



State Grants & Scholarships

When paying for college, students at Ohio public institutions of higher education have a number of ways to lower the cost of sticker price tuition. One way is to secure a financial aid package offered by the State of Ohio. Grants and scholarships are awards that directly lower students' out-of-pocket education costs, and generally do not have to be repaid. Loan repayment programs can help to repay some or all a qualifying graduate's educational loans. The State of Ohio invests significant resources in a wide array of these programs so that immediate cost-savings are available to students at Ohio public institutions.

State financial aid is awarded based on several factors including areas of study (such as teaching, science, engineering, technology, math and medicine), academic merit, financial need, military status, and more.

Learn more by exploring the state program webpages (listed below) or click this QR code:



CHOOSE OHIO FIRST - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/COF

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship is designed to strengthen Ohio's competitiveness within science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines and to increase the number of STEM teachers.

COLLEGE ADOPTION GRANT - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/adoption-grant

The College Adoption Grant provides a one-time award to students who were adopted after January 1, 2023, and choose to attend a qualifying college or university in the state of Ohio.

FINANCIAL AID FOR VETERANS - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/education-for-veterans

Ohio provides financial aid and other resources for students who are active service members, veterans, and sometimes their family members as well. It also helps connect students with financial aid resources through the Federal GI Bill or state-based initiatives.

GOVERNOR'S MERIT SCHOLARSHIP - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/GMS

The Governor's Merit Scholarship (GMS) is designed to incentivize Ohio's top graduating high school seniors to attend a college or university in the state.

GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/GYO

The Grow Your Own Teacher Scholarship Program is designed to help school districts across Ohio recruit their own students and staff to become teachers within the district. Recipients of the Grow Your Own Scholarship agree to teach for a minimum of four years at their home school district in exchange for a scholarship of up to four years.

NURSE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM (NEALP) - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/NEALP

The Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP) provides financial assistance to Ohio students enrolled for at least half-time study (or accepted for enrollment) in an approved Ohio nurse education program. NEALP provides funding for nurses who intend to serve as instructors or students who intend to serve as nurses after graduation.

OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT (OCOG) - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/OCOG

The Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) provides financial assistance to Ohio residents with demonstrated financial need as determined by the results of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

OHIO HIDDEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/hidden-heroes

The Ohio Hidden Heroes Scholarship Program will enable eligible caregivers who attend participating Institutions of Higher Education to receive additional funding towards tuition, fees, and books, as well as assist with credit transfers and gaining additional credits based on the caregiver's experience, if applicable.

OHIO SAFETY OFFICERS COLLEGE MEMORIAL FUND - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/OSO

The Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund provides financial assistance to a child, spouse, or qualified former spouse of peace officers, firefighters, and certain other safety officers who are killed in the line of duty anywhere in the United States. It also provides financial assistance to the children and spouses of a member of the armed services of the U.S. who has been killed in the line of duty during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or a combat zone designated by the President of the United States.

OHIO WAR ORPHAN & SEVERELY DISABLED VETERANS' CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP (WOS)

- **HigherEd.Ohio.gov/WOS**

The Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship (WOS) program provides financial assistance to the children of veterans killed in combat or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

OHIO WORK READY GRANT (OWRG) - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/work-ready

The Ohio Work Ready Grant (OWRG) provides funding to Ohio residents who demonstrate the highest levels of financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Eligible students must be enrolled in a qualified program at an Ohio community college, an Ohio technical center, or a state university branch campus.

SECOND CHANCE GRANT - HigherEd.Ohio.gov/second-chance

The State of Ohio further strengthened its commitment to assisting students in attaining a degree or credential through the establishment of the Second Chance Grant. The objectives of the Second Chance Grant are to reduce financial barriers preventing Ohioans with some college credit but no bachelor's degree from returning to higher education and to increase the number of Ohioans with a degree or credential.



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