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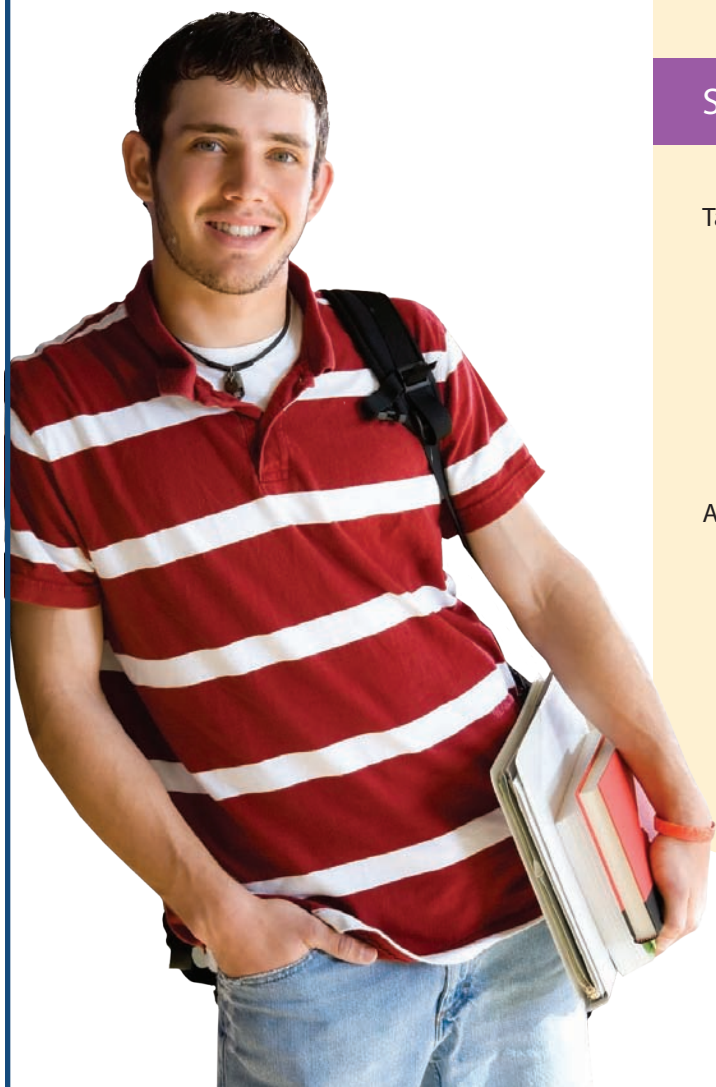
Iowa College Access Network

Quick facts on how ICAN helps students plan, apply, pay for and succeed in college.



About the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN)

ICAN provides students and parents with information, tools and resources to plan, apply, pay for and succeed in college. ICAN works closely with school administrators, counselors, college access groups and community leaders to provide free college access information and services across Iowa.



Services

Take advantage of ICAN's services:

- ▶ Visit the interactive Web site www.ICANSucceed.org.
- ▶ Make an **appointment** at one of our College Planning Centers.
- ▶ Register for monthly **college planning reminders**.
- ▶ Request free **publications**.
- ▶ Schedule a school or community **presentation**.

Areas of expertise include:

- ▶ College preparation and selection.
- ▶ Financial aid form completion.
- ▶ Career planning.
- ▶ Financial literacy.
- ▶ Strategies for college success.

Services are available in Spanish.
All ICAN services are free.

Plan • APPLY • pay • Succeed

College Access Initiatives

ICAN strives to improve access to – and success in – postsecondary education for disadvantaged and first generation students. ICAN does this by supporting a network of existing and new college access programs, while sharing best practices within the network. Examples include:



KnowHow2GOIowa

Launched nationally in January 2007, KnowHow2GO is a multimedia campaign designed to inform students in grades 8-10 about the steps they need to take to go to college. The effort is co-sponsored by the American Council on Education (ACE), Lumina Foundation for Education and the Ad Council. ICAN began its partnership with the campaign in May 2007 and has since launched the Web site KnowHow2GOIowa.org. To date, 36 local organizations have joined the KnowHow2GOIowa initiative to enhance the state's existing college planning and access efforts. To learn more about the KnowHow2GOIowa campaign, visit www.KnowHow2GOIowa.org.



College Goal SundaySM

College Goal Sunday is a national program that brings together volunteers to help students and parents complete financial aid forms. The program's primary focus is on assisting low-income, first-generation families. In 2008, ICAN received a grant from Lumina Foundation for Education to implement the program in Iowa. ICAN has partnered with Des Moines Schools' GEAR UP program; Iowa Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Iowa College Student Aid Commission; Iowa Department of Education; Iowa Dollars for Scholars; Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates; and Iowa TRIO programs to plan and promote College Goal Sunday events in five Iowa cities in 2009.



Iowa College Access & Success Conference

ICAN sponsors the annual Iowa College Access & Success Conference. The conference provides an opportunity for college access professionals to share best practices, discuss outreach strategies, and discover innovative college access programs and tools. The two-day program includes sessions on local, state, regional and national college access issues. It attracts school counselors and administrators, financial aid and admissions professionals, community-based access providers and student services professionals.



ICAN College Planning Centers

Locations

Central Iowa

160 S. 68th St., Suite 1101
West Des Moines, IA 50266
Across from Jordan Creek Town Center

Eastern Iowa

1100 Blairs Ferry Road N.E., Suite 104
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Hours

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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