room or board if family income is less than:

<\$65,000	Harvard University
	Princeton University
	Stanford University
	Yale University
< \$60,000	Brown University
	Columbia University
	Cornell University
<\$40,000	University of Pennsylvania

Take advantage of discounted tuitions for Illinois students through the Midwest Student Exchange program

Selected colleges and universities in neighboring states offer substantial tuition discounts through the Midwest Student Exchange Program. A few examples of discounted tuition are:

Ball State University	\$13,851	University of North Dakota	\$11,920
Ferris State University	\$14,220	University of Kansas	\$15,386
Indiana State University	\$10,070	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse	\$12,407
Kansas State University	\$13,125	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee	\$13,622
Truman State University	\$11,028	University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh	\$10,772

Check the individual college's website to verify that they still offer tuition discounts since participation in MSEP is subject to change. Note that some discounted tuitions are limited in number or only available to students with certain academic credentials or applying for particular majors. See a complete list of schools participating in the Midwest Student Exchange Program at: www.mhec.org/MidwestStudentExchangeProgram.

Look carefully at residency agreements

Ask out-of-state public school admissions representatives about the requirements to become a resident of that state and receive in-state tuition rates. Generally, it is difficult to establish residency just for college but there are exceptions, such as University of Missouri.

Remember that private colleges and universities offer generous scholarships

When looking at the price tag of private schools, remember that large endowments allow them to grant significant merit scholarships, which can make their total cost rival public schools. For example:

	<u>Public (Illinois State University)</u>	<u>Private (Monmouth College)</u>
Total Cost of Attendance*	\$28,929	\$47,970
Average Institutional Aid*	-\$ 5,300	-\$24,013
	\$23,629	\$23,957

* Average Cost of Attendance & institutional aid figures from The National Center for Education Statistics 2017-18.

In the past 5 years, D214 students have received these significant merit scholarships:

Augustana College	\$17,000-\$25,000 per year	Loras College	\$18,000-20,000 per year
University of Denver	\$18,000-\$21,000 per year	Loyola University	\$19,000-\$22,000 per year
DePaul University	\$17,000-\$25,000 per year	Marquette University	\$15,000-\$18,000 per year
Drake University	\$14,000-\$22,330 per year	Miami University	\$14,000-\$26,500 per year
University of Dayton	\$17,850-\$22,000 per year	Robert Morris U.	\$19,500-26,800 per year
Illinois Wesleyan	\$20,500-\$22,000 per year	St. Louis University	\$18,000-\$21,000 per year
IL Institute of Tech.	\$17,000-\$30,000 per year	Valparaiso University	\$15,000-\$20,000 per year