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## AFFORDABLE STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE

**(DUBUQUE, IA)** – These trying financial times have left students and their families fewer options for scholarships, grants, and guaranteed student loans through government funding. American Trust, in partnership with Iowa Student Loan, is making it possible for more students to receive a college degree. One of 19 banks in Iowa — and the only bank in Dubuque — American Trust helped pool more than \$31 million in supplemental private-college loan funds. Obtaining a private loan for education is another way to pay for college that offers a low, fixed rate that can decrease debt over the long term.

The financial experts at American Trust urge students and their families to explore new, expanded college tax credits. Under the American Opportunity Tax Credit, part of the federal government's economic stimulus plan, students and families may receive tax savings up to \$2,500 for the 2009/2010 tax years. Families are encouraged to consult their tax advisors to determine if they qualify.

Iowa Student Loan is a private, nonprofit organization that offers Iowa students the resources to attend college. Visit them at [www.studentloan.org](http://www.studentloan.org). For questions about tuition loans, contact American Trust at 563.589.0855.

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