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STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS



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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Minimum GPA	How to Apply	Contact Admissions
2.2 Unweighted GPA	CSU Application centralstate.edu/apply	937-376-6249 admissions@centralstate.edu
Testing Requirement	Black Common App	
No SAT/ACT Required	Common App	

FRESHMEN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Based on FINAL high school transcript GPA. Awarded for one academic year.
Renewable as Upperclassmen/Continuing Scholarship with a 3.0+ GPA and 30 completed credit hours.

Standard Freshmen Scholarship

GPA Range	Annual Award
2.70 – 2.99 GPA	**$1,000**
3.00 – 3.29 GPA	**$2,000**
3.30 – 3.69 GPA	**$3,000**
3.70 – 4.00 GPA	**$4,000**

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✗ **CANNOT** be combined with the Freshmen Honors Scholarship

Freshmen Honors Scholarship

GPA Range	Annual Award
3.50 – 3.69 GPA	**$3,500**
3.70 – 4.00 GPA	**$4,500**

Requirement: Must be admitted to Honors College (application required)

Apply: centralstate.edu/academics-colleges-and-schools-honors/honors-college-scholarships

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Financial Aid Next Steps Checklist

Complete each step below to finalize your financial aid for the upcoming academic year.

STEP 1

Complete the FAFSA

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine your eligibility for financial assistance.

Apply at studentaid.gov →

STEP 2

View and Accept Your Award

Log in to your Student Portal and accept each component of your financial aid offer.

centralstate.edu/student-portal →

- Select "Self-Service"
- Click "Financial Aid" then choose the "Offer" tab
- Select your decision on each award and click "Accept"

STEP 3

Complete Loan Requirements

If accepting Student Loan eligibility, you must complete both of the following at **studentaid.gov**:

- **Loan Entrance Counseling**
- **Master Promissory Note (MPN)**

Complete at studentaid.gov →

STEP 4

Submit Verification Documents

If your application was selected for Verification, you must submit all required documentation to the Office of Financial Aid before your award can be disbursed.

STEP 5

Parent PLUS Loan / Payment Plan

If a gap remains after aid is applied, choose one or both options:

- **Parent PLUS Loan —** Parent applies with their FSA ID at studentaid.gov
- **Payment Plan —** Contact Cash Management to review your balance and set up a plan

STEP 6

Confirm All Requirements

Return to centralstate.edu/student-portal to verify that all requirements have been satisfied, and your financial aid is confirmed for disbursement.

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Scholarship Opportunities

PRESIDENTIAL & TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Presidential Scholarship** is the most prestigious award offered at Central State University and is reserved for a few of the top incoming freshmen. Recipients are selected by a committee that considers academic merit, demonstrated leadership ability, community engagement, and strength of character.

Presidential Scholarship

Most prestigious — limited awards

Covers:

- Full tuition
- Fees
- Room and board

Requirements:

- 3.7+ unweighted GPA
- Enrollment and good standing in the Honors College
- Demonstrated leadership, community engagement & character

Students who are not selected for the Presidential Scholarship will automatically be considered for the **Trustee Scholarship**. Recipients are selected by a committee that considers academic merit, demonstrated leadership ability, community engagement, and strength of character.

Trustee Scholarship

Auto-considered if not selected for Presidential

Covers:

- Full tuition
- Fees

Requirements:

- 3.7+ unweighted GPA
- Enrollment and good standing in the Honors College
- Academic merit, leadership, and strength of character

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CESTA/USDA 1890 DAVID SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship supports recruitment and retention, student engagement, mentoring, and training for undergraduate students at Central State who major in an Ag/STEM-related field in the College of Engineering, Science, Technology, and Agriculture.

CESTA/USDA 1890 David Scott Scholarship

$8,000/year

Toward tuition, books & room/board — up to 4 years

Eligibility:

- Ag/STEM major in John W. Garland College of Engineering, Science, Technology, and Agriculture

CHOOSE OHIO FIRST SUCCESS IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a student majoring in Water Resources Engineering, Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Industrial Technology/Technician, Chemistry, General, and an Ohio resident (COFSS)?

Choose Ohio First — STEM (COFSS)

$8,632/year

Up to 4 years — Ohio residents only

Majors:

- Water Resources Management or Environmental Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering or Industrial Technology
- Chemistry

CHOOSE OHIO FIRST COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAMS OF INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Choose Ohio First Computer Science Programs of Innovation Scholarship (COFCPS) is for Computer Science majors or those seeking a certificate in Cybersecurity.

Choose Ohio First — Computer Science Programs of Innovation Scholarship

$10,000/year

Up to 4 years

Eligibility:

- Computer Science major
- OR Cybersecurity certificate seeker

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USDA 1890 NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The United States Department of Agriculture's **1890 National Scholars Program** offers scholarships to U.S. citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the nineteen 1890 Land-Grant Universities in the fields of food, agriculture, natural resource sciences, or other related disciplines.

The 1890 National Scholars Program provides:

- Full tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Room and Board
- A summer internship which may convert to full-time employment with USDA after graduation

The 1890 National Scholars Program requirements:

- Attend an 1890 Land-Grant University **(Central State University)**
- Unweighted GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum test scores: ACT 21 composite or SAT 1080 combined verbal/math
- Study food, agriculture, natural resources sciences, or related disciplines
- Demonstrate leadership and community service
- Submit an official transcript from each high school and college attended, with an authorized official's signature

DIVISIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may qualify and receive these scholarships in addition to the Admissions Merit Scholarships.

Engineering	Computer Science	Athletics	Biology	Honors College	Music

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ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE
2026–2027 AY

Estimated Annual Cost 2026–2027 AY		IN STATE		OUT OF STATE	
		Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Estimated Tuition and Fees	Full-time (12–18 credit hrs./semester)	$4,237	$4,237	$7,237	$7,237
Estimated Housing & Food Charges	On-Campus Housing—room and food/meal plan	$7,030	$7,030	$7,030	$7,030
Health Insurance Fee*	Can be waived with proof of coverage	$815	$815	$815	$815
Marauder Book Fee**	**Can be waived; covers all books and course codes	$360	$360	$360	$360
Estimated Annual Cost	Both fall and spring semesters combined	**$24,884**		**$30,884**	

*** Health Insurance:** Students MUST provide proof of health insurance or obtain coverage through the University.

**** Marauder Book Fee:** Covers access to all books and course codes. Usually exceeds this amount if purchased individually.

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AY25-26 NEW ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS
TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

Students must have a minimum of 31 credit hours to be considered for the Transfer Scholarship.

Maximum Scholarship award with a transfer of 31-60 credits.

Final GPA Range	Amount Per Semester	Annual Award
2.70 – 3.29 GPA	$500	**$1,000**
3.30 – 3.69 GPA	$1,000	**$2,000**
3.70 – 4.00 GPA	$1,500	**$3,000**

Maximum Transfer Scholarship award with an Associate Degree:

GPA Range	Per Semester	Annual Award
2.70 – 3.29 GPA	$1,000	**$2,000**
3.30 – 3.69 GPA	$1,500	**$3,000**
3.70 – 4.00 GPA	$1,750	**$3,500**

NOTE: This cannot be combined with the Honors Transfer Scholarship but can be combined with other institutional aid *(including performance-based scholarships such as Athletics, Band, Choir, Etc.)*

HONORS TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

To be considered you must be admitted into the Honors College (application required).

If accepted, the Honors Transfer Scholarship amount is awarded based on GPA.

Final GPA Range	Amount Per Semester	Annual Award
3.50 – 3.69 GPA	$1,250	**$2,500**
3.70 – 4.00 GPA	$1,750	**$3,500**

Maximum Honors Transfer Scholarship award with an Associates Degree:

Final GPA Range	Amount Per Semester	Annual Award
3.50 – 3.69 GPA	$1,750	**$3,500**
3.70 – 4.00 GPA	$2,000	**$4,000**

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