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**FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION**



Some college applications can be expensive if you apply to a lot of schools. Private colleges and universities often waive application fees based on financial need.

Some state and private colleges/universities have a "common application," which means you can fill out one application for admission at a group of colleges.

Community colleges often have a free application.

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**APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID IS FREE.**

- ✓ A. Truth
- ✗ B. Myth

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**APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID**



It's TRUE! The first F in FAFSA stands for FREE!  
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the form you fill out in order to determine eligibility for Financial Aid.  
Never pay for Financial Aid services! They are always free at the college you plan to attend.  
It takes 4-6 weeks for processing. Because it can take awhile, you want to file EARLY!



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**APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are all different types of scholarships:  
Academic, Diversity, Local businesses, Parents' employers, etc.  
Search for them with your school guidance counselor, with you advisor at your college or on your college's website.  
Tons of free scholarships are at :  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



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YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE A CERTAIN ACT, SAT OR COMPASS SCORE FOR ADMISSION INTO COLLEGE.

- A. Truth
- B. Myth



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**ASSESS FOR SUCCESS**



It's a MYTH!

Make sure to check with requirements if you plan to attend a 4-year, selective admissions college or university.

Some colleges require you to take the ACT, SAT, or some will ask for another type of assessment (a portfolio, essay, or project) instead of test scores.

Most colleges look at the overall student – not just your test scores.

Community Colleges will take ACT/COMPASS scores for placement, but are open admissions and do not require a certain score for admission.



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**ATTEND FOR SUCCESS**

In College, professors may not take attendance and may not even know if you are there.

Students are responsible for their behavior and attendance. If you are not in class, you may not be able to get make up work, and you may miss important information!

Extra-credit is usually not an option!



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**ATTEND FOR SUCCESS**

If disability or medical-related absences occur, the student must self-advocate for extended deadlines and/or accommodations.

Students are still responsible for all assignments and deadlines.



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AT COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE IDENTIFIED AND OFFERED IEP SERVICES IF FOUND ELIGIBLE.

- A. Truth
- B. Myth

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**SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

IT'S A MYTH!



The laws and standards are different at the college level (IDEA vs. ADA/504). There are no IEPs in college! If you are a student with special learning needs, you are responsible for requesting help and being able to describe your disability and how it affects you academically.

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**SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**



Although the college will be interested in knowing about your IEP or 504 Plan in High School, it is not a document that transfers automatically from one setting to the next.

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**SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

When students exit IEP services with the intention of attending college, their IEP team should provide them with the SAR – Support for Accommodations Request (in place of the more common exit document called the Summary of Performance for Living, Learning and Working).



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**SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

As a college student, you must identify your learning needs to the disability services office to request accommodations.

You must also be prepared to advocate for yourself to your instructors, in order to receive accommodations.



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THERE ARE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CLASSES AVAILABLE AT MOST COLLEGES TO SUPPORT ANY STUDENT (WITH OR WITHOUT A DISABILITY) WHO HAS LIMITED READING, MATH OR WRITING SKILLS.

- ✓ A. Truth
- ✗ B. Myth



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**IT'S TRUE!**

All community colleges in Iowa offer classes to improve reading, writing and math skills for students who may not be ready to pursue full blown college coursework. These classes may be required before a student enrolls in college-level coursework.

At most colleges and universities there are college preparatory classes in reading and math, along with writing lab supports available to anyone interested.



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**IF YOU RECEIVED SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN HIGH SCHOOL, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET COLLEGE TESTS/ASSIGNMENTS MODIFIED OR SHORTENED TO MEET YOUR NEEDS.**

A. Truth

B. Myth



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**SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**It's a myth!!**

In college classes, every student is held to the same standard of performance, takes the same test and does the same homework.



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FREE TUTORING IS OFFERED AT MOST COLLEGES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN THEIR COURSES.

- ✓ A. Truth
- ✗ B. Myth




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**SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**



It is TRUE!

Most colleges offer tutoring to students with and without disabilities. This is a service you could take advantage of, whether or not you have identified yourself as a student with a disability. But you still need to make the tutoring arrangements yourself. No one else will do that for you!




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**COLLEGE ORIENTATION**



Parents are encouraged to accompany students to Orientation, since you'll get a lot of information!

Some colleges even have separate sessions just for families.




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ALL PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE THEIR CHILD'S GRADES AND TALK WITH THEIR INSTRUCTORS, AND SUPPORT PEOPLE.

- A. Truth
- B. Myth

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**COLLEGE CONFIDENTIALITY**



It's a MYTH!

Once your child turns 18 or enrolls in college, the college cannot give information about your child or their performance to anyone, even parents, without student's written consent.

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**COLLEGE CONFIDENTIALITY**



Even if your child has signed a written consent form, professors are typically not interested in hearing from you, the parents. Professors expect your child to advocate for himself or herself. A professor will usually refer you back to the college's Disability Services Office for information about your child's progress.

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**MAKING TEXTBOOKS WORK FOR YOU**

There are options at many bookstores to rent or buy (new or used!) text books.

If you are tech savvy, you might purchase a cheaper eText for your course. Your Disability Services Office may be able to convert to digital format.

Be careful buying textbooks online or from friends: you want to make sure you have the right edition.



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**TEXT TO SPEECH/SPEECH TO TEXT OPTIONS**

- Read and Write Gold
- Dragon Dictation
- Notability app
- Natural Reader
- Cell phone or tablet built-in technologies



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**EICC ACCESS PROGRAM**

- Transition to the community college for students with a vocational or career plan
- Student is still enrolled in high school must have an IEP (4+)
- Students receive higher level of individualized support than typically provided in community college setting
- Referral by IEP team during senior year



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**ST. AMBROSE SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM**

- Students with learning disabilities, ADHD, ASD (recent H.S. graduates or H.S. seniors)
- Skill development in and for the college setting
- Study skills utilized in Psychology & Crime course
- On campus living experience
- Understanding Disability Support Services and accommodations in college




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