

Scholarship and Award Programs

Every student who is admitted to Concordia University Chicago receives either a merit scholarship or admission award provided by the University. Admitted students are also eligible for need-based financial aid, which includes federal loans (Stafford Loans), federal grants (Pell Grant) and state grants (Illinois MAP awards - for Illinois residents only).

Freshman Admission Merit Scholarships

- Based upon academic achievement measured by ACT/SAT test scores and high school GPA.
- Scholarship values:
 - **Pillars Scholarship** **\$13,500**
 - **Regents Scholarship** **\$12,500**
 - **Faculty Scholarship** **\$11,000**
- Renewable for four years of consecutive full-time enrollment.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75.

Freshman Admission Awards

- Offered to students who are not eligible for merit scholarships.
- Based upon academic achievement measured by ACT/SAT test scores and high school GPA.
- Awards vary from **\$4,500 to \$6,500**.
- Renewable for four years of consecutive full-time enrollment.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00.

The Church Professional Grant

- Tuition assistance award of **\$2,000**.
- Available to members of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (LCMS) who intend to pursue a church profession upon graduation from Concordia University Chicago.
- Renewable for up to four years **with annual verification of intent to pursue a church profession**.

The Music Scholarship

- Performance-based scholarship awarded to students demonstrating exceptional musical talent.
- Recipients must participate in music activities.
- Auditions are typically scheduled in February of each year.
- Scholarship awards vary and are renewable for four years.

The President's Honors Scholar Award

- Full-tuition merit scholarship with a **current value of \$23,918**.
- Up to five academically outstanding first-year freshmen are selected for the University's most prestigious award.
- Scholarship competition is by invitation only to students with a minimum 30 ACT composite or SAT of 1310 and a GPA of 3.75 after no less than six semesters of coursework or designation as a National Merit Semifinalist.
- Recipients participate in the Honors Program and must maintain an annual GPA of 3.75 for continued eligibility.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

- **\$2,000** renewable scholarship awarded to students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa.
- Verification of membership must be provided on the official college transcript.

Lutheran Servant Award

- **\$500** is awarded to incoming freshmen who have a parent or guardian employed full-time in a recognized LCMS affiliated school, church or agency.
- This award is to honor and recognize the service and support parents and guardians provide to Lutheran organizations.
- Renewable for up to four years upon verification of parent's/guardian's employment.

Transfer Admission Merit Scholarships

- Based upon academic achievement measured by the combined GPA from all transfer institutions.
- Scholarship values:
 - **Pillars Scholarship** **\$11,000**
 - **Regents Scholarship** **\$10,500**
 - **Faculty Scholarship** **\$9,500**
- Renewable for four years of consecutive full-time enrollment.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75.

Transfer Admission Awards

- Offered to students who are not eligible for merit scholarships.
- Based upon the combined GPA from all transfer institutions.
- Awards vary from **\$3,500 to \$8,500**.
- Renewable for four years of consecutive full-time enrollment.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00.

Business Enterprise Award

- **\$1,000** per year is awarded to transfer students in the College of Business who intend to pursue a bachelor's degree in a business program.
- Renewable as the student advances to the next academic level.

The Alumni Grant

- **\$500** per year is awarded to new students whose mother or father graduated from Concordia University Chicago.
- Renewable for up to four years of consecutive full-time enrollment, excluding summer term.

The Lutheran High School Award

- Freshmen and transfer students who graduated from an LCMS high school are considered for this award of **up to \$1,000**.
- Eligibility for this award is based upon financial need.
- A FAFSA must be completed to determine eligibility.