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Concordia University Chicago

AWARDS FOR THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

## Scholarships and Awards at CUC

Information for Traditional Undergraduate Enrollment

All students admitted to CUC receive either a **merit scholarship** or **award**. 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).

Scholarship/Award	Value	Eligibility	Requirements
<b>FRESHMAN Merit Scholarship/Award</b>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshmen</li> <li>Based on high school GPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain good academic standing</li> </ul>
<b>FRESHMAN Leadership Scholarship</b>	\$5,000 - \$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership participation</li> <li>Based on high school GPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain good academic standing</li> </ul>
<b>President's FRESHMAN Honor Scholar Award</b>	Current Value of \$33,310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship competition is by invitation only</li> <li>Freshmen with minimum high school GPA of 3.75 or designation as National Merit Semifinalist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-tuition award up to 18 credits per semester</li> <li>Participate in CUC Honors Program and maintain annual GPA of 3.75</li> </ul>
<b>FRESHMAN Church Pro Leadership Award</b>	\$6,000 - \$11,000 in addition to earned Freshman Merit Scholarship/Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LCMS freshmen pursuing a church profession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide annual verification of intent to pursue a church profession by the congregation pastor</li> </ul>
<b>Music Scholarship</b>	Awards Vary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshmen and transfer students demonstrating musical talent and potential</li> <li>Performance auditions annually in Nov. and Feb.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in music activities at CUC</li> <li>Need not major in music</li> </ul>
<b>Lutheran Servant Award</b>	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshmen and transfer students who have a parent or guardian employed full-time in a recognized Lutheran affiliate school, church or agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide annual verification of employment of parent or guardian</li> </ul>
<b>Lutheran High School Award</b>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshmen and transfer students who graduated from a Lutheran high school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of graduation from a Lutheran high school</li> </ul>
<b>Trailblazer Award</b>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshmen and transfer students</li> <li>First-generation college students</li> </ul>	
<b>Alumni Award</b>	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshmen and transfer students whose mother or father graduated from CUC</li> </ul>	
<b>TRANSFER Merit Scholarship/Award</b>	Range from \$6,000 - \$15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer students</li> <li>Based on combined GPA from all transfer institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain good academic standing</li> </ul>
<b>TRANSFER Leadership Scholarship</b>	Up to \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership participation</li> <li>Based on combined GPA from all transfer institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain good academic standing</li> </ul>
<b>TRANSFER Church Pro Leadership Award</b>	Up to \$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer students intending to pursue a church profession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide annual verification of intent to pursue a church profession</li> </ul>
<b>Phi Theta Kappa TRANSFER Scholarship</b>	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa, as verified on official college transcript</li> </ul>	
<b>President's TRANSFER Scholarship for Community College Graduates</b>	Full-tuition value of \$33,310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship competition is by invitation only</li> <li>Transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa, as verified on official college transcript</li> <li>College GPA of 3.80</li> <li>Must have earned A.A. or A.S. degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-tuition award up to 18 credits per semester</li> <li>Participate in CUC Honors Program and maintain annual GPA of 3.75</li> </ul>

*The above information regarding scholarships and awards is for new students enrolling in the 2021–2022 academic year. International students may contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission to learn about possible scholarship opportunities.*

# Financial Aid Timeline for New CUC Students

## NOTE!

Be sure to file your FAFSA as soon as possible beginning **October 1** so that you may be awarded all the aid for which you are eligible.

*For students enrolling at Concordia University Chicago for the fall semester:*

### SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

- Complete the admission process for acceptance to CUC.
- Secure any local scholarship forms and apply according to individual deadlines.
- Beginning **October 1**, your family may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the upcoming academic year. **Illinois students should file the FAFSA before December 1 to be considered for the MAP grant.**
- Apply for financial assistance by completing the FAFSA and submitting to the federal processor; log on to [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to complete your FAFSA. List Concordia University Chicago as your college of choice. CUC's FAFSA school code is **001666**.

### DECEMBER

- Receive notification of your financial aid eligibility and award letter.

### JANUARY – APRIL

- Let CUC know of any scholarships or grant awards received from private sources.
- Sign and return your financial aid award letter as soon as possible.
- Send in enrollment and housing deposits to CUC.
- Sign up for a tuition payment plan** (interest-free monthly installments).

### MAY

- May 1 – National Candidate Reply Deadline. Submit your enrollment deposit indicating your intent to enroll at CUC.
- Notify the Office of Financial Aid of any changes in your housing plans and/or family financial circumstances.

### JUNE – JULY

- June 1 – Submit all required documents to complete your financial aid file.
- Attend a Jump Start orientation session at CUC and register for classes.
- Deadline to electronically sign and submit Direct Loan Master Promissory Notes and confirmation of Loan Entrance Counseling.

### Annual Tuition and Fees\*

Tuition \$33,310

Required Fees \$1,000

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**Total (commuter) \$34,310**

Room and Board\*\* \$10,430

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**Total \$44,740**

\* Tuition and Fees stated are for 2021–2022.

\*\* Basic Room and Board Plan rate for residential students. Based on standard two-person room occupancy.

## Online Resources

**Student Guide to Federal Aid**  
(federal government info):  
[ed.gov/finaid](https://ed.gov/finaid)

**FAFSA on the Web:**  
[fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

**FAFSA en Español:**  
[fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

Seleccionar español arriba en la esquina de la mano derecha.

**Financial Aid Information**  
(info on scholarships and grants, consumer tips for parents/students):

[finaid.org](https://finaid.org)  
[studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)  
[isac.org](https://isac.org)  
[nasfaa.org](https://nasfaa.org)

**Scholarship Searches:**  
[fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com)  
[scholarshipamerica.org](https://scholarshipamerica.org)



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