

Value Index



SAGE Scholars Value Index

SAGE Scholars is proud of the caliber of colleges and universities we have worked with over the last 25 years. These institutions attract top students from all over the country and 90% have received an "America's Best" ranking by U.S.News and World Report.

Even so, every once in a while we are asked; How good are SAGE Scholars member colleges and universities? Of course, we think our member colleges and universities are the best - but we set out to prove it.

Welcome to the SAGE Scholars Value Index.

What is the SAGE Scholars Value Index?

Great question! Our research shows that there are many factors our parents and students consider when choosing a college or university. We at SAGE Scholars found these are among the most important:

- 1. Student-to-faculty ratio
- 2. Average class size
- 3. Student loan default rate
- 4. Average discount off the list price of college
- 5. 4-year graduation rate
- 6. Endowment per student
- 7. Future earnings

The SAGE Scholars Value Index was created to help students and families compare colleges based on these 7 factors. We have learned that our students and families prefer small class sizes, high 4-year graduation rate, higher career earnings, a lower loan default rate, and colleges with as stable a favorable picture as possible; a college with a high SAGE Scholars Value Index scores well on these criteria.

We obtained values for each of the above factors using information from the federal government's College Scorecard and other publicly available information, and then calculated a single number "index" based on those values. The higher the SAGE Scholars Value Index, the better. Just look for the college or university you are interested in on our alphabetized list. We have also included a sampling of non-flagship state universities for comparison purposes.



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Adrian College - <i>Adrian, MI</i>	83
Albertus Magnus College - New Haven, CT	83
Albion College - Albion, MI	98
Alderson Broaddus University - Philippi, WV	87
Alfred University - Alfred, NY	96
Allegheny College - Meadville, PA	100
Alliant International University - San Diego, CA	82
Alma College - <i>Alma, MI</i>	98
Alvernia University - Reading, PA	87

Alverno College - Milwaukee, WI	96	Bennett College - Greensboro, NC	84
American College Dublin - Dublin, Ireland	NA	Berkeley College, NJ - Woodland Park, NJ	74
Anderson University - Anderson, IN	87	Berkeley College, NY - New York, NY	70
Andrews University - Berrien Springs, MI	95	Berry College - Mount Berry, GA	96
Anna Maria College - Paxton, MA	92	Bethany College - Bethany, WV	85
Antioch College - Yellow Springs, OH	100	Bethel University - Mishawaka, IN	92
Aquinas College - Grand Rapids, MI	95	Bluefield College - Bluefield, VA	78
Arcadia University - Glenside, PA	99	Brenau University - Gainesville, GA	95
Asbury University - Wilmore, KY	87	Brevard College - Brevard, NC	93
Ashland University - Ashland, OH	84	Briar Cliff University - Sioux City, IA	81
Augsburg University - Minneapolis, MN	92	Bridgewater College - Bridgewater, VA	95
Augustana University - Sioux Falls, SD	99	Bryn Athyn College - <i>Bryn Athyn, PA</i>	97
Austin College - Sherman, TX	96	Buena Vista University - Storm Lake, IA	99
Ave Maria University - Ave Maria, FL	73	Cabrini University - Radnor, PA	92
Avila University - Kansas City, MO	89	Cairn University - Langhorne, PA	88
Azusa Pacific University - Azusa, CA	92	California College of the Arts - San Francisco, CA	95
Baldwin Wallace University - Berea, OH	94	Calumet College of St. Joseph - Whiting, IN	93
Barry University - Miami, FL	94	Campbellsville University - Campbellsville, KY	77
Barton College - Wilson, NC	91	Canisius College - Buffalo, NY	99
Belhaven University - Jackson, MS	94	Capital University - Columbus, OH	96
Beloit College - Beloit, WI	99	Capitol Technology University - Laurel, MD	84
Benedictine College - Atchison, KS	81	Cardinal Stritch University - Milwaukee, WI	86
Benedictine University - Lisle, IL	87	Carlow University - Pittsburgh, PA	95
Benedictine University at Mesa - Mesa, AZ	87	Carroll College - Helena, MT	93

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Carroll University - Waukesha, WI	89	Concordia University - Wisconsin - Mequon, WI	89
Carthage College - Kenosha, WI	96	Corban University - Salem, OR	84
Catawba College - Salisbury, NC	89	Cornell College - Mount Vernon, IA	99
Cedar Crest College - Allentown, PA	99	Cornish College of the Arts - Seattle, WA	85
Central Methodist University - Fayette, MO	89	Creighton University - Omaha, NE	97
Chaminade University - Honolulu, HI	88	Crown College - Saint Bonifacius, MN	69
Chatham University - Pittsburgh, PA	99	Culver-Stockton College - Canton, MO	77
Chestnut Hill College - Philadelphia, PA	95	Cumberland University - Lebanon, TN	68
Chowan University - Murfreesboro, NC	77	D'Youville College - Buffalo, NY	96
Clark University - Worcester, MA	100	Daemen College - Amherst, NY	92
Clarke University - Dubuque, IA	96	Dakota Wesleyan University - Mitchell, SD	94
Clarkson University - Potsdam, NY	95	Davis & Elkins College - Elkins, WV	92
Cleveland Institute of Art - Cleveland, OH	94	Dean College - Franklin, MA	69
Coe College - Cedar Rapids, IA	99	Defiance College - Defiance, OH	87
Coker University - Hartsville, SC	91	Delaware Valley University - Doylestown, PA	80
Colby-Sawyer College - New London, NH	96	DePaul University - Chicago, IL	85
College for Creative Studies - Detroit, MI	93	DePauw University - Greencastle, IN	100
College of Saint Benedict &	98	Dominican College - Orangeburg, NY	85
Saint John's University - Saint Joseph, MN		Dominican University - River Forest, IL	97
College of the Atlantic - Bar Harbor, ME	99	Dominican University of California	97
Concordia University - Ann Arbor - Ann Arbor, MI	85	- San Rafael, CA	
Concordia University - Chicago - River Forest, IL	88	Duquesne University - Pittsburgh, PA	91
Concordia University - Irvine - Irvine, CA	88	Earlham College - Richmond, IN	99
Concordia University - Nebraska - Seward, NE	91	Eastern Mennonite University - Harrisonburg, VA	97
Concordia University - St. Paul - St. Paul, MN	85	Eastern Nazarene College - Quincy, MA	96

Eastern University - St. Davids, PA	96	Gardner-Webb University - Boiling Springs, NC	86
Eckerd College - St. Petersburg, FL	89	Geneva College - Beaver Falls, PA	89
Edgewood College - Madison, WI	94	Georgetown College - Georgetown, KY	97
Elizabethtown College - Elizabethtown, PA	97	Gordon College - Wenham, MA	92
Elmhurst University - Elmhurst, IL	95	Goshen College - Goshen, IN	100
Elmira College - Elmira, NY	98	Goucher College - Baltimore, MD	99
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - AZ - Prescott, AZ	74	Grace College - Winona Lake, IN	78
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - FL - Daytona Beach, FL	78	Graceland University - Independence - Independence, MO	94
Emmanuel College - Franklin Springs, GA	71	Graceland University - Lamoni - Lamoni, IA	94
		Grand Canyon University - Phoenix, AZ	74
Emory & Henry College - Emory, VA	90	Grand View University - Des Moines, IA	87
Endicott College - Beverly, MA	90	Greenville University - Greenville, IL	87
Erskine College - Due West, SC	89	Guilford College - Greensboro, NC	89
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Teaneck, NJ	91	Gwynedd Mercy University - Gwynedd Valley, PA	97
Faulkner University - Montgomery, AL	80	Hamline University - Saint Paul, MN	98
Felician University - Rutherford, NJ	89	Hampden-Sydney College	
Ferrum College - Ferrum, VA	82	- Hampden-Sydney, VA	99
Fisk University - Nashville, TN	78	Hannibal-Lagrange University - Hannibal, MO	75
Florida Institute of Technology - Melbourne, FL	83	Hanover College - Hanover, IN	97
Florida Southern College - Lakeland, FL	88	Harding University - Searcy, AR	83
Fontbonne University - St. Louis, MO	93	Harrisburg University Science & Tech	82
Franklin College - Franklin, IN	97	- Harrisburg, PA	
Friends University - Wichita, KS	95	Hartwick College - Oneonta, NY	98
Gannon University - <i>Erie, PA</i>	88	Hastings College - Hastings, NE	91
•		Heidelberg University - Tiffin, OH	85

Hilbert College - Hamburg, NY	88	Keystone College - La Plume, PA	86
Hillsdale College - Hillsdale, MI		King University - Bristol, TN	85
Hiram College - Hiram, OH	99	King's College - Wilkes-Barre, PA	91
Hollins University - Roanoke, VA	99	La Roche University - Pittsburgh, PA	80
Holy Cross College - Notre Dame, IN	79	La Salle University - Philadelphia, PA	92
Holy Family University - Philadelphia, PA	92	Lake Erie College - Painesville, OH	90
Hood College - Frederick, MD	100	Lake Forest College - Lake Forest, IL	99
Hope College - Holland, MI	97	Lakeland University - Plymouth, WI	81
Houghton College - Houghton, NY	99	Lancaster Bible College - Lancaster, PA	71
Houston Baptist University - Houston, TX	92	Landmark College - Putney, VT	92
Huntington University - Huntington, IN	90	Lasell University - Newton, MA	86
Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago, IL	95	Lawrence Technological University	90
Immaculata University - Immaculata, PA	96	- Southfield, MI	
Indiana Wesleyan University - Marion, IN	91	Lawrence University - Appleton, WI	100
Iowa Wesleyan University - Mount Pleasant, IA	90	Lebanon Valley College - Annville, PA	97
Jacksonville University - Jacksonville, FL	87	Lees-McRae College - Banner Elk, NC	88
John Carroll University - Cleveland, OH	97	Lenoir-Rhyne University - <i>Hickory, NC</i>	88
Johnson & Wales University - Charlotte	74	Lewis University - Romeoville, IL	92
- Charlotte, NC		Limestone College - <i>Gaffney, SC</i>	74
Johnson & Wales University - Providence - Providence, RI	77	Lincoln College - <i>Lincoln, IL</i>	79
Johnson University - <i>Knoxville, TN</i>	90	Lincoln Memorial University - Harrogate, TN	85
Johnson University Florida - <i>Kissimmee, FL</i>	91	Lindenwood University - Saint Charles, MO	85
Judson University - Elgin, IL	95	Lindsey Wilson College - Columbia, KY	85
Kansas City Art Institute - Kansas City, MO	92	Linfield College - McMinnville, OR	99
- Sac English and medicale manado only, mo		Loras College - Dubuque, IA	97

Lourdes University - Sylvania, OH	76
Loyola University New Orleans - New Orleans, LA	95
Lycoming College - Williamsport, PA	98
Lynn University - Boca Raton, FL	73
Lyon College - Batesville, AR	93
Madonna University - Livonia, MI	85
Malone University - Canton, OH	95
Manchester University - North Manchester, IN	93
Manhattanville College - Purchase, NY	97
Manor College - Jenkintown, PA	82
Marian University - Indianapolis, IN	90
Marian University - Fond du Lac, WI	83
Marist College - Poughkeepsie, NY	85
Mars Hill University - Mars Hill, NC	92
Maryland Institute College of Art - Baltimore, MD	95
Marywood University - Scranton, PA	95
McKendree University - Lebanon, IL	87
McMurry University - Abilene, TX	86
Mercyhurst University - Erie, PA	91
Meredith College - Raleigh, NC	93
Messiah University - Mechanicsburg, PA	91
Midland University - Fremont, NE	82
Milligan University - Milligan College, TN	99
Millikin University - Decatur, IL	96

Millsaps College - Jackson, MS	100
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design - Milwaukee, WI	92
Minneapolis College of Art and Design - Minneapolis, MN	95
Misericordia University - Dallas, PA	96
Mississippi College - Clinton, MS	82
Missouri Baptist University - Saint Louis, MO	74
Missouri Valley College - Marshall, MO	71
Mitchell College - New London, CT	76
Moore College of Art and Design - Philadelphia, PA	94
Moravian College - Bethlehem, PA	97
Morningside College - Sioux City, IA	89
Morris Brown College - Atlanta, GA	NA
Mount Aloysius College - Cresson, PA	86
Mount Mary University - Milwaukee, WI	91
Mount Mercy University - Cedar Rapids, IA	92

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Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD	94	Ohio Northern University - Ada, OH	99
Mount St. Mary's University - Los Angeles, CA	95	Ohio Wesleyan University - Delaware, OH	100
Mount Vernon Nazarene University - Mount Vernon, OH	90	Oklahoma Christian University - Oklahoma City, OK	84
Muskingum University - New Concord, OH	90	Olivet College - Olivet, MI	76
Nazareth College - Rochester, NY	96	Olivet Nazarene University - Bourbonnais, IL	87
Nebraska Wesleyan University - Lincoln, NE	97	Otterbein University - Westerville, OH	93
Neumann University - Aston, PA	83	Ouachita Baptist University - Arkadelphia, AR	96
New England College - Henniker, NH	69	Pacific Lutheran University - Tacoma, WA	99
Newberry College - Newberry, SC	85	Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science - Paul Smiths, NY	81
Newman University - Wichita, KS Nichols College - Dudley, MA	97	Pfeiffer University - Misenheimer, NC	90
North Central College - Naperville, IL	93	Point Park University - Pittsburgh, PA	87
North Central University - Minneapolis, MN	80	Point University - West Point, GA	69
North Greenville University - Tigerville, SC	82	Post University - Waterbury, CT	68
North Park University - Chicago, IL	98	Pratt Institute - Brooklyn, NY	94
Northeast Maritime Institute - Fairhaven, MA	NA	Prescott College - Prescott, AZ	94
Northland College - Ashland, WI	98	Queens University of Charlotte - Charlotte, NC	97
Northwest Nazarene University - Nampa, ID	86	Quincy University - Quincy, IL	87
Norwich University - Northfield, VT	96	Randolph College - Lynchburg, VA	98
Notre Dame College - South Euclid, OH	80	Randolph-Macon College - Ashland, VA	96
Nyack College - Nyack, NY	82	Reinhardt University - Waleska, GA	83
Oakland City University - Oakland City, IN	91	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Troy, NY	94
Oglethorpe University - Atlanta, GA	85	Ripon College - Ripon, WI	100
Ohio Dominican University - Columbus, OH	85	Roanoke College - Salem, VA	98

Robert Morris University - Moon Township, PA	78	Savannah College of Art and Design	74
Roberts Wesleyan College - Rochester, NY	91	- Savannah, GA	
Rochester Institute of Technology - Rochester, NY	93	School of the Art Institute of Chicago - Chicago, IL	91
Rochester University - Rochester Hills, MI	89	Schreiner University - Kerrville, TX	92
Rockford University - Rockford, IL	96	Seton Hill University - Greensburg, PA	90
Rocky Mountain College - Billings, MT	93	Shorter University - Rome, GA	79
Rollins College - Winter Park, FL	99	Siena Heights University - Adrian, MI	84
Roosevelt University - Chicago, IL	88	Sierra Nevada University - Incline Village, NV	87
Rosemont College - Rosemont, PA	93	Simpson University - Redding, CA	90
Russell Sage College - Troy, NY	97	Southwestern College - Winfield, KS	94
Rust College - Holly Springs, MS	76	Southwestern University - Georgetown, TX	98
Saint Francis University - Loretto, PA	90	Spring Arbor University - Spring Arbor, MI	85
Saint Joseph's College of Maine - Standish, ME	94	Springfield College - Springfield, MA	89
Saint Leo University - Saint Leo, FL	89	St. Andrews University - Laurinburg, NC	86
Saint Leo Oniversity Saint Leo, 12	94	St. Bonaventure University - St. Bonaventure, NY	96
Saint Mary's College - Notre Dame, IN	100	St. Edward's University - Austin, TX	91
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	100	St. Lawrence University - Canton, NY	100
- Winona, MN	92	St. Norbert College - De Pere, WI	94
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	97	St. Thomas Aquinas College - Sparkill, NY	93
- Saint Mary of the Woods, IN		St. Thomas University - Miami Gardens, FL	81
Saint Michael's College - Colchester, VT	97	Stephens College - Columbia, MO	97
Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, PA	97	Sterling College - Sterling, KS	93
Saint Xavier University - Chicago, IL	89	Stetson University - DeLand, FL	95
Salem University - Salem, WV	65	Stevenson University - Stevenson, MD	87
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Stillman College - Tuscaloosa, AL	69	University of Dayton - Dayton, OH	88
Suffolk University - Boston, MA	85	University of Detroit Mercy - Detroit, MI	99
Susquehanna University - Selinsgrove, PA	98	University of Dubuque - Dubuque, IA	78
Tabor College - Hillsboro, KS	91	University of Evansville - Evansville, IN	99
Taylor University - <i>Upland, IN</i>	90	University of Holy Cross - New Orleans, LA	96
Tennessee Wesleyan University - Athens, TN	90	University of Indianapolis - Indianapolis, IN	87
Texas Wesleyan University - Fort Worth, TX	78	University of Jamestown - Jamestown, ND	91
The College of Wooster - Wooster, OH	99	University of La Verne - La Verne, CA	94
The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College - Philadelphia, PA	65	University of Mary - Bismarck, ND	95
The University of Findlay - Findlay, OH	84	University of Mount Olive - Mount Olive, NC	82
The University of Tampa - Tampa, FL	79	University of Mount Union - Alliance, OH	95
Thiel College - Greenville, PA	83	University of Redlands - Redlands, CA	95
•	74	University of Rio Grande - Rio Grande, OH	67
Thomas College - Waterville, ME	77	University of Rochester - Rochester, NY	100
Tiffin University - Tiffin, OH		University of Saint Joseph - West Hartford, CT	99
Toccoa Falls College - Toccoa Falls, GA	74	University of Saint Mary - Leavenworth, KS	95
Trevecca Nazarene University - Nashville, TN	83	University of San Diego - San Diego, CA	91
Trine University - Angola, IN	82	University of St. Francis - Joliet, IL	97
Trinity Christian College - Palos Heights, IL	94	University of St. Thomas - Houston, TX	99
Tusculum University - Greeneville, TN	79	University of the Arts - Philadelphia, PA	92
Union College - Schenectady, NY	100	University of the Cumberlands	70
Union University - Jackson, TN	98	- Williamsburg, KY	79
Unity College - <i>Unity, ME</i>	79	University of the Incarnate Word	85
University of Bridgeport - Bridgeport, CT	77	- San Antonio, TX	06
University of Charleston - Charleston, WV	89	University of the Ozarks - Clarksville, AR	86

University of the Sciences - Philadelphia, PA	98
University of Valley Forge - Phoenixville, PA	85
Ursinus College - Collegeville, PA	100
Ursuline College - Pepper Pike, OH	99
Utica College - Utica, NY	82
Valparaiso University - Valparaiso, IN	97
Villa Maria College - Buffalo, NY	93
Wabash College - Crawfordsville, IN	100
Wagner College - Staten Island, NY	94
Walsh University - Canton, OH	90
Washington & Jefferson College - Washington, PA	99
Washington Adventist University - Takoma Park, MD	91
Waynesburg University - Waynesburg, PA	96
Webber International University - Babson Park, FL	65
Wells College - Aurora, NY	98
Wentworth Institute of Technology - Boston, MA	82
Wesley College - Dover, DE	68
Wesleyan College - Macon, GA	99
West Virginia Wesleyan College - Buckhannon, WV	93
Western New England University - Springfield, MA	93
Westminster College - Salt Lake City, UT	99

Wheeling University - Wheeling, WV	99
Whittier College - Whittier, CA	98
Whitworth University - Spokane, WA	98
Widener University - Chester, PA	88
Wilberforce University - Wilberforce, OH	95
Wilkes University - Wilkes-Barre, PA	87
William Carey University - Hattiesburg, MS	72
William Jewell College - Liberty, MO	
William Peace University - Raleigh, NC	82
Wilson College - Chambersburg, PA	96
Wingate University - Wingate, NC	94
Wittenberg University - Springfield, OH	93
Worcester Polytechnic Institute - Worcester, MA	92
York College of Nebraska - York, NE	85
York College of Pennsylvania - York, PA	84
Young Harris College - Young Harris, GA	97

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Arkansas University of Little Rock - Little Rock, AR	51
California University of Riverside - Riverside, California	70
Central Connecticut State University - New Britain, Connecticut	49
Delaware State University - Dover, Delaware	38
East Carolina University - Greenville, North Carolina	45
Eastern Washington University - Cheney, Washington	49

Framingham State University - Framingham, Massachusetts	56	The University of Texas at Arlington - Arlington, Texas	54
Hawaii University of Hilo - Hilo, Hawaii	62	Towson University - Towson, Maryland	56
Illinois University of Springfield - Springfield, Illinois	68	University of Idaho - Moscow, Idaho	50
		University of Kansas - Lawrence, Kansas	64
Indiana University Southeast - New Albany, Indiana	48	University of Louisville - Louisville, Kentucky	48
Iowa State University - Ames, Iowa	62	University of Maine - Orono, Maine	53
Kent State University - Kent, Ohio	38	University of Memphis - Memphis, Tennessee	41
Marshall University - Huntington, West Virginia	55	University of Missouri-Kansas City - Kansas City, Missouri	55
Michigan University of Dearborn - Dearborn, Michigan	68	University of Montana - Missoula, MT	42
Millersville University - Millersville, Pennsylvania	48	University of Nebraska Omaha - Omaha, Nebraska	47
Minnesota University of Duluth - Duluth, Minnesota	58	University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Las Vegas, Nevada	57
Minot State University - Minot, North Dakota	65	University of New Hampshire at Manchester	
Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon	56	- Manchester, New Hampshire	58
South Carolina State University - Orangeburg, South Carolina	36	University of North Florida - Jacksonville, Florida	51
Southeastern Oklahoma St University	60	University of Northern Colorado - Greeley, Colorado	47
- Durant, Oklahoma Stockton University	57	University of Rhode Island - South Kingstown, Rhode Island	54
- Galloway Township, New Jersey		University of South Dakota	55
SUNY Oswego - Oswego County, New York	54	- Vermillion, South Dakota	
The University of Alabama at Birmingham - Birmingham, AL	50	University of Vermont - Burlington, Vermont	67
The University of Arizona - Tucson, Arizona	63	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire - Eau Claire, Wisconsin	51
The University of Southern Mississippi - Hattiesburg, Mississippi	41	Utah State University - Logan, Utah	49
		Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, Virginia	59





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