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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan University continues to be recognized among the nation's best colleges for liberal arts learning and pre-professional career preparation according to several 2020 rankings.

Zippia

Illinois Wesleyan ranks No. 7 in the nation and No. 1 in Illinois on Zippia's 2020 list of [The Best Colleges for Getting a Job](#), as well as No. 5 in the nation for [Best Small Colleges for Jobs](#) based on U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard data.

Princeton Review

Illinois Wesleyan has been included in *The Princeton Review*'s annual listing of [Best Colleges](#) every year since the list's inception in 1989. Students surveyed describe Illinois Wesleyan as “a small school that oozes big opportunities,” where they feel confident about getting a job straight out of college.

U.S. News & World Report

Illinois Wesleyan ranks No. 80 among national liberal arts colleges in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2020 rankings of [Best Colleges](#). Illinois Wesleyan consistently ranks high in graduation and retention rates and small class sizes, which are key measures of quality and value. In addition, IWU is ranked among [Best Value Schools](#) – those with highly ranked academics and a low net cost of attendance after need-based financial aid. Illinois Wesleyan is also listed among the [Top Performers on Social Mobility](#), based on opportunities and outcomes for economically disadvantaged students.

Money

In *Money*'s 2020 [Best Colleges](#) list, Illinois Wesleyan ranked No. 250 out of 739 for best colleges in America based on value.

Niche

In Niche's list of 2021 [Best Liberal Arts Colleges](#) in Illinois, Illinois Wesleyan ranks No. 2 for Best Liberal Arts Colleges in Illinois. To determine the ranking, Niche reviewed “academic, admissions, financial, and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and alumni.”

College Raptor

Illinois Wesleyan ranks among the [Top 25 Best Colleges Without Application Fees](#) in 2020 and No. 2 among [Hidden Gems in the Midwest](#) in 2020 and 2021 rankings. These selections recognize Illinois Wesleyan as a leading institution in the country based on factors including graduation rates, campus diversity, endowment per student, and other key metrics as reported via the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

Illinois Wesleyan's no-fee application is now open for the incoming class of 2021 by visiting [IWU.edu/apply](https://iwu.edu/apply).



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