

# Uniquely Ripon

► *Ripon College boasts a Nobel Prize winner! Oliver E. Williamson, a member of the Ripon class of 1954, received the 2009 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.*

► *Ceresco Prairie, a 130-acre town-gown project of sustainability, is restoring this tract of land to its native prairie, oak savannah and wetlands habitat and serves as our largest, outdoor classroom.*

► *A little overwhelmed at the thought of transitioning to college life? The Bridge Program, sponsored by Student Support Services, enriches the transition into college for first-year students.*

► *Harrison Ford '64, a movie actor and film producer who starred as Han Solo in the original "Star Wars" trilogy and the title character in the Indiana Jones film series, got his start in theatre on the boards of Ripon College.*

► *McNair Scholars, a TRIO program in partnership with Lawrence University and St. Norbert College, prepares students for graduate school who are first-generation college students; or who are from groups underrepresented in graduate education.*

► *Our professors are awesome! For instance, Robert Wallace, Patricia and Philip McCullough 1969 Professor in Biology, is affectionately known as Dr. Bob — but he also is a world-renowned expert on rotifers; is a frequently published author; and a collaborator with students and colleagues from other schools.*

► *Our graduates are competitive in earning prestigious national scholarships, fellowships, grants and awards. Lucy Burghardt '10, was a Gates Scholar and earned a master's degree at Cambridge University. Sam Sondalle '11 earned a Goldwater Scholarship and was accepted to the M.D./Ph.D. program at the Yale University School of Medicine with a full-tuition scholarship and stipend. Zach Morris '02 was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, studied at Oxford University, played touch football with Bill Clinton and socialized with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.*

► *We offer some pretty unique study areas: a Latin American & Caribbean Studies major, a national securities studies minor and a socially responsible leadership minor, to name a few.*

► *Interested in a medical field? Many Ripon College students get hands-on real-life experience by working as part-time emergency medical technicians (EMTs) for the city of Ripon.*

► *Career Discovery Tours, held each spring and fall, offers selected students the opportunity to travel to vibrant cities across the United States to gain first-hand knowledge of a variety of careers directly from successful Ripon alumni and friends and expand their networking circle.*

► *Liberal Arts in Focus, three-week programs offered to help students explore a variety of topics in a total immersion experience both on- and off-campus.*

► *Jonathan Muraskas '78, a leading pediatric expert, especially on premature babies, was named a Top Doctor by U.S. News and World Report; and was ranked in the top 1 percent in his specialty, neonatology.*

Mentor middle schoolers at the Boys and Girls Club. Film Ripon's happenings. Archive Ripon's rich history. These paid opportunities are made possible by the **Great Lakes internship grant**.

The **Presidential Leadership Program** elects students to a unique program where they receive special guidance and preparation for becoming attractive candidates for national scholarships and graduate school.

Spend time in service to others, whether that's building a dam in Panama or constructing a house for Habitat for Humanity, with **Alternative Breaks**, available every fall, winter and spring break.



## RIPON COLLEGE 2015-16 Counselor Reference Guide



# The Facts about Ripon College

**Location** Ripon, Wisconsin

**Founded** 1851

**Campus acreage**

250 tree-lined acres, including 130 acres of native prairie, oak savanna and wetland habitat.

**Student to faculty ratio**

11:1

**Enrollment**

840 undergraduate students

**Class of 2019 Profile**

56 percent male, 44 percent female  
17 states represented  
70 percent from Wisconsin  
18 percent domestic students of color

**Class Size**

The median class size at Ripon is 17 students.  
73 percent of classes have fewer than 20 students.

**First-year retention rate**

**85%** - The national average for private, nonprofits is 81 percent.

**Courses of study**

31 majors; 36 minors; numerous pre-professional tracks, including: pre-med and health sciences, pre-engineering, pre-law, and forestry; or design your own major.

**Student satisfaction rate**

Ninety-five percent of Ripon students indicate they are satisfied or more than satisfied with the amount of attention they receive from faculty.

**Outcomes**

**96%** - students employed or in graduate school six months after graduating

**71%** - average medical school acceptance rate over the past six years

**Application Data** (past three years)

	2013	2014	2015
Applications	1320	1493	1874
Acceptances	992	1007	1240
Deposits	238	211	219

**Athletics**

21 NCAA Division III varsity athletic teams, including:

- Baseball (m), Basketball (m,w), Cycling (m,w), Cross Country (m,w), Dance (w), Football (m), Softball (w), Soccer (m,w), Swimming and Diving (m,w), Tennis (m,w), Indoor Track and Field (m,w), Outdoor Track and Field (m,w), Volleyball (w)

37 percent of students participate as a member of a varsity team.

Ripon is part of the Midwest Conference.

**Residence Life**

There are eight residence halls on campus offering a variety of living options. Typically, first-year students are housed together within groups of fewer than 20. First-year students who pledge fraternities and sororities continue to live in their halls until their sophomore year when they move into upper-class living areas.

**Greek Life**

Many Ripon College students are members of Greek organizations. Fraternities and sororities on the Ripon College campus include:

<b>Alpha Chi Omega</b>	<b>Order of Omega</b>	<b>Sigma Chi</b>
<b>Alpha Delta Pi</b>	<b>Phi Delta Theta</b>	<b>Theta Chi</b>
<b>Kappa Delta</b>	<b>Phi Kappa Pi</b>	<b>Theta Sigma Tau</b>

**Theme floors**

Ripon College offers unique living options for students who share common interests. Dedicated study and group space is also available. Every April students may apply for theme floors. Current theme floors share interests in running, cultural diversity, board games and cooking.

**ROTC**

Ripon College has an Army ROTC program. Students who are interested in pursuing a full Army ROTC scholarship are eligible for the ROTC Enhancement Grant of up to \$5,000 per year. The introductory military science course is required to be taken in the first year on campus.



# Ripon College First-Year Admission Timeline

Ripon College prepares students of diverse interests for lives of productive, socially responsible citizenship. Our liberal arts curriculum and residential campus create an intimate learning community in which students experience a richly personalized education.

► **September 15**  
Admission application review begins

► **January 1**  
Apply for financial aid at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) (Ripon College code: 003884)

► **January 15**  
Priority scholarship application deadline (no separate scholarship application needed)

► **March 1**  
Financial aid packages begin to be mailed

► **March 1**  
Invitation scholarship deadline

## UNIQUELY RIPON

Bridge theory and practice with our **Liberal Arts In Focus** programs. Spend three weeks in programs around the world, from Biology at the Boundary Waters to History in Rome.

## Applying is easy...and free if completed by January 15!

Apply online at [ripon.edu/apply](https://ripon.edu/apply) or apply using The Common Application at [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org). While Ripon College has a rolling admission process, please be aware of our priority deadlines.

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<b>May 1:</b>	Priority enrollment deposit date

### Requirements

Ripon College encourages applications from those students who are best prepared to benefit from and contribute to both the academic and extracurricular opportunities provided on a liberal arts and sciences residential campus. In evaluating applications, attention is paid to evidence of academic achievement, as indicated both by the distribution of courses taken in secondary school and by performance in those courses.

Preference normally is given to students who present more than the expected 17 units of college preparatory work. Other factors considered in admission decisions include evidence of significant extracurricular and community service activities. Applicants are encouraged to provide any additional information that they think might be helpful in evaluating their credentials.

**A minimum of 17 units of college preparatory work should include:**

<b>Mathematics:</b>	Algebra, geometry and algebra II
<b>English:</b>	4 years
<b>Social Studies:</b>	3 years
<b>Natural Sciences:</b>	3 years

*Additional units from the subject areas listed or foreign language, fine arts or computer science*

**Average secondary school cumulative GPA:** 3.40

**Incoming students graduated in their high school's:**

Top 10%: 21%  
Top 25%: 51%  
Top half: 83%

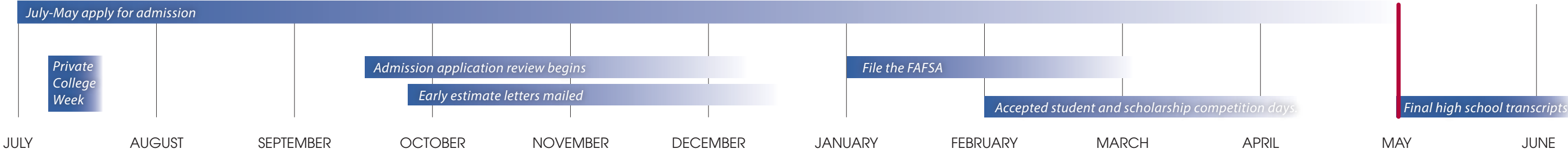
**When it comes to test scores:**

Average ACT score: 24  
71% of incoming students scored above 21  
22% scored above 27

Average SAT score: 1124  
80% of incoming students scored above 980  
20% score above 1270

### AP, IB & College Credit

Ripon College awards credit in recognition for performance on the AP examinations. A student may choose to take the credits awarded or, alternatively, take the equivalent course at Ripon College. Students receiving a 4 or higher on most AP exams will receive 4 or more credits toward graduation.



## STUDENT PROFILE

Enrollment: 840  
Average GPA: 3.4  
Mid-Range SAT Scores: 1030-1240  
Mid-Range ACT Scores: 21-27  
First-time, First-year Retention Rate: 85 percent; the national average for private, nonprofits is 81 percent

## UNIQUELY RIPON

At the **Center for Politics and the People**, you will meet elected officials and policy makers and engage in political debates in the city that is the birthplace of the Republican party.

## RIPON.EDU/APPLY

We also accept the Common Application: [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)

**Candidates must submit the following:**

- Completed application
- \$30 application fee (will be waived if you apply by Jan. 15)
- Secondary school transcript
- Secondary school counselor recommendation (optional)
- Results of ACT or SAT tests
- Personal statement (optional)
- Interview (optional)

### ACCEPTED STUDENT DAYS

Friday, April 8, 2016; and Friday, April 22, 2016

### SCHOLARSHIP DAYS (invitation only)

Saturday, February 13, 2016; and Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016

### CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE (invitation only)

Sunday, March 6, 2016

## IMPORTANT: File the FAFSA

The total out-of-pocket cost to attend Ripon College varies for each student based on individual academic and performance-based achievement and demonstrated financial need. Financial aid can come from federal, state, institutional and private sources. It can be in the form of gift aid (scholarships and grants) or self-help (student employment and low-interest loans). We determine each student's financial aid individually, and you may receive a combination of types of aid depending upon your eligibility. To determine your aid package, we use information you supply on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available online beginning Jan. 1, 2016, at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Be sure to include the Ripon College federal school code (003884). Remember, when you file your FAFSA by March 1, 2016, you are eligible for a one-time, \$1,000 Trustee Tuition Grant from Ripon College.

**When filing the FAFSA, you must use your full legal name and Social Security number as each appears on your Social Security card. It must be on file with Ripon College for your aid to be disbursed.**



Ripon College was the only Wisconsin college to make *U.S. News & World Report's* list of "Best Value National Liberal Arts Colleges" (ranked 33). Ripon also was ranked among "50 Great Affordable Colleges in the Midwest" by [GreatValueColleges.net](https://www.GreatValueColleges.net)

## Can I afford Ripon College?

Ripon College is committed to offering a uniquely personalized experience that is within reach of most families. Complete our Net Price Calculator ([ripon.edu/admission/calculator](https://ripon.edu/admission/calculator)) and you will discover that Ripon is more affordable than many similar private colleges and, in some cases, large public universities. The total out-of-pocket cost to attend Ripon varies for each student based on individual academic and performance-based achievement and demonstrated financial need.

### Costs for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

<b>Tuition</b>	\$36,214
<b>Room</b> (double occupancy)	\$4,199
<b>Board</b> (three meal plan options)	\$3,978
<b>Activity Fee</b>	\$300
<b>Total Annual Cost</b>	\$44,691

### Scholarships and Financial Aid

**Ninety-eight percent of Ripon College students receive aid awards.**

Ripon's extensive scholarship program is designed to recognize and reward applicants for their talents and abilities. These scholarships are the result of generations of alumni and friends of Ripon College giving back in appreciation for what they received at Ripon with the hope that others might similarly benefit from all the college offers.

While not required, Ripon encourages all students to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) no later than March 1 to be considered for financial aid. Only the FAFSA is required at Ripon for need-based financial aid consideration.

**For further information on the many scholarships offered at Ripon College, visit [ripon.edu/scholarships](https://ripon.edu/scholarships).**

## UNIQUELY RIPON

Explore activism, nonprofit management, religious leadership and community organization with Ripon's innovative new minor in **Socially Responsible Leadership**.