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NATIONAL COMPARISONS OF STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Education Commission of the States Report. The Education Commission of the States has published [50-State Comparison: Need- and Merit-Based Financial Aid](#). The online resource looks at the top two largest aid programs in each state and identifies whether each program is need-based or merit-based. There is also information for each program regarding how need or merit is measured, as well as other application requirements. [State-level profiles](#) and a [policymaking guide](#) are also available.

For [Iowa](#), the report provides information on the [Iowa Tuition Grant](#) and the [Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant](#).

NASSGAP Report. Another resource for national comparisons of state financial aid is the [annual report](#) published by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP). The most recent report available is for the 2016-2017 academic year. Data from the report's tables can be downloaded, and the website includes a [custom query tool](#).

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