Colleges and Universities Offering Generous Merit Aid

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Here we've compiled a list of competitive 4-year institutions that offer merit aid to 20% or more of undergraduates.  Merit awards are typically **not** based on financial need but rather on academic performance and other qualities deemed desirable by the institution.  As such, they can make college more affordable for academically gifted students—especially those that are unlikely to qualify for need-based financial aid.

Most of these schools automatically consider you for merit scholarships when you submit your application.

| **School** | **% Undergrads w/ Merit Aid** | **Merit Amount** |
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| Webb Institute | 100 | $ 42,750 |
| Rhodes College | 50 | $ 18,642 |
| Trinity University | 47 | $ 16,583 |
| DePauw University | 42 | $ 16,764 |
| University of Puget Sound | 42 | $ 14,886 |
| Furman University | 41 | $ 17,166 |
| Marquette University | 40 | $ 10,294 |
| College of Wooster | 38 | $ 19,329 |
| Centre College | 38 | $ 18,766 |
| University of Denver | 38 | $ 14,724 |
| Gonzaga University | 38 | $ 12,083 |
| Hendrix College | 37 | $ 23,658 |
| Oberlin College | 37 | $ 13,671 |
| Willamette University | 36 | $ 17,896 |
| Creighton University | 36 | $ 14,200 |
| Xavier University | 36 | $ 13,774 |
| Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology | 36 | $ 11,295 |
| University of South Carolina | 36 | $ 4,924 |
| New College of Florida | 36 | $ 2,293 |
| St. Lawrence University | 35 | $ 20,225 |
| Southwestern University | 35 | $ 18,514 |
| University of Dayton - Engineering | 35 | $ 12,540 |
| University of Dayton - Education | 35 | $ 12,540 |
| University of Dayton - Arts and Sciences | 35 | $ 12,540 |
| University of Dayton | 35 | $ 12,540 |
| University of Dayton - Business | 35 | $ 12,540 |
| Baylor University | 34 | $ 13,131 |
| Tulane University | 33 | $ 21,325 |
| Southern Methodist University | 33 | $ 20,479 |
| Fairfield University | 33 | $ 15,452 |
| Muhlenberg College | 33 | $ 11,792 |
| Lawrence University | 31 | $ 18,007 |
| Worcester Polytechnic Institute | 31 | $ 15,783 |
| Catholic University of America | 31 | $ 15,620 |
| Whitman College | 31 | $ 9,104 |
| Miami University - Oxford | 31 | $ 7,043 |
| Iowa State University | 31 | $ 2,916 |
| Juniata College | 30 | $ 16,721 |
| Kalamazoo College | 30 | $ 16,358 |
| Case Western Reserve University | 28 | $ 22,087 |
| Beloit College | 28 | $ 17,256 |
| Gustavus Adolphus College | 28 | $ 16,668 |
| Hobart and William Smith Colleges | 28 | $ 15,535 |
| Saint Michaels College | 28 | $ 14,525 |
| Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | 27 | $ 15,860 |
| California Lutheran University | 27 | $ 15,150 |
| Loyola University New Orleans | 27 | $ 14,876 |
| Hampshire College | 27 | $ 13,583 |
| Union College | 27 | $ 9,025 |
| Oklahoma State University | 27 | $ 5,553 |
| Indiana University | 27 | $ 5,446 |
| Lewis and Clark College | 26 | $ 13,832 |
| Santa Clara University | 26 | $ 13,120 |
| Wheaton College - MA | 26 | $ 12,486 |
| University of Vermont | 26 | $ 8,658 |
| Texas Christian University | 25 | $ 14,330 |
| Northeastern University | 25 | $ 14,130 |
| Sewanee: The University of the South | 25 | $ 10,883 |
| Colorado School of Mines | 25 | $ 7,391 |
| Allegheny College | 24 | $ 16,174 |
| Goucher College | 24 | $ 15,740 |
| University of Colorado - Boulder | 24 | $ 10,019 |
| University of Nevada - Reno | 24 | $ 2,569 |
| University of Miami | 23 | $ 18,846 |
| George Washington University | 23 | $ 18,756 |
| Brigham Young University - Provo | 23 | $ 3,944 |
| Agnes Scott College | 22 | $ 22,131 |
| Saint Olaf College | 22 | $ 13,290 |
| Ithaca College | 22 | $ 13,029 |
| University of Alabama | 22 | $ 12,209 |
| Saint Anselm | 22 | $ 11,563 |
| Harvey Mudd College | 22 | $ 10,546 |
| Biola University | 22 | $ 7,028 |
| Clemson University | 22 | $ 6,167 |
| Sarah Lawrence College | 21 | $ 16,662 |
| Adelphi University | 21 | $ 12,698 |
| Loyola University Chicago | 21 | $ 12,032 |
| Loyola Marymount University | 21 | $ 9,840 |
| Wittenberg University | 20 | $ 18,495 |
| University of Kentucky | 20 | $ 7,487 |
| University of Delaware | 20 | $ 6,762 |
| Elon Univrsity | 20 | $ 6,603 |