

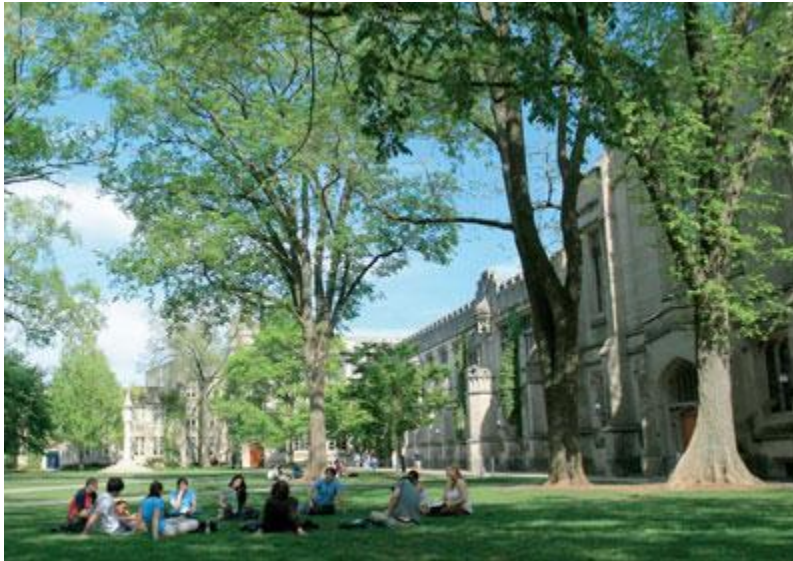
Forbes' America's 50 Best Colleges

Forbes' list of public and private colleges and universities ranks the best schools--from the students' point of view.



#1 United States Military Academy

Cost: \$0
Class Size: 1,263
Student to Faculty Ratio: 7 to 1
SAT Range: 1150-1350
ACT Range: 25-30
% of applicants admitted: 16%
Application deadline: 28-Feb
Early admission: N/A
More on [United States Military Academy](#)



#2 Princeton University

Cost: \$49,830
Class Size: 1,243
Student to Faculty Ratio: 5 to 1
SAT Range: 1390-1580
ACT Range: 31 - 34
% of applicants admitted: 10%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: N/A
More on [Princeton University](#)



#3 California Institute of Technology

Cost: \$48,990
Class Size: 236
Student to Faculty Ratio: 3 to 1
SAT Range: 1470-1560
ACT Range: 33-35
% of applicants admitted: 15%
Application deadline: 4-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [California Institute of Technology](#)



#4 Williams College

Cost: \$49,530
Class Size: 540
Student to Faculty Ratio: 7 to 1
SAT Range: 1320-1520
ACT Range: 29 - 33
% of applicants admitted: 17%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 10-Nov
More on [Williams College](#)



#5 Harvard University

Cost: \$50,250
Class Size: 1,666
Student to Faculty Ratio: 7 to 1
SAT Range: 1390-1580
ACT Range: 31-35
% of applicants admitted: 8%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 1-Dec
More on [Harvard University](#)



#6 Wellesley College

Cost: \$50,026
Class Size: 596
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1270-1470
ACT Range: 28 - 32
% of applicants admitted: 36%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [Wellesley College](#)



#7 United States Air Force Academy

Cost: \$0
Class Size: 1,286
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1220-1380
ACT Range: 25-29
% of applicants admitted: 18%
Application deadline: 31-Jan
Early admission: N/A
More on [United States Air Force Academy](#)



#8 Amherst College

Cost: \$50,230
Class Size: 439
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1330-1530
ACT Range: 29-34
% of applicants admitted: 15%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Amherst College](#)



#9 Yale University

Cost: \$51,400
Class Size: 1,318
Student to Faculty Ratio: 6 to 1
SAT Range: 1400-1580
ACT Range: 30 - 34
% of applicants admitted: 9%
Application deadline: 31-Dec
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [Yale University](#)



#10 Stanford University

Cost: \$51,760
Class Size: 1,703
Student to Faculty Ratio: 6.4 to 1
SAT Range: 1330-1540
ACT Range: 30-34
% of applicants admitted: 9%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [Stanford University](#)



#11 Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cost: \$50,100

Class Size: 1,048

Student to Faculty Ratio: 6.5 to 1

SAT Range: 1380-1560

ACT Range: 31 - 34

% of applicants admitted: 12%

Application deadline: 1-Jan

Early admission: 1-Nov

More on [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#)



#12 Swarthmore College

Cost: \$50,381

Class Size: 372

Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1

SAT Range: 1350-1520

ACT Range: 28-33

% of applicants admitted: 16%

Application deadline: 2-Jan

Early admission: 15-Nov

More on [Swarthmore College](#)



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#13 Columbia University

Cost: \$51,406
Class Size: 1,356
Student to Faculty Ratio: 6 to 1
SAT Range: 1360-1550
ACT Range: 29 - 34
% of applicants admitted: 11%
Application deadline: 4-Jan
Early admission: 2-Nov
More on [Columbia University](#)



#14 Centre College

Cost: \$39,200
Class Size: 336
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1
SAT Range: 1130-1370
ACT Range: 26 - 30
% of applicants admitted: 63%
Application deadline: 1-Feb
Early admission: 1-Dec
More on [Centre College](#)



#15 Haverford College

Cost: \$51,637
Class Size: 327
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1300-1480
ACT Range: N/A
% of applicants admitted: 27%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Haverford College](#)



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#16 Boston College

Cost: \$52,060
Class Size: 2,167
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1
SAT Range: 1230-1410
ACT Range: 28-32
% of applicants admitted: 27%
Application deadline: 2-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [Boston College](#)



#17 Northwestern University

Cost: \$52,120
Class Size: 2,078
Student to Faculty Ratio: 7 to 1
SAT Range: 1360-1530
ACT Range: 30 - 33
% of applicants admitted: 26%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [Northwestern University](#)



#18 Bowdoin College

Cost: \$50,570
Class Size: 488
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
SAT Range: 1300-1510
ACT Range: 29-33
% of applicants admitted: 18%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Bowdoin College](#)



#19 Vassar College

Cost: \$51,370

Class Size: 638

Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

SAT Range: 1320-1490

ACT Range: 29 - 33

% of applicants admitted: 25%

Application deadline: 1-Jan

Early admission: 15-Nov

More on [Vassar College](#)



#20 Whitman College

Cost: \$46,212

Class Size: 401

Student to Faculty Ratio: 9.5 to 1

SAT Range: 1240-1430

ACT Range: 28 - 32

% of applicants admitted: 46%

Application deadline: 15-Jan

Early admission: 15-Nov

More on [Whitman College](#)



#21 University of Chicago

Cost: \$53,310
Class Size: 1,306
Student to Faculty Ratio: 6.0 to 1
SAT Range: 1310-1530
ACT Range: 28-33
% of applicants admitted: 28%
Application deadline: 1-Nov
Early admission: 2-Jan
More on [University of Chicago](#)



#22 Kenyon College

Cost: \$49,260
Class Size: 456
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1240-1430
ACT Range: 28-32
% of applicants admitted: 31%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Kenyon College](#)



#23 Carleton College

Cost: \$50,000

Class Size: 489

Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

SAT Range: 1310-1490

ACT Range: 29-33

% of applicants admitted: 27%

Application deadline: 15-Jan

Early admission: 15-Nov

More on [Carleton College](#)



#24 Colby College

Cost: \$50,120

Class Size: 482

Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

SAT Range: 1280-1430

ACT Range: 28 - 31

% of applicants admitted: 31%

Application deadline: 1-Jan

Early admission: 15-Nov

More on [Colby College](#)



#25 Middlebury College

Cost: \$52,460

Class Size: 576

Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

SAT Range: 1270-1480

ACT Range: 29 - 33

% of applicants admitted: 17%

Application deadline: 1-Jan

Early admission: 1-Nov

More on [Middlebury College](#)



#26 Union College

Cost: \$50,060

Class Size: 580

Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

SAT Range: 1170-1340

ACT Range: 26-30

% of applicants admitted: 39%

Application deadline: 15-Jan

Early admission: 11-Nov

More on [Union College](#)



#27 Claremont McKenna College

Cost: \$50,990
Class Size: 320
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1290-1490
ACT Range: N/A
% of applicants admitted: 22%
Application deadline: 2-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Claremont McKenna College](#)



#28 Pomona College

Cost: \$49,745
Class Size: 382
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1390-1560
ACT Range: 30 - 34
% of applicants admitted: 16%
Application deadline: 2-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [Pomona College](#)



#29 Colgate University

Cost: \$51,090

Class Size: 738

Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

SAT Range: 1270-1460

ACT Range: 29 - 32

% of applicants admitted: 24%

Application deadline: 15-Jan

Early admission: 15-Nov

More on [Colgate University](#)



#30 United States Naval Academy

Cost: \$1,000

Class Size: 1,232

Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1

SAT Range: 1160-1370

ACT Range: N/A

% of applicants admitted: 14%

Application deadline: 31-Mar

Early admission: N/A

More on [United States Naval Academy](#)



#31 Smith College

Cost: \$50,588
Class Size: 643
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
SAT Range: 1170-1390
ACT Range: 25-31
% of applicants admitted: 48%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Smith College](#)



#32 Wabash College

Cost: \$37,750
Class Size: 253
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1040-1270
ACT Range: 22 - 28
% of applicants admitted: 48%
Application deadline: 1-Mar
Early admission: 15-Dec
More on [Wabash College](#)



#33 Harvey Mudd College

Cost: \$50,073
Class Size: 202
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
SAT Range: 1420-1570
ACT Range: 33-35
% of applicants admitted: 36%
Application deadline: 2-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Harvey Mudd College](#)



#34 Washington and Lee University

Cost: \$49,268
Class Size: 454
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1320-1480
ACT Range: 28 - 31
% of applicants admitted: 17%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Washington and Lee University](#)



#35 Bryn Mawr College

Cost: \$50,060
Class Size: 366
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1200-1410
ACT Range: 27-31
% of applicants admitted: 49%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Bryn Mawr College](#)



#36 Franklin and Marshall College

Cost: \$50,100
Class Size: 588
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1210-1380
ACT Range: N/A
% of applicants admitted: 36%
Application deadline: 1-Feb
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Franklin and Marshall College](#)



#37 Wesleyan University

Cost: \$51,935
Class Size: 715
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
SAT Range: 1300-1480
ACT Range: 30 - 32
% of applicants admitted: 27%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Wesleyan University](#)



#38 Brandeis University

Cost: \$50,148
Class Size: 754
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
SAT Range: 1290-1450
ACT Range: 29-32
% of applicants admitted: 33%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Brandeis University](#)



#39 Tufts University

Cost: \$51,400
Class Size: 1,297
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
SAT Range: 1340-1500
ACT Range: 30-33
% of applicants admitted: 26%
Application deadline: 4-Jan
Early admission: 2-Nov
More on [Tufts University](#)



#40 Barnard College

Cost: \$51,976
Class Size: 567
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1250-1440
ACT Range: 28-31
% of applicants admitted: 28%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Barnard College](#)



#41 Lawrence University

Cost: \$42,301
Class Size: 382
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
SAT Range: 1200-1440
ACT Range: 27 - 31
% of applicants admitted: 59%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Lawrence University](#)



#42 DePauw University

Cost: \$42,175
Class Size: 600
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1110-1310
ACT Range: 25 - 29
% of applicants admitted: 65%
Application deadline: 1-Feb
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [DePauw University](#)



#43 Rice University

Cost: \$43,586

Class Size: 789

Student to Faculty Ratio: 5 to 1

SAT Range: 1320-1530

ACT Range: 30 - 34

% of applicants admitted: 23%

Application deadline: 2-Jan

Early admission: 1-Nov

More on [Rice University](#)



#44 Reed College

Cost: \$49,960

Class Size: 330

Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

SAT Range: 1290-1470

ACT Range: 29 - 32

% of applicants admitted: 32%

Application deadline: 15-Jan

Early admission: N/A

More on [Reed College](#)



#45 Washington University, St. Louis

Cost: \$52,464
Class Size: 1,426
Student to Faculty Ratio: 7 to 1
SAT Range: 1380-1540
ACT Range: 31 - 34
% of applicants admitted: 22%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Washington University, St. Louis](#)



#46 Bucknell University

Cost: \$50,250
Class Size: 957
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1
SAT Range: 1230-1390
ACT Range: 27-31
% of applicants admitted: 30%
Application deadline: 15-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Bucknell University](#)



#47 Mount Holyoke College

Cost: \$51,516
Class Size: 518
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
SAT Range: 1210-1420
ACT Range: 27 - 31
% of applicants admitted: 53%
Application deadline: 15-Feb
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Mount Holyoke College](#)



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#48 College of William and Mary

Cost: \$20,806
Class Size: 1,387
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1
SAT Range: 1250-1440
ACT Range: 27 - 32
% of applicants admitted: 34%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [College of William and Mary](#)



#49 Hamilton College

Cost: \$50,210
Class Size: 462
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9.8 to 1
SAT Range: 1300-1450
ACT Range: N/A
% of applicants admitted: 28%
Application deadline: 1-Jan
Early admission: 15-Nov
More on [Hamilton College](#)



#50 University of Notre Dame

Cost: \$49,030
Class Size: 2,000
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12.2 to 1
SAT Range: 1320-1500
ACT Range: 31-34
% of applicants admitted: 27%
Application deadline: 31-Dec
Early admission: 1-Nov
More on [University of Notre Dame](#)