

# Finances

## Expenses

The cost of attending Dordt College is kept as reasonable as possible. Tuition covers only a part of the cost of education. Each student receives the benefit of finances obtained from individual gifts, church offerings, and denominational ministry shares.

Tuition	Per Semester	Per Year
Full time	\$13,900	\$27,800
Part time, per credit*		1,160
Overload fee per credit over 18.5 credits per semester		380
Summer tuition rate, per credit (1-6)		285
Auditing, per credit		380
Visitor, per credit		75

\*Students taking 8 credits or less will receive a part-time student grant of \$465 per credit hour.

Room and Board	Per Semester	Per Year
Residence hall room (semi-private) with value meal plan	4,175	8,350
Residence hall room (semi-private) with reduced meal plan	4,050	8,100
Apartment-style residence	2,950	5,900

All room and board plans at Dordt College include the Defender Dollar flexible spending account that can be used at any on-campus dining location.

Residence hall rooms include a \$100 per semester Defender Dollar account, and apartment-style residences include a \$200 per semester allocation.

Fees	Per Semester	Per Year
Student activity fee*	240	480
Late registration	50	
Enrollment deposit**		200
Application fee		25
Aspire program fee		50
Off-campus program administrative fee	240	
Music lessons, individual***	380	
Music lessons, group***	190	
Service charge for returned checks		
U.S. checks		20
Canadian checks		30

**\*Activity Fee** Items included: athletic events, co-curricular activities, game room, intramurals, access to student health services, movies, music rentals (tux, formals, instruments), placement fee, yearbook, student teaching, technology fee, transcripts, vehicle registration, recreation complex use, and access to the All-Seasons Center.

**\*\*Enrollment Deposit** All students who register for the first time at Dordt must pay an enrollment deposit. This deposit serves as a declaration of intent to enroll and reserves housing. If requested in writing, it is refundable until May 1. This enrollment deposit becomes the student's security deposit when enrolled. The security deposit will be refunded when the student terminates attendance at Dordt College if no fines have been levied, such as parking, overdue library books, room damage, and no outstanding bills, such as tuition, are due to the college.

**\*\*\*Music Lessons** The following students qualify for individual lessons priced at half the normal fee\*:

- music majors who have successfully completed 54 college academic credits and passed Music 203
- music minors whose program requires more than four semesters of lessons and who have completed four discrete semesters of lessons.

*\*Half fees do not apply to group lessons or piano proficiency lessons.*

**Payment of Accounts** Charges for tuition, room and board, and fees are due and payable at the beginning of each semester. A finance charge of .75 percent per month (9 percent annual percentage rate, accrued monthly) is charged on all unpaid accounts. A deferred payment plan is offered for the convenience of students and parents wishing to pay their college expenses in installments.

Accounts must be paid in full by November 1 for fall semester and April 1 for spring semester. Students may not validate their registration for a new academic term if their account balance is not paid in full. The college will withhold diplomas, transcripts, and grade reports until accounts are paid in full.

**Related Expenses** When determining the amount of financial assistance necessary, Dordt College includes the average cost of books, travel, and personal expenses. Depending on the student's grade level and chosen major, the cost of books ranges from \$600 to \$1,140 per year. Travel expenses vary from \$500 to \$2,400, depending on the number of times the student goes home, the distance of the student's home from the college, and the mode of transportation used. Personal expenses range from \$700 to \$2,100, depending on the student's lifestyle.

**Part-Time Adult Learner Program** Dordt College has established a special financial aid program for the adult learner. To be eligible for the program, students must be 25 years old prior to the first day of classes and classified as a part-time student. This program is not available to persons who have attained a bachelor's degree. The adult learner must not have taken a college course in the last 10 years. The Financial Aid for Part-Time Students/Adult Learner Students Form must be completed.

Students eligible to participate in the Adult Learner Program receive their first course at no cost. Per credit charges for subsequent classes are at the regular part-time student rate with the applicable part-time learner grant if taking eight credits or fewer per semester. Adult learners may also be eligible for state or federal loans and financial aid. Students should consult admissions to determine eligibility for the program and consult the registrar for evaluation of transfer credit.

**Student Medical Insurance** All international students, except those from Canada, are required to purchase medical insurance. Additional information is available from the director of international programs.

**Refund/Repayment Policy** If a student completely terminates enrollment (i.e., cancels his/her registration, withdraws, or is dismissed) during the semester, the student's refundable charges and financial aid will be prorated if the student has been enrolled for 60 percent of the semester or less. If a student has been enrolled for more than 60 percent of the semester, the student is not eligible for a reduction in charges. The following costs are refundable by the terms of this policy: tuition, room, board, and student activity fee. Credits provided for the Defender Dollar program and all other charges are nonrefundable.

The withdrawal date is the later of (1) the date the student begins the withdrawal process by providing official notification (oral or written) of the intent to withdraw; or (2) the student's last date of attendance at an academically related activity. A student who wishes to withdraw must contact the Office of Student Services to initiate and complete the appropriate paperwork.

The percentage of the semester completed is calculated by dividing the number of days enrolled by the number of calendar days in the semester, including weekends and holidays, but excluding breaks of five or more consecutive days. For example, if there are 107 calendar days in a semester and a student's withdrawal date is on the 50th day, the student's refundable charges and financial aid will be prorated to reflect enrollment for 46.7 percent of the semester (50 days divided by 107 days).

**Recipients of Federal Title IV Financial Aid** If the withdrawing student is a recipient of Federal Title IV financial aid, the amount of Title IV assistance the student earned must be compared with the amount disbursed.

The amount of Title IV assistance earned is calculated as follows: Percentage of Title IV financial aid earned (percentage of semester completed) multiplied by the amount of Title IV aid disbursed (or that could have been disbursed) as of the withdrawal date equals amount of Title IV funds earned.

If the withdrawing student received less Title IV financial aid than the amount earned, the college will make a post-withdrawal disbursement as specified by the Department of Education.

If the withdrawing student received more Title IV financial aid than the amount earned, the college, or the student, or both, must return the unearned funds, as required, in the following order: Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Subsidized Stafford Loan, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, and LEAP funds.

If the student is required to return federal grant funds, the student will have 45 days from the date of notification to pay the amount in full or to make satisfactory arrangements for repayment with the college or the Department of Education. Failure to repay or make arrangements within this time will result in a loss of eligibility for all federal aid for attendance at any college until amount is paid in full.

When a student withdraws, a copy of worksheets, showing details of the required treatment of Title IV funds, and examples of the application of withdrawal refund/repayment policy are available upon request.

## Financial Aid

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In addition to the extensive scholarship program that is based on superior academic potential and performance, Dordt College has a complete program of financial assistance for students demonstrating financial need. Types of financial assistance available include grants, loans, work, and other special programs outlined below.

At Dordt, 98 percent of the student body receives some type of financial aid. Regardless of income, the only way for a student to know if they qualify for financial aid is to apply. Financial aid applications may be obtained by writing or calling the Financial Aid Office.

All United States citizens who wish to apply for financial aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We also prefer that students complete the Dordt College Supplemental Data Form. Other supplementary information may be requested from the student through additional forms. All Canadian citizens who wish to apply for financial aid must submit the Canadian Financial Aid Form from Dordt College. All necessary forms may be obtained by checking online or by writing or calling the Financial Aid Office at Dordt College.

**Dordt College Grants** Dordt College makes grants available to students in the following groups. In most cases, no financial aid application is necessary.

**Alumni Grant** This grant is available to students attending full time whose mother and/or father are alumni (attended Dordt the equivalent of at least two semesters full time).

**Canadian Grant** Dordt College provides a grant to Canadian students in an effort to make Dordt more affordable. For all other expenses (books, personal spending, etc.) students may exchange money through the Business Office at the current college exchange rate.

**Distance Grant** All full-time students who are not from Iowa are eligible for this grant, which is based on the student's state of permanent residence. Two semesters of continuous local residence will change the distance grant status unless the student regularly returns to his or her former residence for summer employment or continues to be legally dependent on his or her parents.

**Institutional Grant** All full-time students who are members of supporting churches and denominations or who are graduates of Christian high schools receive this annual grant.

**International Tuition Grant** Students from countries other than the United States and Canada may be eligible to receive this grant from Dordt College to help defray costs. The Foreign Student Financial Aid Application must be completed in order to determine need and be considered for this grant.

## Grants

**Federal Pell Grant** The Federal Pell Grant Program makes funds available to the most needy students. Grants range from \$626 to \$5,775 and application is made by completing the FAFSA. This program is available to United States citizens.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant** The purpose of this program is to provide non-repayable grants to students who would not be able to attend college without such assistance because of exceptional financial need on the part of their family. Grants range from \$200 to \$4,000 per year. This program is available to United States citizens.

**Heritage 21 Grant** This grant is provided by the college to all students, regardless of citizenship, who have financial need that

cannot be met with other grant programs. Grants range from \$200 to \$6,000 per year.

**Century Need-Based Scholarship** This aid is a combination grant/scholarship program. Two criteria must be met: good grades and financial need. This scholarship ranges from \$200 to \$2,000. Because of limited funds under this program, the money will be disbursed very selectively. Not every good student with high need will receive these funds.

## Loans

**Perkins Loan** This program provides long-term loans to students who are citizens of the United States. Applicants must show financial need to be eligible. No interest is charged on the loan while the student is in college. The loan may be repaid over a period of 10 years with a minimum repayment of \$40 per month required. Interest is at the rate of five percent per year. Repayment may be deferred for as long as a borrower is serving in the Armed Forces, with the Peace Corps, or VISTA. Repayment is also deferred for as long as a borrower is enrolled at an institution of higher education and is carrying at least a half-time course load.

**Heritage 21 Loan** This loan is provided by the college to all students with need, regardless of citizenship. No interest is charged while the student is enrolled as a full-time student at Dordt College or at another recognized college or university. Interest and principal payments will begin four months after the last month of attendance at Dordt or at another recognized college or university, with a maximum deferment of five years allowed for attendance at another institution. Interest rates on funds borrowed will vary according to the number of years of study completed at Dordt. For a student who has completed four years of study the interest will be three percent; three years, four percent; two years, five percent; and one year, seven percent. All loans must be repaid within 10 years from the time of the last month of attendance as described above. Minimum payments will be \$50 per month and will be payable to the business office at Dordt College.

**Federal Direct Stafford Loan (Subsidized)** Allows students who demonstrate federal financial need and who are enrolled for at least six credits each term to borrow up to \$3,500 for the first year of undergraduate study, \$4,500 for the second year, and \$5,500 per year for subsequent undergraduate study. Interest rates are determined on July 1 for the upcoming school year. Repayment does not begin on subsidized Direct Loans until termination of college enrollment on at least a half-time basis. Interest accrued during the in-school period is paid by the federal government. The standard repayment period is up to 10 years. New borrowers must complete a Federal Direct Loan electronic master promissory note and complete an online Entrance Counseling Session to borrow funds through this program.

**Federal Direct Stafford Loan (Unsubsidized)** Allows all students regardless of federal financial need and who are enrolled for at least six credits per term to borrow up to \$5,500 for the first year of undergraduate study, \$6,500 for the second year, and \$7,500 per year for subsequent undergraduate study less the amount of any subsidized Direct Loan received by the student. New borrowers must complete a Federal Direct Loan electronic master promissory note to borrow funds through this program. The interest rate is fixed at 4.66 percent and the origination fee is the same as specified above under the description of the subsidized Direct Student Loan. Interest accrual begins immediately during in-school and deferment periods. Interest accruing during these periods may be paid or capitalized. Independent students may borrow up to an additional \$6,000 per year for the first and second years of undergraduate study and up to an additional \$7,000 per year for subsequent undergraduate study through the unsubsidized Direct Loan Program. Dependent students may borrow up to the same additional amounts through this program but only if the student's parent is denied eligibility to borrow funds through the Federal PLUS Loan Program.

**Federal Direct PLUS Loan** Allows parents of dependent students to apply for as much as the difference between the cost of attendance and the student's financial aid. This loan is not need based, but the parent's credit history may be reviewed to determine eligibility. The current interest rate on a Federal Direct PLUS Loan is 7.21 percent. The PLUS loan should be used only after all other resources have been considered since interest begins 60 days after the first disbursement. Repayment normally begins 60 days after disbursement of the full amount borrowed for an academic year.

**Private/Alternative Loans** Students who find they still need additional financial aid after other aid has been applied, or students whose families do not demonstrate need, may find an alternative loan a viable option. Many private loans are available with varying terms and conditions varying. Most do require proof of credit worthiness. You may wish to contact your local lender to see if they participate in a private or alternative loan program.

**Canada Student Loan** The provincial governments have loan programs that may be used by Dordt students. Information and application forms may be secured through your high school or local bank or by writing to your home province department of education. Contact information as follows.

ALBERTA  
Student Aid Alberta Service Centre  
PO Box 28000, Station Main  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4  
Telephone: 780-427-3722 or 1-855-606-2096  
Fax: 780-422-4516  
studentaid.alberta.ca/

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Ministry of Advanced Education  
StudentAid BC  
PO Box 9180, Stn Prov Gov't  
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 9H9  
Telephone: 250-387-6100 or 1-800-561-1818  
Fax: 250-356-9455  
studentaidbc.ca/

MANITOBA  
Manitoba Student Aid  
401-1181 Portage Ave  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 0T3  
Telephone: 204-945-6321  
Fax: 204-948-3421  
edu.gov.mb.ca/

NEWFOUNDLAND  
Department of Adv. Education and Skills  
PO Box 8700  
St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 4J6  
Telephone: 709-729-5849 or 1-888-657-0800  
Fax: 709-729-2298  
edu.gov.nf.ca/studentaid

NOVA SCOTIA  
Department of Education  
Student Assistance Office  
PO Box 2290, Halifax Central  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3C8  
Telephone: 902-424-8420 or 1-800-565-8420  
Fax: 902-424-0540  
studentloans.ednet.ns.ca/

ONTARIO  
Student Financial Assistance Branch  
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities  
PO Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor  
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9  
Telephone: 807-343-7260  
Fax: 807-343-7278  
osap.gov.on.ca

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
Student Financial Services  
Atlantic Technology Centre  
Suite 212, 90 University Ave  
PO Box 2000  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A  
7N8  
Telephone: 902-368-4640  
Fax: 902-368-6144  
studentloan.pe.ca/

SASKATCHEWAN  
Student Service Centre  
1120-2010 12th Ave  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 0M3  
Telephone: 306-787-5620 or 1-800-597-8278  
Fax: 306-787-1608  
ae.gov.sk.ca/student-loans/

## Student Employment

**College Work-Study Program** Dordt College participates in the Work-Study Program that creates part-time job opportunities for students with financial need. These jobs average seven hours per week. Students qualify for participation in the Work-Study Program if they are: 1) United States citizens; 2) able to meet job qualifications; 3) in need of financial aid; and 4) capable of doing good academic work in college; 5) accepted for admission as full-time students in good academic standing. Students with required skills and experiences may qualify for jobs in the following fields: clerical assistant; library assistant; typist; custodial work; instructional assistant; kitchen help; agricultural help; and other miscellaneous campus positions. Work-Study Program applications are due June 1.

**Work for Institution Program** The college provides employment for students who may not qualify for the federal Work-Study Program but need employment to assist them to pay for college expenses. Application forms must be completed by June 1.

## Special Programs

**Veterans' Education Benefits** Dordt College is approved to offer education to students who are eligible for benefits under the terms of the Veterans' Post 9/11 GI Bill. Eligible students should write to their regional Veterans' Administration Office to obtain the application information. Dordt College also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits** Students who, by reason of physical disabilities, are eligible for benefits under vocational rehabilitation programs should write to the Division of Rehabilitation Education and Service in their state.

**State of Iowa Tuition Grant Program** The Iowa Legislature has established a state tuition grant program for the benefit of Iowa residents attending private colleges within the state. These grants are based on financial need and may be used only for educational expenses. (Application is made by filing the FAFSA.)

**Scholarship and Loan Programs—Other States** Several states have scholarships or loan programs that may be used at Dordt College. Information on such programs may be obtained from high school counselors.

## Eligibility for Financial Aid

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All freshmen and transfer students who are admitted to Dordt College in good academic standing are eligible for financial aid.

Continued eligibility for financial aid is dependent on good academic standing and satisfactory progress toward graduation. Eligibility is monitored at the end of each semester. If either good academic standing or satisfactory progress toward graduation is not attained, a student may be limited to one more semester of financial aid. However, a student who receives less than a 1.00 GPA in any given semester is subject to suspension.

Likewise, students who are admitted on academic probation, including students readmitted after a period of academic suspension, will be limited to one semester of financial aid. Students so limited may receive additional semesters of financial aid if they make satisfactory progress toward graduation and meet a minimum semester GPA specified by the Financial Aid Office.

**Academic Standing** A student is expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 to graduate. Students needing extra assistance in the form of individual tutors, study skills, time management, etc. should contact the staff of the Academic Skills Center, located in the lower level of the library. Students will be notified when they are not meeting the graduation minimum and will be expected to seek the necessary assistance. Academic standing is determined by the following:

	Academic Alert	Academic Probation	Academic Suspension
Total Credits Earned	Cumulative GPA is below	Cumulative GPA is below	Cumulative GPA is below
0 to 24	2.00	1.60	1.00
24 to 54	2.00	1.80	1.40
54 to 84	—	2.00	1.60
84 or more	—	2.00	1.80

For a description of the various academic standings shown above, see the Academic Policies section of the catalog (page 36). **Sat-**

**isfactory Progress** Federal regulations require that students maintain satisfactory progress in order to continue to receive financial aid. Dordt College also requires satisfactory progress for most institutionally controlled financial aid. Poor grades can impinge on a student's financial resources.

Satisfactory progress toward graduation is defined in terms of successfully completing 12 credits (excluding repeated courses) or 70 percent of the credits for which a student is enrolled in a given semester. The minimum percentage of successful completion is calculated by dividing the number of successfully completed hours (i.e., those with a grade of A, B, C, D, or P) by the sum of cumulative hours enrolled (including those courses with W or F grades and late grades) and multiplying that number by 100.

Students receiving financial aid must complete their program within the equivalent of six years of full-time enrollment. If a student transfers to Dordt and has transfer hours applied to a program he or she plans to complete at Dordt, progress will be monitored from the point he or she begins at Dordt. For example, assume a student has 62 hours transferred to Dordt. He or she must still earn 70 percent of each semester's earned hours to continue to be eligible for federal and state aid. If the student were enrolling full time (at least 12 hours), this would indicate that the student must complete his or her degree within two and a half years.

If a student loses financial aid eligibility due to consecutive semesters of not making satisfactory progress, the Financial Aid Office will notify the student in writing of the specific procedures and minimum requirements necessary for reinstatement of his or her financial aid for the next semester. In some instances a student (if allowed to remain in school by the academic standing committee) will receive no financial aid for a semester until grades can prove that once again the student is making satisfactory academic progress. There may also be a situation where a student is in good academic standing or on academic probation, but will not meet the criteria for financial aid (e.g., a student who received three A's and two F's will not meet the 70 percent completion requirement even with a cumulative GPA of 2.40 and being considered in good academic standing).

Students may appeal the loss of financial aid to the director of financial aid when there are special circumstances such as illness or death in the family. The director may grant the appeal after consultation with at least two other staff members from the Admissions, Student Services, or Academic Offices. Students should be aware that only truly extraordinary circumstances will be considered. Appeal requests must be in writing and must include a statement from a member of the Admissions, Student Services, or Academic Affairs Office, or a faculty advisor. The written appeal documents will be kept in the student's financial aid file. Should an appeal be granted, the student will be allowed to continue with financial aid for the semester but will remain in a probation category. There may be instances where the school requires that, before an appeal may be granted, the school and the student together develop an academic plan which ensures that the student will be making satisfactory academic progress prior to graduation.

## Scholarships

Dordt College provides scholarship programs to encourage and recognize students for merit based abilities and talents. Donor-

funded endowed and annually funded scholarships are also available and growing in number every year. These scholarships financially support students who have specific career goals, are involved in leadership roles, are from specific geographical areas, or have significant financial need. Scholarships are awarded to full-time students only. One half of the scholarship funds are applied to the recipients' tuition account each semester. Incoming freshman scholarship applications are due January 15, unless otherwise noted. Continuing students have a February 15 deadline for scholarship application, unless otherwise noted.

## Dordt College Scholarships

**Distinguished Scholar Awards** Distinguished Scholar Awards are the most prestigious scholarships offered by Dordt College. Each year 12 students are selected to receive this honor. These \$14,000 academic scholarships replace a previously awarded \$11,000 Presidential Scholarship. Students accepted by the Dordt College Office of Admissions, who have a 3.75 cumulative GPA and a 30 ACT (or 1980 SAT) composite score, will be invited to a Dordt College Distinguished Scholar Day in February during which a variety of activities related to academic interests will be presented. A written response to an essay question will be a required activity that day. Students who find it difficult to schedule this visit may write the essay under the supervision of their high school guidance counselor. Distinguished Scholar Awards are renewable for an additional three consecutive years, provided the recipient maintains a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA.

**Dordt College Challenge, Honors, and Presidential Scholarships** Dordt College Challenge, Honors, and Presidential Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded on the basis of a student's cumulative GPA and ACT/SAT composite scores. There is no application process and the January 15 deadline date does not apply to these scholarships. Eligibility requirements are a 2.80 cumulative GPA and a 19 ACT (or 1330 SAT) composite score. Dollar amounts range from \$1,000 to \$11,000 and will be named Challenge Scholarships, Honors Scholarships, or Presidential Scholarships based on the dollar amount awarded.

Students who received Challenge, Honors, or Presidential Scholarships as incoming freshmen will have their scholarship automatically renewed if they maintain a cumulative 3.00 GPA in their Dordt College courses. Students who lose a Presidential, Honors, or Challenge Scholarship because they were not able to maintain the minimum 3.00 GPA requirement may have their scholarship reinstated at the end of any following academic year, upon regaining the required GPA. Students who did not meet the minimum GPA or ACT/SAT requirements for a scholarship when they enrolled at Dordt College will be eligible for a first-time scholarship at the end of any academic year, provided they have a Dordt College minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA. The student's Dordt College GPA will determine the scholarship dollar amount.

**Dordt College Athletic Scholarships** Athletic scholarships for various sports are available to students who contributed significantly to a high school athletic program and intend to actively participate in a Dordt College Athletic Program. Athletes can be awarded \$1,000 to \$12,000. Students interested in athletic scholarships should contact a sports coach through the Office of Admissions. Athletic scholarships are renewable provided the student maintains the minimum cumulative GPA required by the NAIA and continues to successfully contribute to the athletic program as determined by the Athletic Department coaches.

**Dordt College Music Scholarships** Music scholarships of \$1,000 to \$6,000 are available for students who have contributed significantly to their high school or community music programs and intend to actively participate in one or more of the following Dordt College music areas: vocal, instrumental, or keyboard. Applicants need not be music majors; however, they must submit an application form and a music instructor's recommendation. Applicants must also audition in their chosen music area(s), following the criteria listed on the Music Scholarship Application. The audition can be accomplished in one of three ways: attending the annual on-campus Music Audition Days; scheduling an appointment with the Admissions Office to audition in person on a Dordt College Campus Visit Day; or by submitting a recorded audition. The application and recommendation forms must be completed by January 15. Music scholarships are renewable provided the recipient maintains a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA and successfully contributes to the music program as determined by the Music Department directors.

**Dordt College Theatre Arts Scholarships** Theatre arts scholarships of \$1,000 to \$4,000 are available for students who have contributed significantly to their high school or community theatre arts programs and intend to actively participate in the Dordt College Theatre Arts program through acting and/or technical work. Applicants must submit an application form, audition materials, and a recommendation letter from a person familiar with their talents and skills in theatre arts. Scholarships are available for theatre majors, minors, and non-majors and are renewable provided the recipient maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 and completes the theatre scholarship requirements. Requirements include taking one theatre course each year and completing required hours in two of the following areas: backstage crew, acting, costume crew, make-up crew, box office crew, and set construction or design.

**Dordt College Student Publications Scholarships** Student publications scholarships of \$1,000 to \$2,500 are available for students who contributed significantly to the publication of their high school newspaper or to any other publication project. Recipients need not be communication majors; however, they will be asked to enroll in Communication 241, Introduction to Journalism, in the fall of their first semester at Dordt. An application form and a recommendation from a person who can attest to the applicant's abilities in the area of student publications are required. Recipients are expected to participate in the publication of *The Diamond*, a biweekly college student newspaper. These scholarships are renewable provided the recipient maintains a 2.00 cumulative GPA and is an active staff member of the *The Diamond*, as determined by the newspaper's faculty advisors.

**Kuyper Scholarships** Dordt College Kuyper Scholars are automatically awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. Acceptance into the Kuyper Scholars Program requires a 3.50 cumulative GPA, a 28 ACT (or 1860 SAT) composite score, a completed application form with an entrance essay, and letters of recommendation. Application materials are available from the Dordt College Admissions Office or the Dordt College website. Kuyper Scholarships are renewed if recipients maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA and successfully participate in the Kuyper Scholar Program as defined by

the program advisors.

**Transfer Student Scholarships** Admitted transfer students are eligible for the following scholarships as previously described for incoming freshman students.

- Dordt College Honors and Presidential Scholarships
- Dordt College Athletic Scholarships
- Dordt College Music Scholarships
- Dordt College Theatre Arts Scholarships
- Dordt College Student Publication Scholarships
- Kuyper Scholarships

## **Dordt College Donor-Funded Endowed and Annual Scholarships**

Individual donors, corporations, or foundations with an interest in supporting Dordt College have established over 200 scholarship programs benefiting more than 375 students each year. These scholarships are a vital part of making Dordt College an affordable Christian higher education institution for incoming freshmen as well as continuing students. Donor-funded scholarships vary in dollar amounts and in recipient selection criteria. Typically, the application process includes an application form and recommendation, and a scholarship committee that selects the recipients. Sometimes the donors request simply that the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of Scholarships select the most worthy recipient.

Scholarship descriptions and application instructions can be found online at [www.dordt.edu/admissions/financial\\_aid](http://www.dordt.edu/admissions/financial_aid). Scholarships are conveniently categorized in the Scholarships for Freshmen section or the Scholarships for Upperclassmen section. Incoming freshmen scholarships requiring an application are due January 15, unless otherwise noted. Continuing students have until February 15 for scholarship application, unless otherwise noted.