

Colleges that Accept Students with less than a 3.0 GPA

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Jacksonville State University	Pub	AL	6,273	19	3.4	87.0	76	Considered-not req	44
Troy University	Pub	AL	7,474	22	3.5	72.9	95	Required	47
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Pub	AK	2,345	22	3.4	68.3	65	Required	39
University of Arizona	Pub	AZ	29,498	18	3.5	99.5	87	Considered-not req	62
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Pub	AR	3,047	20	3.4	98.1	58	Required	34
University of the Ozarks	Pri	AR	776	23	3.4	99.0	55	Considered-not req	41
California State Polytechnic University-Humboldt	Pub	CA	4,643	18	3.3	100.0	91	Neither req nor rec	42
California State University-Bakersfield	Pub	CA	7,387	22	3.5	99.5	85	Neither req nor rec	38
California State University-Chico	Pub	CA	12,908	19	3.4	100.0	85	Neither req nor rec	59
California State University-Dominguez Hills	Pub	CA	11,647	30	3.2	100.0	90	Neither req nor rec	42
California State University-Los Angeles	Pub	CA	19,558	22	3.3	99.8	91	Neither req nor rec	40
California State University-Monterey Bay	Pub	CA	5,848	15	3.5	98.0	93	Neither req nor rec	56
California State University-Sacramento	Pub	CA	23,473	18	3.4	98.4	94	Neither req nor rec	48
California State University-San Bernardino	Pub	CA	13,649	19	3.4	99.9	91	Neither req nor rec	49
California State University-San Marcos	Pub	CA	12,123	23	3.3	99.9	93	Neither req nor rec	50
California State University-Stanislaus	Pub	CA	7,355	18	3.4	99.0	95	Neither req nor rec	48
Otis College of Art and Design	Pri	CA	1,159	23	3.3	4.0	80	Considered-not req	59
San Francisco State University	Pub	CA	18,629	24	3.3	99.7	93	Neither req nor rec	47
Vanguard University of Southern California	Pri	CA	1,777	20	3.3	99.6	69	Considered-not req	56
William Jessup University	Pri	CA	964	22	3.4	94.0	78	Recommended	49
Adams State University	Pub	CO	1,173	38	3.2	96.0	100	Considered-not req	32
Colorado Mesa University	Pub	CO	6,614	31	3.3	97.4	80	Considered-not req	42
Colorado State University Pueblo	Pub	CO	2,589	28	3.3	98.0	99	Considered-not req	34
Fort Lewis College	Pub	CO	2,914	28	3.3	99.2	93	Considered-not req	41
Metropolitan State University of Denver	Pub	CO	9,851	45	3.0	96.2	89	Considered-not req	24
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	Pub	CO	7,461	26	3.4	94.7	95	Recommended	40

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Western Colorado University	Pub	CO	1,645	20	3.4	99.8	91	Considered-not req	46
Albertus Magnus College	Pri	CT	918	46	3.0	98.0	82	Recommended	44
Central Connecticut State University	Pub	CT	6,071	32	3.2	99.5	75	Considered-not req	49
Eastern Connecticut State University	Pub	CT	3,476	16	3.4	99.5	73	Recommended	54
Southern Connecticut State University	Pub	CT	5,644	38	3.2	99.0	83	Neither req nor rec	48
Western Connecticut State University	Pub	CT	3,440	39	3.4	96.0	85	Recommended	47
Delaware State University	Pub	DE	3,766	38	3.2	100.0	59	Recommended	44
Gallaudet University	Pri	DC	911	31	3.2	97.8	62	Required	21
Bethune-Cookman University	Pri	FL	2,384	46	3.1	99.0	100	Required	15
Flagler College	Pri	FL	2,552	16	3.5		74	Considered-not req	50
Jacksonville University	Pri	FL	2,398	21	3.5	81.4	78	Considered-not req	40
Columbus State University	Pub	GA	4,274	44	3.1	97.0	79	Considered-not req	37
Fort Valley State University	Pub	GA	2,236	55	2.9	99.0	72	Required	39
Georgia Southern University	Pub	GA	19,307	21	3.4	99.0	91	Considered-not req	50
Kennesaw State University	Pub	GA	28,629	20	3.4	98.6	82	Required	40
Reinhardt University	Pri	GA	993	32	3.3	99.7	70	Recommended	20
University of West Georgia	Pub	GA	6,781	24	3.3	96.0	70	Required	38
Valdosta State University	Pub	GA	6,605	33	3.2	98.4	76	Required	36
Idaho State University	Pub	ID	5,505	21	3.4	98.0			31
Lewis-Clark State College	Pub	ID	2,064	31	3.2	99.2	100	Recommended	30
University of Idaho	Pub	ID	6,372	16	3.5	98.1	81	Considered-not req	56
Augustana College	Pri	IL	2,317	21	3.3	3.3	69	Recommended	76
Eastern Illinois University	Pub	IL	3,984	25	3.4	99.5	72	Considered-not req	48
Governors State University	Pub	IL	1,659	38	4.0	100.0	52	Considered-not req	16
Illinois State University	Pub	IL	16,444	16	3.5	99.6	92	Considered-not req	65
Northeastern Illinois University	Pub	IL	2,657	46	3.1	97.6	62	Considered-not req	15
Quincy University	Pri	IL	939	20	3.5	100.0	60	Considered-not req	31
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	Pub	IL	6,754	33	3.2	98.9	95	Considered-not req	42
Western Illinois University	Pub	IL	4,574	24	3.5	98.9	72	Neither req nor rec	47

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Goshen College	Pri	IN	683	15	3.4	82.0	93	Considered-not req	55
Indiana State University	Pub	IN	6,280	32	3.3	99.5	94	Recommended	39
Indiana University-East	Pub	IN	1,666	22	3.4	93.3	81	Considered-not req	40
Indiana University-Kokomo	Pub	IN	2,227	29	3.3	96.8	90	Considered-not req	39
Indiana University-Northwest	Pub	IN	2,206	41	3.1	93.4	85	Considered-not req	35
Indiana University-South Bend	Pub	IN	2,869	34	3.2	94.7	89	Considered-not req	32
Indiana University-Southeast	Pub	IN	2,412	30	3.3	94.7	90	Considered-not req	34
Purdue University Fort Wayne	Pub	IN	4,752	24	3.4	99.5	83	Considered-not req	34
University of Southern Indiana	Pub	IN	5,242	17	3.5	99.0	96	Considered-not req	47
Clarke University	Pri	IA	690	30	3.4	100.0	89	Considered-not req	49
Saint Ambrose University	Pri	IA	2,121	23	3.4	98.0	72	Considered-not req	55
Emporia State University	Pub	KS	2,676	21	3.4	96.8	88	Recommended	46
Kansas Wesleyan University	Pri	KS	718	26	3.3	100.0	68	Recommended	33
Washburn University	Pub	KS	3,156	21	3.5	90.8			41
Wichita State University	Pub	KS	8,529	17	3.5	100.0	91	Considered-not req	41
Campbellsville University	Pri	KY	2,424	25	3.4	74.7			29
Eastern Kentucky University	Pub	KY	9,250	22	3.4	98.9	98	Required	49
Kentucky State University	Pub	KY	1,339	68	2.7	100.0	65	Recommended	35
Northern Kentucky University	Pub	KY	7,598	19	3.4	97.6	80	Considered-not req	46
University of Pikeville	Pri	KY	975	22	3.4	100.0			23
Western Kentucky University	Pub	KY	11,359	15	3.5	99.9	98	Recommended	55
Dillard University	Pri	LA	1,128	26	3.2	100.0	55	Considered-not req	40
Grambling State University	Pub	LA	3,836	48	3.0	99.0	72	Considered-not req	23
Nicholls State University	Pub	LA	4,582	23	3.3	99.0	97	Required	45
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Pub	LA	5,694	27	3.3	98.0	96	Required	40
Southeastern Louisiana University	Pub	LA	8,324	20	3.4	98.8	99	Recommended	33
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Pub	LA	10,874	19	3.4	100.0	78	Required	44
University of Maine	Pub	ME	8,162	15	3.4	99.0	96	Considered-not req	54
University of Maine at Presque Isle	Pub	ME	774	33	3.0	89.0	100	Recommended	32

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University of Southern Maine	Pub	ME	3,567	20	3.3	98.3	87	Required	31
Bowie State University	Pub	MD	4,344	42	3.1	97.0	87	Considered-not req	37
Goucher College	Pri	MD	1,033	33	3.2	98.9	82	Considered-not req	52
Mount St. Mary's University	Pri	MD	1,911	24	3.4	98.9	82	Considered-not req	55
American International College	Pri	MA	1,199	30	2.9	100.0	58	Considered-not req	34
Anna Maria College	Pri	MA	921	49	2.9	99.0	73	Neither req nor rec	40
Bridgewater State University	Pub	MA	6,520	36	3.2	99.3	86	Considered-not req	58
Fitchburg State University	Pub	MA	2,506	32	3.3	100.0	85	Considered-not req	55
Gordon College	Pri	MA	1,300	17	3.6	98.7	77	Considered-not req	65
Nichols College	Pri	MA	1,111	48	2.9	100.0	85	Considered-not req	56
Salem State University	Pub	MA	4,234	38	3.2	98.9	90	Considered-not req	55
Springfield College	Pri	MA	2,026	18	3.5	99.7	77	Considered-not req	69
Stonehill College	Pri	MA	2,349	17	3.3	99.5	72	Neither req nor rec	80
University of Massachusetts-Boston	Pub	MA	9,994	22	3.4	100.0	79	Considered-not req	44
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth	Pub	MA	4,905	22	3.4	99.8	92	Considered-not req	51
Wentworth Institute of Technology	Pri	MA	3,658	21	3.4	100.0	90	Considered-not req	57
Western New England University	Pri	MA	2,522	19	3.5	100.0	90	Considered-not req	54
Westfield State University	Pub	MA	3,486	38	3.2	99.8	94	Considered-not req	58
Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	Pri	MA	1,700	17	3.5	99.8	82	Considered-not req	65
Worcester State University	Pub	MA	3,575	31	3.3	99.9	89	Considered-not req	57
Albion College	Pri	MI	1,500	17	3.5	100.0	69	Neither req nor rec	53
Aquinas College	Pri	MI	1,059	18	3.5	100.0	89	Considered-not req	40
Baker College	Pri	MI	1,677	32	3.2	100.0	41	Recommended	5
Central Michigan University	Pub	MI	9,807	17	3.5	99.0	77	Considered-not req	58
Eastern Michigan University	Pub	MI	9,038	24	3.4	95.6	85	Considered-not req	41
Ferris State University	Pub	MI	6,566	28	3.3	99.6	85	Considered-not req	52
Hope College	Pri	MI	2,966	17	0.0	0.0	92	Considered-not req	73
Lake Superior State University	Pub	MI	1,406	35	3.2	99.3	73	Required	48
Lawrence Technological University	Pri	MI	1,702	22	3.4	97.7	81	Neither req nor rec	21

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Northern Michigan University	Pub	MI	5,785	27	3.3	99.3	71	Neither req nor rec	51
Oakland University	Pub	MI	10,869	15	3.5	100.0	92	Considered-not req	51
Saginaw Valley State University	Pub	MI	5,713	19	3.5	96.0	78	Considered-not req	36
University of Michigan-Flint	Pub	MI	3,032	16	3.5	100.0	74	Considered-not req	27
Wayne State University	Pub	MI	12,900	21	3.4	92.7	63	Required	48
Western Michigan University	Pub	MI	12,149	19	3.5	99.3	83	Considered-not req	50
Minnesota State University-Mankato	Pub	MN	10,035	18	3.4	98.0	69	Considered-not req	46
Saint Cloud State University	Pub	MN	4,991	34	3.2	94.8	94	Considered-not req	41
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Pri	MN	978	17	3.5	97.9	98	Neither req nor rec	50
Winona State University	Pub	MN	4,920	17	3.4	99.1	77	Considered-not req	60
Jackson State University	Pub	MS	4,046	49	2.9	100.0	62	Considered-not req	36
Lincoln University	Pub	MO	1,174	66	2.8	99.0			26
Lindenwood University	Pri	MO	3,958	17	3.4	98.6	75	Considered-not req	39
Missouri Southern State University	Pub	MO	2,755	24	3.4	95.3	97	Required	34
Missouri Western State University	Pub	MO	2,579	32	3.3	96.2			31
Southeast Missouri State University	Pub	MO	6,548	15	3.5	99.0	79	Recommended	51
University of Missouri-Kansas City	Pub	MO	5,786	17	3.5	96.6	76	Considered-not req	50
Montana State University	Pub	MT	12,317	17	3.5	99.5	73	Considered-not req	49
Montana State University Billings	Pub	MT	1,954	26	3.3	89.8			22
Rocky Mountain College	Pri	MT	791	23	3.4	100.0	81	Considered-not req	41
Hastings College	Pri	NE	919	18	3.5	97.6	71	Neither req nor rec	42
University of Nebraska at Kearney	Pub	NE	3,781	20	3.2	99.0	90	Required	54
University of Nebraska at Omaha	Pub	NE	9,969	25	3.4	93.0	87	Required	46
University of Nevada-Las Vegas	Pub	NV	19,496	17	3.4	95.6	83	Recommended	39
Keene State College	Pub	NH	2,877	37	3.1	95.0	88	Considered-not req	59
Plymouth State University	Pub	NH	3,368	58	2.9	88.8	92	Neither req nor rec	52
Saint Anselm College	Pri	NH	1,940	19	3.4	100.0	78	Considered-not req	73
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Metropolitan Campus	Pri	NJ	1,890	28	3.3	80.3	85	Neither req nor rec	38
Montclair State University	Pub	NJ	14,361	21	3.3	81.9	91	Considered-not req	64

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Rowan University	Pub	NJ	13,061	18	3.4	100.0	84	Considered-not req	64
Eastern New Mexico University-Main Campus	Pub	NM	1,985	32	3.2	97.3	33	Required	31
New Mexico Highlands University	Pub	NM	975	33	3.3	90.0			23
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	Pub	NM	11,480	18	3.4	94.0	97	Considered-not req	49
Alfred University	Pri	NY	1,425	27	3.4	12.0	67	Considered-not req	46
Canisius College	Pri	NY	1,783	19	90.5	100.0	81	Considered-not req	64
Cazenovia College	Pri	NY	560	31	3.3	97.0	68	Considered-not req	47
CUNY City College	Pub	NY	9,761	36	3.2	99.0	64	Neither req nor rec	48
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Pub	NY	10,452	43	3.2	92.0	45	Neither req nor rec	51
Farmingdale State College	Pub	NY	7,321	29	3.3	99.1	73	Considered-not req	47
Hobart William Smith Colleges	Pri	NY	1,640	16	3.6	97.8	67	Considered-not req	68
Keuka College	Pri	NY	1,033	22	89.1	100.0	94	Considered-not req	45
Nyack College	Pri	NY	783	49	2.8	50.9	100	Considered-not req	30
SUNY at Albany	Pub	NY	11,792	21	90.4	89.9	68	Required	65
SUNY Brockport	Pub	NY	4,880	30	3.3	98.9	76	Considered-not req	60
SUNY Buffalo State	Pub	NY	5,384	63	2.8	98.2	85	Considered-not req	39
SUNY College at Potsdam	Pub	NY	2,251	23	89.5	99.0	81	Neither req nor rec	47
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	Pub	NY	1,682	41	3.1	98.0	81	Considered-not req	46
SUNY College of Technology at Canton	Pub	NY	2,353	49	3.0	97.0	95	Considered-not req	44
Utica University	Pri	NY	2,384	22	3.3	99.8	89	Recommended	44
Yeshiva University	Pri	NY	2,536	17	3.4	96.8	63	Recommended	71
Barton College	Pri	NC	1,011	31	3.3	98.9	99	Considered-not req	44
East Carolina University	Pub	NC	18,245	27	3.3	99.3	94	Neither req nor rec	62
Guilford College	Pri	NC	1,085	32	3.2	98.0	82	Considered-not req	45
Johnson C Smith University	Pri	NC	1,063	77	2.5	74.0	45	Neither req nor rec	27
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Pri	NC	1,388	18	3.4	100.0	86	Recommended	39
Methodist University	Pri	NC	1,376	16	3.6	100.0	79	Considered-not req	23
North Carolina Central University	Pub	NC	4,770	31	3.3	9.0	76	Considered-not req	47

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University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pub	NC	4,728	24	3.4	99.0	92	Considered-not req	39
Western Carolina University	Pub	NC	8,233	16	3.4	99.8	79	Considered-not req	59
Minot State University	Pub	ND	1,840	19	3.4	93.0	88	Required	44
Cleveland State University	Pub	OH	8,241	29	3.4	97.8	91	Required	47
Hiram College	Pri	OH	788	21	3.3	100.0	93	Neither req nor rec	51
Marietta College	Pri	OH	1,105	16	3.5	97.9	83	Considered-not req	43
Tiffin University	Pri	OH	1,522	32	3.1	97.6	74	Recommended	36
University of Akron Main Campus	Pub	OH	9,411	25	3.5	99.3	85	Recommended	43
University of Toledo	Pub	OH	10,738	17	3.6	99.8	97	Considered-not req	52
Wittenberg University	Pri	OH	1,238	16	3.6	99.7	92	Considered-not req	57
Cameron University	Pub	OK	2,077	26	3.3	95.2			29
East Central University	Pub	OK	2,166	19	3.3	93.7	65	Considered-not req	28
Rogers State University	Pub	OK	1,912	26	3.4	94.0			30
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Pub	OK	2,076	17	3.5	96.7	74	Required	27
Southern Oregon University	Pub	OR	2,589	21	3.3	98.3	90	Recommended	38
Western Oregon University	Pub	OR	3,049	23	3.3	99.3	92	Neither req nor rec	44
Cabrini University	Pri	PA	1,235	33	3.1	100.0	80	Considered-not req	43
California University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	3,566	28	3.3	99.2	97	Considered-not req	47
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	2,451	17	3.5	98.5	99	Recommended	56
DeSales University	Pri	PA	1,949	21	3.4	100.0	78	Considered-not req	63
Immaculata University	Pri	PA	1,000	17	3.5	100.0	80	Considered-not req	56
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus	Pub	PA	6,437	26	3.4	99.0	94	Considered-not req	54
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	6,047	30	3.3	99.0	97	Required	51
Lincoln University	Pub	PA	1,664	45	3.1	90.0	80	Required	46
Lock Haven University	Pub	PA	2,150	16	3.5	73.1	95	Required	53
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	1,384	21	3.4	100.0	94	Considered-not req	52
Moravian University	Pri	PA	1,802	16	3.6	99.8	78	Recommended	65
Neumann University	Pri	PA	1,357	30	3.2	100.0	84	Considered-not req	34
Point Park University	Pri	PA	2,339	20	3.5	100.0	82	Considered-not req	54

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Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	4,319	33	3.2	98.5	93	Considered-not req	56
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	6,423	15	3.5	97.9	79	Required	66
Temple University	Pub	PA	23,750	16	3.5	96.3	72	Neither req nor rec	72
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford	Pub	PA	1,092	29	3.3	98.1	73	Considered-not req	37
University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg	Pub	PA	1,259	15	3.5	98.5	91	Considered-not req	33
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Pub	PA	2,066	15	3.6	94.8	92	Considered-not req	48
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Pub	PA	12,686	16	3.4	100.0	89	Considered-not req	70
Widener University	Pri	PA	2,540	16	3.5	99.0	85	Considered-not req	55
Dakota State University	Pub	SD	1,424	26	3.3	98.0	86	Considered-not req	42
Mount Marty University	Pri	SD	578	27	3.4	93.0	67	Required	49
University of South Dakota	Pub	SD	4,502	18	3.4	94.9	87	Considered-not req	57
Austin Peay State University	Pub	TN	5,531	24	3.3	98.0	93	Required	37
Tennessee State University	Pub	TN	4,907	35	3.2	85.0			28
Tennessee Wesleyan University	Pri	TN	895	18	3.5	95.3	60	Considered-not req	44
University of Memphis	Pub	TN	11,142	21	3.5	99.0	95	Considered-not req	50
Hardin-Simmons University	Pri	TX	1,412	16	3.4	98.2	95	Considered-not req	40
Lamar University	Pub	TX	4,496	23	3.4	92.0	88	Considered-not req	31
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi	Pub	TX	5,954	17	3.4	84.9	91	Recommended	32
Texas A & M University-Kingsville	Pub	TX	4,002	19	3.5	98.9	93	Considered-not req	37
Texas Woman's University	Pub	TX	6,561	31	3.2	94.0	96	Considered-not req	41
University of Houston-Clear Lake	Pub	TX	3,363	20	3.4	97.3	91	Considered-not req	46
University of Houston-Downtown	Pub	TX	6,584	28	3.3	98.9	95	Recommended	23
Wiley College	Pri	TX	584	33	0.0	0.0			13
Utah State University	Pub	UT	16,476	28	3.6	91.4	93	Considered-not req	47
Utah Valley University	Pub	UT	18,555	20	3.5	91.1			26
Weber State University	Pub	UT	11,599	24	3.4	94.0			29
Castleton University	Pub	VT	1,473	38	86.0	97.0	87	Considered-not req	53
Norwich University	Pri	VT	2,429	31	3.2	100.0	87	Recommended	56
Saint Michael's College	Pri	VT	1,395	31	3.3	95.6	86	Recommended	75

Name	Type	ST	Full-time Undergrads	% Freshman with GPA less than 3.0	Avg High School GPA of Freshman	% Freshman who submitted GPA	% Admitted	SAT/ACT Required	4/5 yr Graduation Rate
Ferrum College	Pri	VA	842	39	3.1	96.0	76	Considered-not req	24
Longwood University	Pub	VA	3,010	18	3.5	98.6	90	Considered-not req	63
Marymount University	Pri	VA	1,759	31	3.3	100.0	84	Neither req nor rec	50
Old Dominion University	Pub	VA	13,905	31	3.3	100.0	96	Required	44
Radford University	Pub	VA	6,024	32	3.3	98.5	95	Considered-not req	52
Regent University	Pri	VA	2,313	25	3.3	73.0	41	Required	52
University of Lynchburg	Pri	VA	1,582	21	3.5	100.0	97	Neither req nor rec	58
Central Washington University	Pub	WA	8,373	42	3.1	94.7	88	Neither req nor rec	49
Eastern Washington University	Pub	WA	7,203	28	3.3	100.0	97	Neither req nor rec	43
Saint Martin's University	Pri	WA	1,249	16	3.4	99.0	72	Considered-not req	51
The Evergreen State College	Pub	WA	1,625	39	3.1	88.5	99	Considered-not req	40
Concord University	Pub	WV	1,286	19	3.5	98.0	96	Considered-not req	39
Fairmont State University	Pub	WV	2,478	27	3.3	98.0	99	Required	42
Beloit College	Pri	WI	978	24	3.3	100.0	67	Considered-not req	67
Carthage College	Pri	WI	2,563	21	3.4	100.0	76	Considered-not req	61
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Pub	WI	4,952	22	3.4	98.4	91	Considered-not req	52
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Pub	WI	7,236	29	3.2	100.0	90	Considered-not req	51
University of Wisconsin-Parkside	Pub	WI	2,563	33	3.2	98.1	75	Considered-not req	37
University of Wisconsin-River Falls	Pub	WI	4,313	17	3.5	99.6	86	Considered-not req	54
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Pub	WI	8,434	25	3.3	99.5	83	Considered-not req	60

Financial Aid Timeline

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What is Happening		What You Need to be Doing
SOPHOMORE Year		
Fall		Review Financial Aid Strategies 5 Financial Aid Strategies Parents of Sophomores Need to Know Before the Spring Semester
Spring	Jan 1: Start of the tax year that will be used for financial aid.	Use College Board EFC Calculator Start using Net Price Calculators
JUNIOR Year		
Jan		Save the information you use to complete your taxes for use in the fall.
SENIOR Year		
Sept		Collect required financial documents Check financial aid priority deadlines for all possible colleges and state aid program. Apply for FSAID (both parent and student for dependent students).
Oct-Nov	Oct 1: CSS/Financial PROFILE available Oct 1: FAFSA is available	Complete CSS/Financial PROFILE if required for early decision or early action. Complete FAFSA as soon as possible, submit any special circumstances information to financial aid office.
Jan-Mar	Time period for fine arts scholarship auditions, campus scholarship weekends.	Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)
Feb-Apr	Receive financial aid award letters	Compare financial aid awards Check for better offers at TuitionFit.org Appeal award if needed
May	National Association for College Admission Counseling listing of colleges still accepting students and awarding aid available	May 1: deadline to place deposit for school you accept. (some schools require an earlier and separate deposit for housing)

		<p>Accept part of or all of award</p> <p>Report outside scholarships</p> <p>Check with college for following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * when/where work-study jobs are posted * how funds will be disbursed and how often * for start date of payment plans-9 month payment plans will often start in the summer before you ever receive a bill.
Summer		<p>Apply for loans part of award</p> <p>Apply for PLUS loans</p> <p>Apply for private loans</p>
July		<p>Complete federal loan counseling and sign Master Promissory Notes</p>
Start of Freshman Semester	<p>Financial aid award is being deducted from semester bill. Any remaining funds are disbursed to the student</p>	<p>Check statement for application of all funds especially outside scholarships.</p> <p>Change your monthly tuition payment amounts if necessary to reflect actual costs.</p>