



## OCTOBER ONE-LINER 2024



### ***News You Can Use***

#### **SET YOUR SIGHTS HIGH FOR A FUTURE IN GOVERNMENT**

The Senate Scholar Program is a week-long educational program offered by the Wisconsin State Senate. This is a program for academically exceptional high school juniors & seniors from around the state. Each Senate Scholar receives a hands-on, up-close view of the Legislature's role in our democracy. The Senate Scholars will attend floor debates, committee hearings, mock legislative activities, lobbying and more.

Applications are due by November 15, 2024. Go to [www.senatescholar.com](http://www.senatescholar.com) to apply.

#### **WHAT THE UW COLLEGES WANT YOU TO KNOW...**

**Eau Claire – New!** Biomedical Engineering, Neuroscience, Recording Arts. **Top Majors:** Nursing, Business/Accounting, Biology (Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, Pre-Chiro), Education, Music, Psychology. **Unique Programs:** Health Care Administration, Actuarial Science, Hmong Studies, Rehabilitation Science, Social Diversity, Speech Pathology. Offers a Master's Degree in Athletic Training

Partnership with Mayo Clinic. One of only two colleges in the nation.

2<sup>nd</sup> largest Foreign Language major in the state.

The university's **forensics team** has won the state forensics championship 18 years in a row, and they are home to the largest marching band in the UW-System next to Madison.

Recognized as the best college in WI for support of LGBTQ students.

**Green Bay – Top Majors** - Business, Psychology, Human Development, Human Biology (Pre-Med) Elementary Education, Communications, History, English, Nursing, Political Science, Accounting. **Unique Majors:** Water Science, Writing, Environmental Science

Chiropractic = Human Biology. 3 years @ UWGB and then 4<sup>th</sup> year at Palmer Chiropractic School.

Nationally known for Environmental Sciences.

**UW-La Crosse – Top Majors:** Biology (Health Professions), Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Education, Psychology, Marketing, Finance. **Unique Programs:** Art Therapy, Archaeological Studies, Clinical Lab Science, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Neuroscience, Radiation Therapy, Social Justice, Therapeutic Recreation.

Athletic training is now a graduate program.

It is very important to UW-La Crosse that seniors have a math and a science in their senior year.

**UW-Madison** - students who apply by Nov. 1 will hear of acceptance by the end of January. Those who apply by Feb. 1 will hear of acceptance by the end of March.

**One letter of recommendation** is required. Choose academic teachers who know first-hand your ability to be successful at the collegiate level. Admission decisions sent to you by e-mail.

**UW-Milwaukee – Top Majors:** Health Sciences, Business, Theatre & Arts, Nursing, Engineering. **Unique Majors:** Architecture, Marine Biology, Sign Language Studies. Nursing and Architecture applications deadline, January 1.

**UW-Oshkosh – New!** Automation Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Forensic Investigation. **Top Majors:** Nursing, Business, Elementary Education, Biology, Psychology, Kinesiology, Criminal Justice, Special Education. **Unique Majors:** Advertising, Interactive Web Management, Strength & Conditioning Sustainability, Radiologic Science, Aviation Management, dual major in Elementary & Special Education, Radio-TV-Film

Outstanding music department. Very proud of their well-known Titan Thunder Marching Band.

**UW-Parkside - Unique Majors:** Studio Art, Sports Management, Sustainable Management. #1 major is Criminal Justice.

\*\*Only college in the state that offers a major in Public Relations - Part of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

**UW-Platteville – Top Majors:** Agriculture, Biology, Business, Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Industrial Studies (Construction Management). **World Class Programs:** Renewable Energy, Social & Environmental Justice, Nanotechnology Engineering, Forensic Investigation.

Forensic Investigation facility is one of a kind in the nation.

**UW-River Falls – New!** Biomedical & Health Science. **Largest Majors:** Business Administration, Animal Science, Biology, Psychology, Elementary Education. **Unique Majors:** Agricultural Engineering, Digital Film & TV Communications, Environmental Engineering, Equine Studies, Neuroscience, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Animal Science Options: Equine, Companion Animal, Meat Animal and Veterinary Technology  
Only college in the state that offers a Data Science major. Starting salaries of \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year.

**UW-Stevens Point** – **Top Majors:** Biology, Business Admin, Elementary Education, Wildlife Ecology, Forestry, Music, English, Interior Architecture. **Unique Majors:** Art & Design (one of 32 campuses in the Nation with an accredited Art & Design program), Communicative Disorders, Criminal Lab Science, Dietetics, Forestry/Wildlife, Paper Science, Sustainability.

One of two colleges in the state for Chemical Engineering

**UW-Stout** – New! Architecture, E-sports Coaching. **Top Majors:** Business, Computer Engineering, Construction, Early Childhood Education, Engineering Technology, Game Design, Graphic Design & Interactive Media, Hotel, Human Development & Family Studies, Manufacturing Engineering.

**Unique Majors:** Apparel Design, Cybersecurity, Fashion & Retail, Game Design, Golf Course Enterprise, Hotel Management, Interior Design, Restaurant & Tourism Management, Video Production.

**UW-Superior** – **Top Majors:** Elementary Education, Exercise Science, Psychology, Biology, Social Work. **Unique Majors:** Aquatic & Fisheries, Art Therapy, Digital Cinema (Journalism), Interactive Media, Forensic Chemistry, Transportation & Logistics Management.

Amazing opportunities in fisheries with Lake Superior 5 minutes from campus.

**UW-Whitewater** – **Popular Majors:** Accounting, Business, Communications, Marketing, Finance, Elementary Education, Psychology, Physical Education, Social Work, **Unique Majors:** Game Development, Marine & Fresh Water Ecology, Cybersecurity.

Nationally known for services for students with disabilities.

Largest Business Education graduates in the state.

Offers a master's degree in social work.

Game Development Club was the national champions in Zombie Competition.

## **Writing your college statement:**

Some UW-System campuses share one common essay question: This part is all about you. Tell us something you've done – academically or personally – and what have you learned from it. Was it a success or a challenge? Did it represent a turning point in your life? How did this moment in your life influence you, and how will it continue to influence you as you pursue your college education?

## **APPLY EARLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING**

Students should apply for housing as early as possible. Most campuses send a housing application shortly after the letter of admission. Watch your mail and e-mail closely for housing information 2-3 weeks after you have been admitted.

## **UW-Journey Mobile App**

UW-HELP has developed a whole new way to explore the UW System. UW Journey is a mobile app created for students & parents to make the college search process easier and more engaging.

## **STUDENT/ATHLETE TIME TO REGISTER WITH NCAA**

Students looking to participate in a Div. I or II collegiate sport must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Students must request that their ACT scores be forwarded directly to the center by entering code “9999” as a reporting selection when registering for the test. Go to <http://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>

## **COLLEGE MAJORS 101**

Get up-close and personal with over 150 majors. Choose from any major and gain insights to help find the perfect fit for you. Let Universities contact you about your major interests by registering in the area called “Get Recruited” and/or enjoy featured videos of your college choice.



## **VISITING SCHOOL CAMPUSES**

**Four-Year Campus Preview Days** – Check online for specialty preview days at all campuses.

**Pharmacy Virtual Info Session – UW-Madison – October 15, 2024**

**Advanced Manufacturing Preview Day – NICC – October 17, 2024**

**Oral Health Career Exploration Day – Southwest Tech – October 23, 2024**

**Academic Highlight Day – Clarke University – October 25, 2024**  
(Spend a day in the classrooms & explore majors at Clarke)

**Women in STEM Career Day – UW-Platteville – October 29, 2024**

**Ag & Animal Science Preview Day – NICC – November 7, 2024**

**John Deere Tech Preview Day – NICC – November 21, 2024**

**Pharmacy Preview Day – UW-Madison – November 23, 2024**

### **SOUTHWEST TECH'S CAMPUS VISIT OPTIONS**

**Tour & Swag** – A one hour personalized visit with a SWTC staff member. Shadow your program of interest, information session & free t-shirt. Registration is required.

**Tour & Lunch** – A two hour personalized visit with a SWTC staff member. Shadow your program of interest, information session & free lunch. Registration is required.

**One on One Personal Visit** – Shadow your program for a longer period of time; attend one or more classes. Registration is required.

## **ACT Test Dates 2023-24**

ACT Test Date	ACT Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025

### **ACT PREP:**

1. ACT Academy – go to [academy.act.org](https://academy.act.org)
2. Preparing for the ACT – This is a booklet that summarizes general test-taking strategies, describes content of each of the tests and informs you of what to expect on test day. It includes an ACT practice test, a sample answer document and scoring instructions.
3. Other Online Options: [www.act.org/standard/index.html](https://www.act.org/standard/index.html)  
[www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org](https://www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org)

**HOW DO COLLEGES USE ACT SCORES?** - ACT scores are one of the tools universities use when selecting students for admission. But they also use score reports for other purposes, such as course placement and student guidance. Here are just four examples of the many ways universities use score reports:

1. **Admissions.** ACT test results along with high school grades, academic preparation and extracurricular activities help college admission officers identify which students will thrive at their institution. Scores alone do not determine admission.
2. **Course placement.** ACT scores, academic background and high school grades are used together to determine which college sections would be most appropriate for each student.
3. **Academic advising.** College advisors look at ACT results, high school grades and classes, projected college grades, employment plans and other factors to help students find the perfect fit for his or her course of study.
4. **Scholarships and loans.** Some scholarships may use ACT scores and estimated grades to identify qualified candidates. ACT's unique score report also provides information about a student's educational needs, extracurricular achievements and educational plans. Agencies can use ACT data with other data to evaluate applications for both scholarships and loans.

**USE YOUR TEST SCORES TO SEE HOW PREPARED YOU ARE FOR COLLEGE**

Research shows that students who earn a score of 24 or higher on the ACT Science Test are more likely than others to be ready for college biology. Students earning a 22 or higher on the ACT Math Test are more likely than others to be ready for college algebra. 18 or higher on English Test are more likely to be ready for college English composition classes. And students earning a score of 21 or higher on the Reading Test are likely to succeed in college-level social science courses.

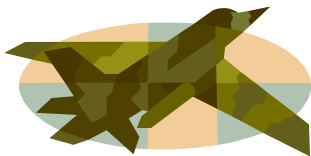


**Go to Job Center of Wisconsin - <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>**

**Cabela's** – Hiring part time & seasonal shifts. Starting wage \$17.50 per hour. Apply at [basspro.com/careers](https://basspro.com/careers) or stop in Ms. Townsend's office for QR code.

Cabela's is hosting a National Hiring Event on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10:00 am-7:00 pm. They will be offering immediate, on-site interviews.

Bloomington Meats – Flexible hours. Occasional Saturday mornings. No Sundays. Weekly Pay. Contact Steve or Justin at 608-994-2867 or by email at [bloommeats2@outlook.com](mailto:bloommeats2@outlook.com).



### **MILITARY INTERESTS**

There are many opportunities for training and education through military service. If you are interested in this direction, contact a recruiter in our area and schedule to take the ASVAB (entrance exam for the military).



### ***Financial Aid & Scholarships***

#### **2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

- You can file your 2025-26 FAFSA as early as Dec. 1, 2024.
- You and your parent(s) will report your 2022 income and tax information on FAFSA.
- December 1-February 1 is the recommended filing window.

**RIVER RIDGE FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP** - FAFSA Completion Workshop for students and families of River Ridge on November 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Fastweb's Free Scholarship Search Includes over \$1 Billion in Awards**

Fall Tips for Seniors:

- Register with [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to find scholarships.
- Create a calendar that includes all deadline dates for tests, applications, and financial aid.
- Create a scholarship file. Keep a list of application requirements (essays, transcripts, etc.) and deadline dates.
- Request letters of recommendation early.
- Take a rigorous academic course load.
- Research financial aid options.
- Keep your grades strong.
- Do community service and volunteer work.

**Scholarship Scams – Warning Signs:**

1. **“For a small fee, we’ll give you a list of scholarships.”** Never spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest award databases are free on the internet.
2. **“You are guaranteed a minimum of \$1000 in awards.”** A service can’t guarantee any scholarships because they have no control over the scholarship judge’s decisions.
3. **“We’ll need a bank account/credit card number to verify your information.”** Your bank account and credit card information are confidential. A legitimate scholarship provider won’t ask for this information.
4. **“We will do all the work for you.”** To win a legitimate scholarship, you must submit your own applications, write your own essays and solicit your own letters of recommendation. There is no way to avoid doing the work.
5. **No contact information:** Legitimate sponsors should provide contact information upon request. If the sponsor does not supply valid e-mail, phone number or mailing address upon request, that could be a sign of a scam.
6. **Pressure tactics:** Don’t allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking for money up front.
7. **Sponsor goes out of their way to sound “official”:** Scammers sometimes use official-sounding words like “national,” “education” or “federal” or they display an official-looking seal to fool you into thinking they are legit.





## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** - All colleges and Universities have a number of scholarship opportunities for new freshman. The applications can be found on-line at their individual foundation office websites. These scholarships will **not** be listed in your One-Liner so you must seek these out on campus websites.

### **NATIONAL, STATE & REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Wisconsin American Legion Oratorical Contest – Deadline: Nov. 1, 2024**

**Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student – Deadline: Nov., 12, 2024**

**National Honor Society Scholarship – Deadline: Nov. 26, 2024**

**Women’s Transportation Seminar – Deadline: Dec. 1, 2024**

**DAR Good Citizenship Scholarship – I will be sending out a voting sheet to the senior class. Please watch your email for this Google form.**