Benefits Summary

Faculty Members

This brochure provides a summary of Grinnell College's benefit plans.

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Retirement Plan
- Eligible after one year of employment or the first plan entry date if previously fully vested in an employer sponsored retirement plan
- Written verification from previous employer required
- Administered by TIAA
- Must work 1,000 hours per calendar year
- College contributes 10% of annual actual salary
- Faculty member directs investment of college contribution
- Faculty member is eligible to participate in voluntary tax sheltered supplemental retirement annuity (SRA) upon hire

Educational Benefits
- Tuition remission (of 90%) to Grinnell College for dependent children of employees; children must qualify for admission
- Faculty member and spouse may take courses free at Grinnell College; limited to two courses per semester; approval of registrar required; course must have space available
- Cash Grant of up to $10,000 per academic year (per child) while attending other accredited institution under eligibility requirements
- Employee must have been employed full-time by the college for three consecutive years
- Maximum of an 8 semester benefit per child
- Exchange program (85%) with Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) and Great Lakes College Association (GLCA) schools; same eligibility rules as at Grinnell College

Employee Assistance Program
- Eligible August 1
- Agreement with Employee & Family Resources
- Up to six diagnostic sessions per person, per issue, at no cost
- College currently pays entire cost
- Additional sessions may be covered by health insurance

LifeLock
- NortonLifeLock plans combine leading identity theft protection and device security against online threats, viruses, ransomware and malware, at home and on-the-go.
- LifeLock Identity Theft Protection
- Norton Device Security
- Privacy Monitor
- Parental Control
- Employee only or family coverage option

Other Benefits
- Free admission to most college events for employees and family
- Free use of Bear Recreation and Athletic Center
- 10% discount at the bookstore on most items

Holidays (ten)
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day*
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving Day
- Day before Christmas Day
- Christmas Day

*Classes are held, but administrative offices are closed
Health Insurance
- Eligible August 1
- Administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- $250/$750 deductible, $1,500/$3,500 OPM (out of pocket maximum)
  - 80/20 co-insurance for Preferred Provider
  - 70/30 co-insurance out of network
- Drug card program $1,500/$3,500 OPM
  - generic: $5 or 5% co-pay*
  - brand: $20 or 20% co-pay*
  *whichever is greater
  *$100 deductible on brand name only
- College currently pays 80% of premium cost
- Alternative coverage options available for individual, spouse/DP, and children

Dental Insurance
- Eligible August 1
- Administered by Delta Dental of Iowa
- 100% coverage, preventive and diagnostic
- $50 annual deductible, basic and major procedures
  - 80/20 co-insurance for basic procedures
  - 50/50 co-insurance for major procedures
- $1,500 per person calendar year limit
- Orthodontia for dependent children; lifetime maximum $1,500 per child
- College currently pays 80% of premium cost
- Coverage options for individual plus one or more dependents available

Optional Vision Insurance
- Eligible August 1
- Exams covered every 12 months
- Prescription lenses for single vision, lined bifocal or trifocals covered every 12 months
- Covers one set of frames every 24 months up to $150, plus 20% off additional out of pocket expense
- 20% off additional prescription glasses and sunglasses
- Contacts covered up to $120 every 12 months
- Employees pays 100% of premium

Flexible Spending Accounts
- Eligible the first of the month following first day of employment, or coinciding with first day of employment if on the first of the month
- Medical reimbursement account - $3,050 pre-tax contribution limit
- Dependent daycare reimbursement account - $5,000 pre-tax contribution limit

Travel/Accident Insurance
- Eligible August 1 for college travel
- Provides minimum benefit of $100,000 coverage or two times annual salary
- College currently pays entire cost
- May be extended to 24-hour coverage at employee’s expense

Life Insurance
- Eligible August 1
- One and one-half times annual salary or $20,000, whichever is greater
- College currently pays entire cost

Optional Supplemental Life Insurance
- Eligible August 1
- Guarantee issue if enrolled within first 30 days of employment: $200,000 employee, $50,000 spouse, $5,000 or $10,000 child(ren)
- Coverage available up to the lesser of five times salary or $500,000, spousal coverage available up to one half of employees insured amount
- Evidence of insurability is required for elections that exceed the guaranteed amount
- Employee currently pays entire cost

Short-Term Disability Insurance
- Benefit eligible faculty with less than 1-yr of service who are not yet eligible for FMLA, excludes temporary, leases or seasonal employees
- Eligible the first of the month following first day of employment, or coinciding with first day of employment if on the first of the month
- 10 day elimination period, 70% of regular base pay for up to 180 days
- College pays premium for coverage

Long-Term Disability Insurance
- Eligible after one year of employment or August 1 if enrolled in a plan immediately prior to coming to Grinnell
- Written verification from previous employer required
- Six-month elimination period
- Monthly income protection for total disability
- Benefit equals 66-2/3 % of monthly salary up to $22,500 with maximum monthly benefit not to exceed $15,000
- Continues College’s retirement plan contribution
- College currently pays entire cost

Accident Insurance
- Provides a benefit when you suffer from a covered injury or undergoes a broad range of medical treatments/care resulting from an accident
- Accident coverage is not a substitute for comprehensive or major medical insurance coverage
- Employee currently pays entire cost

Critical Illness
- Pays a cash benefit if you are diagnosed with a critical illness condition such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, liver failure, kidney failure, paralysis, etc.
- Employee currently pays entire cost

Hospital Indemnity
- Form of health coverage that provides a stipulated daily, weekly, or monthly indemnity during hospital confinement
- Employee currently pays entire cost

Pet Insurance
- Provides medically necessary supplies and treatment for dogs and cats, including emergency care and prescription medication
- Choice to cover pets for accident only, or accident and illness