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## Central State University Scholarship Applications Open Now for Students Majoring in Agriculture and STEM Fields

*"This is an excellent time to consider attending Central State University and majoring in the science, technology, engineering, math or agricultural fields. These scholarships will position students, who would not ordinarily be afforded the opportunity to attend college, to not only attend, but graduate debt free. I am excited to be part of a University that is continuing to build on a 134-year history of investing in our student's success."*

*—Jack Thomas Ph.D., President of Central State University*

**WILBERFORCE, OH** – Thanks to the USDA-NIFA, Central State University, Ohio's only 1890 Land-Grant Institution, is able to offer scholarships for Ohio students who choose to major in agriculture and related fields at Central State University. Funds for the scholarship came from the \$14 million awarded to the nineteen 1890 Land-Grant Universities in the United States as a result of the 2018 Farm Bill.



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

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Agriculture

Scholarships support recruitment and retention, student engagement and mentoring, and training undergraduate students at Central State.

Applications for scholarships are now being accepted. **The eligibility and the deadline for 1890 student scholarship has been extended. For this year only the eligibility criteria have been relaxed to include all Citizens and Nationals of the United States— which includes Ohio as well as out of state students who are eligible for this scholarship.**

The four-year scholarship awards eligible students up to \$60,000 which includes tuition, books, and room and board. High school seniors and college transfer students (*including community college graduates*) who are Ohio residents are eligible to submit an application for the award. The scholarship award is for the following majors:

- Sustainable Agriculture (SAG)
- Agricultural Education (AgEd)
- Exercise Science (EXS) with a Nutrition minor
- Agricultural Extension Education (AgExEd)
- Agricultural Business (AgB),
- Water Resources Management (WRM)
- Environmental Engineering (ENV).



Applicants can also scan the QR code to apply.

High school applicants must have a cumulative GPA of no less than 2.8 and transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. To learn more or to apply for the 1890 Scholars Scholarship Program email [gndao@centralstate.edu](mailto:gndao@centralstate.edu) or call 937-376-6265.

Other scholarships available for STEM majors at central State University include:

- Creating Excellence in Agricultural Workforce (CREW) Scholarship Application. This scholarship supports students majoring in Sustainable Agriculture, Environmental Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Water Resources Management, Agribusiness, or Agricultural Education and provides up to \$3,000 per year up to four years. Contact:

Dr. Morakinyo Kuti: [mkuti@centralstate.edu](mailto:mkuti@centralstate.edu) for more information on the CREW scholarship program.

Choose Ohio First Computer Science Programs of Innovation (COFCPS) Scholarship Application. This scholarship is for in-state freshman students majoring in computer sciences or seeking a cyber-security certificate. CSU current in-state students who are changing their majors to Computer Science or seeking a certificate in cybersecurity are also eligible to apply. It provides up to \$10,000 per student per year for up to four years. Contact Dr. Manizheh Nafari: [mnafari@centralstate.edu](mailto:mnafari@centralstate.edu) to learn more or to apply for COFCPS.

- The Ohio Agribusiness Association Scholarship for continuing Students majoring in Agricultural Education, Sustainable Agriculture, or Agribusiness concentration. Two \$1,000 awards are distributed every January. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is September 30 annually. Contact Jon Henry: [jhenry@centralstate.edu](mailto:jhenry@centralstate.edu) to apply.
- The Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation Award allows continuing students majoring in Agricultural Education, Sustainable Agriculture, or Agribusiness concentration to receive an additional \$1,000 towards their education. Two awards are given each year and distributed in January. The deadline to apply is September 30 annually. Contact Jon Henry: [jhenry@centralstate.edu](mailto:jhenry@centralstate.edu) to apply.
- Marauder Choose Ohio First Scholarship (M-COF) Program: Incoming or transfer students with a 3.0 grade point average will receive an average scholarship of \$3,920 for up to four years. M-COF scholars must major in computer science, mathematics teacher education, biology teacher education, chemistry teacher education, water resources engineering, environmental engineering, manufacturing engineering, industrial technology, biology, mathematics, and chemistry. Contact: Dr. Morakinyo Kuti: [mkuti@centralstate.edu](mailto:mkuti@centralstate.edu) for more information on the MCOF scholarship program.
- Marauder Choose Ohio First Honors Scholarship (M-COF) Program: Incoming or transfer students with a 3.5 grade point average will receive an average scholarship of \$8,221 for up to four years. M-COF scholars must major in computer science, mathematics teacher education, biology teacher education, chemistry teacher education, water resources engineering, environmental engineering, manufacturing engineering, industrial technology, biology, mathematics, and chemistry. Contact: Dr. Paul Schlag: [pschlag@centralstate.edu](mailto:pschlag@centralstate.edu) for more information on the MCOF Honors scholarship program.

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To learn more about Central State University visit [CentralState.edu](http://CentralState.edu).

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**About Central State University:**

Central State University, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, is a regionally accredited 1890 Land-Grant University with a 134-year tradition of preparing students from diverse backgrounds and experiences for leadership, research and service. The University, which has been named HBCU of the Year by HBCU Digest, fosters academic excellence within a nurturing environment and provides a strong liberal arts foundation and STEM-Ag curriculum leading to professional careers and advanced studies globally.

**EEO Statement:**

Central State University, an 1890 Land-Grant Institution, is committed to the full inclusion of all people, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, marital or family status, military status, national origin, political beliefs, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. If reasonable accommodations are needed, please contact the Department of Human Resources at 937-376-6540. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution.