What financial aid programs are available?

LOCAL PROGRAMS

Blandin Assistance Grant – for students in a Nursing Assistant class or those taking prerequisite classes. Application required.

Blandin Summer Grant – available for summer enrollment to Pell Grant eligible students. Limited funding. Application required.

Blandin Foundation Educational Grant – recent graduates from 11 area high schools, based on need, for full-time students. Limited funding. Application required. Priority deadline is March 1.

Blandin Achievement Grant – available in spring semester, for students in developmental learning communities. Limited funding. Application required. GPA requirements.

ICC Foundation Scholarships – apply in February, numerous scholarships available.

Blandin Foundation Work Program – part-time employment for students regardless of need, $10.50 per hour.

STATE PROGRAMS

Minnesota State Grant – grant based on need for Minnesota residents. Four year limit applies.

Postsecondary Child Care Grant – based on need, provides supplemental funding for child care expenses for Minnesota residents. Application required.

Minnesota Work-Study – based on need, for Minnesota residents, part-time employment, $10.50 per hour.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Federal Pell Grant – based on need, FAFSA required. Six year limit applies.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) – based on high need, limited funding available.

Federal Work-Study – based on need, part-time employment, $10.50 per hour.

Federal Direct Loan – dependent students may borrow up to $5,500-$6,500 per year; independent students may borrow up to $9,500-$10,500 per year, fixed interest rate, repayment six months after school ends.

Federal PLUS Direct Loan – parents may borrow up to cost of attendance minus other aid. Fixed interest rate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Veteran’s Administration, National Science Foundation Scholarships, Engineering Scholarships, Minnesota GI Bill, Minnesota Indian Scholarship, Tribal Grants, Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), Workforce Investment Act, Alternative loans.

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COSTS & FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS

ITASCA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Should I apply for financial aid?

You and your family have the primary responsibility for paying for your education, but financial aid programs may be available to help where family resources end.

ICC awards $6-8 million in financial aid each year to 1000-1200 students. Approximately half of this aid was awarded as grants or scholarships.

You must be seeking a degree/diploma/certificate from ICC and maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (2.0 cumulative G.P.A and 67% or higher credit completion rate) in order to be eligible for aid.

How much will it cost?

Tuition varies based on whether you are classified as a resident or non-resident. Certain programs of study have differential tuition rates. Online course tuition rates also apply. Visit www.itascacc.edu for up to date tuition/fee information.

Other expenses you may have while attending ICC include room and board, transportation, and personal expenses. These expenses may range from $7,000 to $13,000 for nine months.

How is financial “need” determined?

When you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), your information is sent to ICC. Factors such as family size, income, assets and number in college are used to determine the amount of funding your family is expected to contribute toward your school costs:

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\text{Cost of attendance} - \text{Expected Family Contribution} = \text{NEED}
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If you have “need,” you are eligible for need-based financial aid and will be offered a combination of grants, scholarships, employment, and/or loans to meet your need. Students without need are offered loan options. Some funding is limited. Apply early!

Note: All funds are awarded to students in accordance with federal, state, and institutional guidelines.

What types of aid are available?

Grants and Scholarships: Gift awards you do not have to repay.

Please note that the ICC Foundation has thousands of dollars in scholarships available to ICC students. Applications are available in February on ICC’s financial aid website.

The Blandin Foundation provides annual funding for multiple financial aid programs. $375,000 has been available to award for the past few years.

Loans: Money you borrow at low interest and usually repay after your education is completed.

Student Employment: Part-time jobs on or off campus to help you meet expenses while attending school.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

STEP 1: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov starting October 1st of each year or via the FAFSA mobile app. Have your results sent to Itasca Community College [code 002356].

Within your FAFSA, you will:
- Apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) I.D.
- Complete the I.R.S. data retrieval process
- Sign and submit

NOTE: Families with unusual circumstances or questions should arrange for an appointment with the Financial Aid Director to discuss their situation.

STEP 2: Request a copy of your FINAL High School transcript or GED certificate showing your graduation date. Aid WILL NOT be paid without this document.

STEP 3: Complete and submit the Blandin Educational Grant application by March 1st [if graduate of a local high school and under age 25] at www.itascacc.edu/forms.

STEP 4: Submit any additional forms requested by ICC. Requested forms MAY include verification worksheets, Federal Tax Return transcripts or W-2 forms.

STEP 5: View Official Award Letter. You will receive an email at your personal or ICC email account indicating when an official award letter is ready to be viewed on E-services. The letter will list the types and amounts of aid you are being offered at each enrollment level.

STEP 6: Apply for loans. Loans are not automatic! Once you view your official award letter on E-services, you may apply for Direct loans by clicking on the “Loans” link in E-Services and completing the three step process. A loan is a debt that must be repaid with interest. Only borrow what you need to cover your educational expenses.

STEP 7: Apply for work study jobs after August 1st. Students without Federal or State work study eligibility may apply for remaining jobs after the second week of school. Available jobs are posted on our website.

STEP 8: Purchase/rent textbooks. Students should purchase/rent textbooks prior to the start of classes. Students with a valid FAFSA will be allowed to “charge” books to their student account starting one week before classes begin.

STEP 9: Sign up for direct deposit. Aid disbursement takes place on the eleventh business day of each semester for those with completed files. You will need to sign up for direct deposit to receive work-study wages or excess financial aid disbursements (if applicable) you may have during the school year. Log into your E-services account to complete the direct deposit set-up.