

## ASU 30th of 'Top 100' for Value

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Appalachian State University has been ranked as one of the top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine for 2014, that posted by the ASU News Bureau. The report features schools that deliver a quality education at an affordable price. Appalachian ranked No. 30 in the top 100 colleges for its cost to in-state students. Last year the university was ranked No. 36. Kiplinger's annual rankings consider an institution's four-year graduation rate, low average student debt at graduation, financial aid and low sticker price, among other factors. Appalachian's cost for an in-state student was \$14,322, based on 2013 data compiled by Peterson's Undergraduate Database. The university's four-year graduation rate was 40 percent. Average debt at graduation was listed as \$20,016. Also on the best value list from North Carolina are UNC Chapel Hill (No. 1), N.C. State University (No. 16), UNC School of the Arts (No. 24), UNC Wilmington (No. 28) and UNC Asheville (No. 58). The full list of schools is available at <http://kiplinger.com/links/college>