

# MILLIGAN

## NOTABLE QUALITY & REPUTATION

**There are many college choices and, on the surface, many may look a lot like Milligan. But few can claim (and prove) our outcomes with exceptional academic quality, student satisfaction, and graduate success.**

- **Retention and graduation rates:** Students get a top-rate education and are more likely to finish on time, which is a *time and cost savings* over other institutions. First-year student retention at Milligan averages 76%, compared to the national median of 62%.<sup>i</sup> <sup>ii</sup> Graduation rates at Milligan average 66%, compared to 60% national median.<sup>iii</sup> <sup>iv</sup>
- **Employment & Graduate School rates:** 98% of graduates typically are employed or in graduate school within one year after graduation.<sup>v</sup>
- **Student Satisfaction:** Milligan students express greater satisfaction with their college experience than do students from peer institutions surveyed by the *Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI)*.<sup>vi</sup>
- **Student Engagement:** Both first-year students and seniors rate their Milligan experience higher than most students at similar colleges in the *National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)*, especially for collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, effective teaching practices, and supportive environment.<sup>vii</sup>
- **Academic Proficiency:** Milligan juniors consistently exceed the mean improvement of students nationally in reading, writing, critical thinking, and mathematical data assessments.<sup>viii</sup>
- **Major Field Tests:** Students consistently score above the national mean in **major** course of study assessments.<sup>ix</sup>

## COMPETITIVELY AFFORDABLE

**Milligan offers millions of dollars in renewable scholarships and a variety of financial aid opportunities that make the total cost of a Milligan education competitively affordable and attainable.**

- **Total published cost** (total of tuition, fees, room and board) is \$6,500 below the national average.<sup>x</sup>
- **Average net cost** after scholarships and aid is usually less than half, since most students receive generous aid. For families with lower incomes, the average net cost is within \$1-2,000 of public university rates.<sup>xi</sup>
- **Room and board** is lower than any other school in the region, including the state university, and \$5,000 less than the national average for private colleges.<sup>xii</sup> <sup>xiii</sup>
- **Families just like yours are affording Milligan.** 27% represent family incomes of less than \$50,000.
- **Milligan awards generous institutional aid**—more than other local schools and \$11,400 more than the local state university.<sup>xiv</sup>
- **100% of full-time undergrad Milligan students** receive need and/or merit-based financial aid, compared nationally to 83% at public and 89% at private colleges.<sup>xv</sup>
- **Fewer Milligan students borrow federal student loans** (59%) than the national average (65%) and local private college average (66%).<sup>xvi</sup>
- **Milligan students' average federal loan debt** at graduation is \$3,300 below the national average of \$28,500 (2017).<sup>xvii</sup>
- **Annual cost increases are typically below** the national average, as leaders work to keep a Milligan education as affordable as possible.

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SOURCES FOR DATA: Data presented is for full-time traditional undergraduate students. Unless indicated, data is for 2017-18, the most recent available from IPEDS. Comparisons are with other four-year institutions. Sources include College Board, IPEDS, U.S. Department of Education, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and Milligan's Office of Institutional Research. **Rev. 9/2019**