

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

AT CENTRE COLLEGE



Centre awards a range of merit-based scholarships to recognize students with unusually strong records of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Typically, over 50 percent of the students in our applicant pool will receive a general merit scholarship. The table to the right lists available general merit scholarship amounts.

Applying is simple. All applicants who meet the deadlines for Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision admission are considered for merit awards. There are no additional applications to file. Early Action candidates who win awards are notified in late January. Winners in Regular Decision receive notice in mid-March. Early Decision candidates are notified before their commitment dates.

Evaluation is comprehensive. Centre does not use reductive formulas to evaluate candidates. There are no cut-offs. We carefully consider each applicant based on:

- Academic achievement (75 percent), judged by course selection, grades, rank in class (if available), test scores, essay, awards, recommendations, and honors.
- Extracurricular and personal accomplishments (25 percent), gauged by commitment, talent, and balance demonstrated in activities, and personal character as displayed through service, leadership, recommendations, essay, interview (recommended), and other personal contact.

Still competitive. Although academic credentials are not the only factors, successful merit scholarship candidates are usually above-average academically among our incoming first-year students. Here are a few characteristics of our most recent first-year students:

- ACT scores for the middle 50 percent range from 27 to 32 (superscored).
- More than 60 percent of those with a class rank came from the top 10 percent of their high school class.
- More than 80 percent graduated from the top 25 percent. Strong candidates at all levels must show accomplishments beyond academic achievements.

Only one part of the picture. Merit scholarships are not need-based awards and are not the only kind of "gift aid" available. A merit scholarship is often part of a larger financial aid package that includes several sources of aid. For example, 65 percent of this year's incoming class qualified for need-based financial aid and received an average aid award of \$27,200. In fact, 90 percent of students receive some combination of scholarship and/or financial aid.

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Scholarship Level	Amount Full Cost	% of Applicants
Faculty Scholarship	\$26,000	Top 10%
Colonel Scholarship	\$24,000	Top 20%
Founders Scholarship	\$22,000	Top 30%
Centre Award	\$17,000	Top 40%
Alumni Award	\$7,500	Top 50%

Brown Fellows Program. This premier scholarship recognizes 10 extraordinary incoming students who will be intellectual leaders on campus each year. In partnership with the J. Graham Brown Foundation, Centre offers each Brown Fellow a full-cost-plus renewable merit-based scholarship and enrichment program.

Grissom Scholars Program. Centre awards 10 full-tuition-plus renewable scholarships per class to first-generation college students with proven academic achievement, high moral character, and exceptional leadership potential.

Lincoln Scholars Program. Available to first-year applicants, the Lincoln Scholars Program offers 10 students, with the capacity and deep desire to change the world, a full-cost-plus scholarship and three summer enrichment experiences renewable for four years.

GSP/GSE/GSA scholarship guarantee. Admitted students who completed the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program, the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, or Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts who are in the top 10 percent of their high school class and have at least a 28 composite score on the ACT are guaranteed at least a Founders Scholarship in our general merit scholarship program.

State match scholarships. Centre will match state-sponsored merit scholarships for students from Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia with equivalent college-sponsored gift aid. However, these awards may be replaced by other Centre merit scholarships with a higher value.

Special programs and outside scholarships. Students selected as Centre Fellows and/or National Merit Finalists are guaranteed at least a Centre Award in our Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships sponsored by other agencies or community groups (including Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships) will typically be added to your Centre merit scholarship.

MORE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING ONLINE APPLICATIONS, IS AVAILABLE AT:

www.centre.edu/scholarships

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships related to talent and study require that you submit supplemental applications and/or supporting material to Centre by the stated deadlines in order to be considered. Selection for any special scholarship presumes admission to Centre. Scholarships are renewable for recipients' remaining three years at the College.

THE LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Language program recognizes students with advanced, high school study in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Mandarin, or Spanish who are likely to provide leadership in language study on our campus. Students should have experience in, and a commitment to, further personal development in language study. Majoring in a language is not required. Scholarships are valued up to \$5,000 per year and are awarded by the language faculty. Faculty interview is required.

NOTIFICATION: late March

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit Language Scholarship application and essay online by February 1.
- Finalists will be invited to interview with faculty members via Skype in February.

THE NEW HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP

The New Horizons Scholarship recognizes talented students from all backgrounds likely to provide campus leadership in an area of diversity. Up to 40 scholarships are awarded each year in the amount of \$26,000. Each scholarship also guarantees priority consideration for need-based aid (in an amount that covers up to the cost of Centre's comprehensive fee).

NOTIFICATION: late March

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit New Horizons Scholarship application online by February 1.
- Submit Centre Aid Form by January 15.
- Submit FAFSA by January 15.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP (MUSIC AND/OR DRAMA)

This program recognizes talented musicians, actors, and theater technicians. Applicants compete for Performing Arts Scholarships, valued up to \$5,000 per year. Students should have experience in, and a commitment to, further personal development in the musical or dramatic arts. Majoring in music or drama is not required. These awards require a separate application and audition or recording.

NOTIFICATION: late March

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit Performing Arts Scholarship application online by February 1.

- Schedule audition online after submitting application. Recorded auditions are also accepted.

THE BONNER SCHOLARSHIP

The Bonner Scholars Program recognizes students who are passionate about being civically engaged in their communities. Our program is comprised of a dedicated and diverse group of 60 students from all years of study who, in partnership with a network of nonprofit community partners in Danville and Boyle County, build the capacity of these organizations and our overall community to provide ever-greater opportunities for under-represented populations in need. Each Bonner Scholar receives a \$26,000 scholarship. Plus, \$5,000 total stipend for two summer internships, \$2,000 loan forgiveness award upon graduation, and up to \$500 senior year fund.

NOTIFICATION: late March

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit the Bonner Scholars Application online by February 1.
- Submit Centre Aid Form and FAFSA by January 31.
- Bonner Scholarships are reserved for students who demonstrate significant financial need.

FAQ ABOUT CENTRE'S SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

May I apply for more than one Special Scholarship? Yes.

However, because these scholarships include on-going participation requirements, recipients will be limited to, at most, recognition in two programs.

Will I be considered for a Special Scholarship even if I am recognized with a Merit Scholarship? Yes. Faculty recommendations for Special Scholarships are made on the strength of your special scholarship application, interview or audition, and likely contribution to the community.

NOTE: *The New Horizons and Bonner Scholarships replace previously awarded general merit scholarships and do not "stack" onto a general merit scholarship.*

What are Special Scholarships worth? Language and Performing Arts scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 (\$2,500 for students who are also recognized in our general merit scholarship program; \$5,000 for students who are not recognized in our general merit scholarship program). The value of the New Horizons scholarship and Bonner scholarship supersedes the value of any scholarship a student receives as part of our general merit scholarship program. For students who also apply for financial aid, any special scholarship recognition will count toward meeting institutionally determined need.

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