

## Education Insider

### 10 Best Schools for Student Parents

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Think that being a parent means you can't go to college? Think again! Sure, there are lots of problems that might arise, but there are colleges out there with programs tailored just for parents like you. Some of the benefits and assistance might really surprise you.

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#### **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Worried about how your children will be taken care of when you're at class? With this school, there is no need to be concerned. They offer a wide selection of babysitting services, both on and off campus. They also offer financial aid for mothers and programs that children and mothers can participate in together.

#### **St. Paul's College**

Being a single mom in college is tough, but St. Paul's makes it easier. They have a program called Single Parent Support System (SPSS) that involves a mentoring system to help mothers with the trials they will face. Childcare and tutorial services are also offered. But be sharp, because this college asks you attend full-time and maintain a 2.5 GPA to get the benefits.

#### **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**

Are you pregnant but still want to go to college? University of Minnesota can help. They have a Child Development Center for new mothers or mothers to be. You can submit medical proof that you're pregnant, and then when you do have a baby you can receive childcare as well as training on how to care for your new child. If you already have a baby, they may still offer you care.

#### **Mills College**

At Mills, you don't have to worry about where you're going to live. Special apartments with two bedrooms are set aside for families and students with children, and they are only a 5-minute walk from campus. You can also hire other students as babysitters and bring your child with you to meals on campus.

#### **University of Iowa**

This university has a ton of options for parents. There are childcare programs ranging from regular babysitting to only occasional. You can also set up flexible classes online or offline or work options that fit into your hectic schedule. Financial support and on campus lactation rooms are available to students with babies.

#### **St. Catherine University**

The Access and Success program is one that touches on a lot of areas of concern for students. You will receive mentoring, flexible schedules, childcare, loaned laptops, emergency financial aid and much more. The school also has on campus lactation rooms and child-friendly study areas. Mothers can even attend regular meetings with other student mothers to learn from their experiences.

#### **Wilson College**

If your child is 20 months or older, then Wilson's Women with Children program is for you. You will receive on campus housing as well as activities that involve both you and your child such as field trips and dance classes. There are also equestrian facilities for mothers and children, a playground and mentoring programs.

#### **Endicott College**

Feeding a child can be expensive, but Endicott is willing to help with that. Their meal plans allow for five meals per week on campus where children can eat for free. There are shared laundry and cooking facilities with on campus housing for students with children. There are even babysitting services and mentors available for students.

#### **Misericordia University**

Misericordia's Women with Children program helps student mothers in a number of ways. You can receive financial aid, childcare and special housing. You can also get individual counseling and emergency support if things start becoming too stressful. There are lists of on and off campus resources available for all student mothers.

#### **Judson University**

A new parent might be a little afraid of taking care of this life they've been entrusted with. Judson offers a number of classes about children's development and psychology that often involve both the parent and the child. They even have classes concerning children with special needs, exploring the best ways to care for kids who have disabilities.

*Are you a parent thinking about going back to school? Check out what some of your [options are for furthering your education](#).*