

Iowa



7 Overall Rank

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Iowa	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
PAC Giving	1	1	1	1	1	
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Party Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Union Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Corporate Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		

Inflation Adjustment: N/A

Iowa is almost perfect when it comes to political giving. Individuals can make contributions of the size of their choosing to candidates, political parties, and political committees. Parties and PACs can similarly provide unlimited support to candidates. Labor unions, too, are free to give to aspiring officeholders.

However, Iowa falls just short of a perfect grade because it prohibits businesses from contributing to

candidates. The Hawkeye State would be well served by removing this final barrier to free political giving.

Overall, Iowa ranks among the best states for unfettered political speech in the nation, but some room for improvement remains.