

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS at CUC

AWARDS FOR THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

All traditional undergraduate 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 |
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| FRESHMAN Merit Scholarship/Award | \$5,000 - \$15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen Based on high school GPA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain good academic standing |
| FRESHMAN Leadership Scholarship | \$5,000 - \$10,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership participation Based on high school GPA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain good academic standing |
| President's FRESHMAN Honor Scholar Award | Current Value of \$35,200 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship competition is by invitation only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-tuition award up to 18 credits per semester Participate in CUC Honors Program and maintain annual GPA of 3.75 |
| FRESHMAN Church Pro Leadership Award | \$6,000 - \$11,000 in addition to earned Freshman Merit Scholarship/Award | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCMS freshmen pursuing a church profession | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide annual verification of intent to pursue a church profession |
| Music Scholarship | Awards Vary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen and transfer students demonstrating musical talent Performance auditions annually in Nov. and Feb. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in music activities at CUC Need not major in music |
| LCMS Servant Award | \$500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen and transfer students who have a parent or guardian employed full-time in a recognized LCMS organization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide annual employment verification of parent or guardian |
| Lutheran High School Award | \$1,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen and transfer students who graduated from a Lutheran high school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of graduation from a Lutheran high school |
| Homeschool Award | \$1,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen and transfer students who are homeschool graduates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of homeschool graduation |
| Trailblazer Award | \$1,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen and transfer students who are first-generation college students | |
| Legacy Award | \$500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen and transfer students whose mother, father or grandparent graduated from CUC | |
| TRANSFER Merit Scholarship/Award | Range from \$6,000 - \$15,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer students Based on combined GPA from all transfer institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain good academic standing |
| TRANSFER Leadership Scholarship | Up to \$5,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership participation Based on combined GPA from all transfer institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain good academic standing |
| TRANSFER Church Pro Leadership Award | Up to \$6,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer students pursuing a church profession | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide annual verification of intent to pursue a church profession |
| Phi Theta Kappa TRANSFER Scholarship | \$2,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa, as verified on official college transcript | |
| President's TRANSFER Scholarship for Community College Graduates | Full-tuition value of \$35,200 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship competition is by invitation only Transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa, as verified on official college transcript College GPA of 3.80 Must have earned A.A. or A.S. degree | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-tuition award up to 18 credits per semester Participate in CUC Honors Program and maintain annual GPA of 3.75 |

The above information regarding scholarships and awards is for new students enrolling in the 2023-2024 academic year. International students may contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission to learn about possible scholarship opportunities.

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

For new students enrolling at **CUC** for the fall semester

September - November

- Complete the admission process for acceptance to CUC.
- 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** to complete your FAFSA. List Concordia University Chicago as your college of choice. CUC's FAFSA school code is **001666**.
- Secure any local scholarship forms and apply according to individual deadlines.

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.

TUITION AND FEES

2023-2024 Academic Year

Tuition \$35,200
Required Fees \$1,058
TOTAL (commuter) \$36,258

Room and Board* \$11,140
TOTAL \$47,398

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

FAFSA.GOV

OPENS OCTOBER 1!



Apply as soon as possible so that you may be awarded all the aid for which you are eligible.

ONLINE RESOURCES

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

FAFSA on the Web:
fafsa.gov

FAFSA en Español:
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
studentaid.gov
isac.org
nasfaa.org

Scholarship Searches:
fastweb.com
scholarshipamerica.org