

Alternatives to Top 100 National Universities and Liberal Arts Colleges

Name	Type	State	Full-time Under-grads	4/5 yr Grad Rate	Avg Net Price After Gift Aid (2012-2013)
Birmingham Southern College	Private	AL	1,167	53	\$23,522
Samford University	Private	AL	2,850	49	\$25,626
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Public	AL	8,357	46	\$13,745
University of Alabama in Huntsville	Public	AL	4,237	37	\$13,208
Harding University	Private	AR	4,105	40	\$16,578
John Brown University	Private	AR	1,571	55	\$17,552
Lyon College	Private	AR	562	43	\$14,307
University of Arkansas	Public	AR	18,565	55	\$12,057
Arizona State University-Tempe	Public	AZ	34,989	55	\$12,380
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Private	AZ	1,753	37	\$34,426
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	Public	CA	18,058	61	\$17,365
Chapman University	Private	CA	5,753	59	\$32,932
Loyola Marymount University	Private	CA	5,935	67	\$36,650
Mills College	Private	CA	922	53	\$26,773
Point Loma Nazarene University	Private	CA	2,483	62	\$29,013
Santa Clara University	Private	CA	5,338	77	\$38,844
University of the Pacific	Private	CA	3,780	40	\$33,437
Vanguard University of Southern California	Private	CA	1,576	47	\$22,744
Eckerd College	Private	FL	1,947	59	\$30,352
Florida Institute of Technology	Private	FL	3,068	39	\$32,192
Rollins College	Private	FL	2,366	61	\$32,225
Stetson University	Private	FL	2,692	56	\$21,975
University of Central Florida	Public	FL	36,229	61	\$15,033
University of South Florida-Main Campus	Public	FL	23,734	57	\$11,335
Berry College	Private	GA	2,107	50	\$22,978
Covenant College	Private	GA	1,050	48	\$21,500
Mercer University	Private	GA	3,659	44	\$19,733
Coe College	Private	IA	1,351	61	\$20,934
Dordt College	Private	IA	1,345	54	\$24,028
Drake University	Private	IA	3,185	61	\$26,330
Iowa State University	Public	IA	26,177	63	\$14,095
Northwest Nazarene University	Private	ID	1,136	32	\$18,969
Bradley University	Private	IL	4,618	55	\$25,683
DePaul University	Private	IL	13,594	54	\$29,165
Illinois Institute of Technology	Private	IL	2,712	32	\$21,201
Lake Forest College	Private	IL	1,571	58	\$25,312

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School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Private	IL	2,469	31	\$43,489
Butler University	Private	IN	3,974	51	\$30,991
Goshen College	Private	IN	745	54	\$19,773
Hanover College	Private	IN	1,158	68	\$22,398
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Private	IN	2,186	66	\$36,613
Taylor University	Private	IN	1,852	65	\$25,126
University of Evansville	Private	IN	2,290	53	\$21,224
Valparaiso University	Private	IN	3,136	58	\$21,869
Benedictine College	Private	KS	1,750	43	\$22,242
University of Kansas	Public	KS	17,193	56	\$16,923
University of Kentucky	Public	KY	19,884	55	\$14,839
University of Louisville	Public	KY	12,426	47	\$13,875
Centenary College of Louisiana	Private	LA	571	49	\$19,845
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Public	LA	22,811	62	\$12,882
Loyola University New Orleans	Private	LA	2,741	44	\$23,419
Babson College	Private	MA	2,106	84	\$25,041
Bentley University	Private	MA	4,142	81	\$30,501
Emerson College	Private	MA	3,668	80	\$33,371
Gordon College	Private	MA	1,668	58	\$28,500
Simmons College	Private	MA	1,577	66	\$29,907
Loyola University Maryland	Private	MD	3,951	79	\$31,306
Maryland Institute College of Art	Private	MD	1,759	67	\$37,718
University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Public	MD	9,508	59	\$14,321
Calvin College	Private	MI	3,814	57	\$25,100
Kettering University	Private	MI	1,590	11	\$31,875
Lawrence Technological University	Private	MI	1,536	16	\$24,908
Michigan Technological University	Public	MI	5,198	58	\$15,434
University of Detroit Mercy	Private	MI	2,196	35	\$24,223
Bethel University	Private	MN	2,614	63	\$26,837
Concordia College at Moorhead	Private	MN	2,488	62	\$21,075
University of Minnesota-Morris	Public	MN	1,815	61	\$14,536
University of St Thomas	Private	MN	6,065	63	\$32,392
Drury University	Private	MO	3,008	32	\$21,357
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Public	MO	5,472	56	\$15,191
Rockhurst University	Private	MO	1,546	60	\$18,784
Truman State University	Public	MO	5,375	70	\$13,060
University of Missouri-Columbia	Public	MO	25,258	67	\$16,884
William Jewell College	Private	MO	1,012	50	\$21,859
Mississippi State University	Public	MS	15,048	55	\$15,422

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William Carey University	Private	MS	1,886	46	\$14,536
Campbell University	Private	NC	3,537	39	\$26,163
Elon University	Private	NC	5,464	77	\$30,272
Creighton University	Private	NE	3,815	67	\$27,057
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Public	NE	18,102	61	\$15,132
The College of New Jersey	Public	NJ	6,455	82	\$18,464
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	Public	NM	1,418	38	\$10,735
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Private	NY	1,059	72	\$29,346
Clarkson University	Private	NY	3,084	61	\$25,782
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	Private	NY	863	68	\$17,263
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Public	NY	10,396	60	\$7,955
Hofstra University	Private	NY	6,378	50	\$30,947
Houghton College	Private	NY	1,023	65	\$20,920
Polytechnic Institute of New York University	Private	NY	2,033	33	\$28,986
Rochester Institute of Technology	Private	NY	12,106	28	\$27,639
SUNY College at Geneseo	Public	NY	5,386	77	\$15,917
Cedarville University	Private	OH	3,044	61	\$22,648
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Private	OH	1,989	61	\$24,474
Ohio Northern University	Private	OH	2,194	53	\$24,002
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	Public	OH	20,332	58	\$19,310
University of Dayton	Private	OH	7,455	60	\$30,416
Oklahoma Christian University	Private	OK	1,874	28	\$19,124
Oklahoma City University	Private	OK	1,754	49	\$25,056
Oklahoma State University-Main Campus	Public	OK	17,793	55	\$14,415
University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus	Public	OK	17,559	59	\$16,780
University of Portland	Private	OR	3,410	70	\$30,273
Elizabethtown College	Private	PA	1,808	71	\$26,528
Grove City College	Private	PA	2,438	77	\$18,272
Messiah College	Private	PA	2,701	71	\$25,639
Villanova University	Private	PA	6,547	86	\$30,587
Providence College	Private	RI	3,798	83	\$34,388
Rhode Island School of Design	Private	RI	2,005	72	\$34,259
College of Charleston	Public	SC	9,708	62	\$16,628
North Greenville University	Private	SC	1,993	41	\$14,954
Presbyterian College	Private	SC	1,087	60	\$17,186
University of South Carolina-Columbia	Public	SC	22,533	70	\$17,220

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South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Public	SD	1,950	40	\$15,862
Belmont University	Private	TN	5,117	56	\$30,357
Lipscomb University	Private	TN	2,590	44	\$22,243
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Public	TN	19,799	62	\$16,062
Union University	Private	TN	2,175	51	\$21,944
Dallas Baptist University	Private	TX	2,463	43	\$21,724
LeTourneau University	Private	TX	1,333	34	\$21,474
The University of Texas at Dallas	Public	TX	10,635	59	\$8,064
Trinity University	Private	TX	2,111	72	\$26,013
University of Dallas	Private	TX	1,365	56	\$27,841
University of St Thomas	Private	TX	1,269	27	\$21,900
Westminster College	Private	UT	2,140	43	\$22,688
Christopher Newport University	Public	VA	4,962	64	\$20,328
Randolph College	Private	VA	649	46	\$22,498
Champlain College	Private	VT	2,332	50	\$32,105
Saint Michael's College	Private	VT	1,959	69	\$28,218
Gonzaga University	Private	WA	4,826	71	\$30,181
Northwest University	Private	WA	1,221	37	\$18,923
Pacific Lutheran University	Private	WA	3,010	55	\$24,489
Seattle Pacific University	Private	WA	3,230	54	\$25,990
Seattle University	Private	WA	4,377	59	\$34,340
Western Washington University	Public	WA	12,942	64	\$14,253
Milwaukee School of Engineering	Private	WI	2,284	39	\$22,347
Ripon College	Private	WI	888	60	\$20,602

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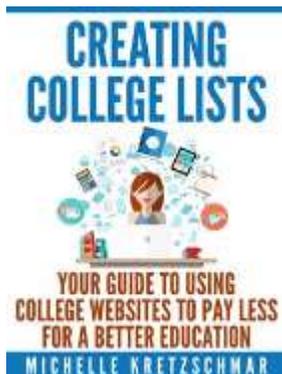
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