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## College Savings Iowa 529 Day Q&A With Iowa State University

**College Savings Iowa:** What is the average total cost of books?

**Iowa State University:** The current cost of books listed in the Cost of Attendance is \$1,000 per year. This is an average as some curricular areas may require more expensive textbooks. There is an effort at Iowa State University to increase the availability of open source and digital e-books for more classes, which is providing great savings to students. If a student's total costs on books exceeds \$1,000, they can submit a request for a cost of attendance adjustment to the Office of Student Financial Aid for consideration.

**College Savings Iowa:** What fees can a student expect?

**Iowa State University:** All undergraduate students can expect a fee of \$1,019.90 per semester for the activity fee, health facility fee and health fee. Students are also charged a technology fee contingent on their major: \$145 per semester standard; \$165 per semester Business; \$253 per semester Engineering, Ag Systems Technology, Computer Science, Industrial Technology and Design.

**College Savings Iowa:** What are the housing options? How do the prices vary?

**Iowa State University:** Students can live in standard two-person rooms with no air-conditioning for \$4,590 per academic year. Those with air-conditioning are \$4,950 per year. Suite-style units are \$6,075 per year and student apartments are \$5,400 per year.

**College Savings Iowa:** How has the cost of attendance changed in the last three to five years?

**Iowa State University:** 2017-18: \$20,606; 2019-20 & 2020-21: \$21,940; 2021-22: \$22,152; costs for 2022-23 are not yet finalized as the Board of Regents has not yet determined these. All costs are for Iowa residents.

**College Savings Iowa:** What is the average amount of scholarships/grants a student receives?

**Iowa State University:** Average scholarship/grants for undergraduates is \$8,345.

**College Savings Iowa:** What is the average amount of financial aid a student receives?

**Iowa State University:** The average amount of need-based aid received is \$13,572 for 77% of the undergraduate population.

**College Savings Iowa:** Do you offer meal plans? What is the cost associated with each?

**Iowa State University:** The default plan is \$4,623/academic year. Additional plans are available at [www.dining.iastate.edu/meal-plans/upcoming-academic-meal-plan-rates/](http://www.dining.iastate.edu/meal-plans/upcoming-academic-meal-plan-rates/).

**College Savings Iowa:** Are there any work-study opportunities?

**Iowa State University:** Yes. Over 600 students work through the College Work Study program. A total of 9,000 students are employed on campus, including students who work via non-work-study program positions.

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