

Merit Scholarships

at Centre College

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

Broad program. Typically, about 50 percent of the students in our applicant pool will receive a merit scholarship. The table to the right lists available awards and levels.

Applying is simple. All applicants who meet the deadlines for Early Action, Regular Decision or Early 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 complex. 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, test scores, essay, recommendations, honors, and awards.
- 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, 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 26 to 31.
- 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, 70 percent of this year's incoming class qualified for need-based financial 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	Approx. Percentage of Applicants
Faculty Scholarship	\$21,500	Top 10%
Colonel Scholarship	\$19,000	Top 20%
Founders Scholarship	\$17,000	Top 30%
Centre Award	\$13,000	Top 40%
Alumni Award	\$5,000	Top 50%

Brown Fellows Program. This premier scholarship recognizes 10 extraordinary incoming students each year. In partnership with the J. Graham Brown Foundation, Centre offers each Brown Fellow a full-cost scholarship. Brown Fellows also receive faculty mentoring and financial support for individualized summer leadership projects. More information on the Brown Fellows Program, including the online application, is available at www.centre.edu/scholarships.

GSP scholarship guarantee. Admitted Governor's Scholars Program participants who are in the top ten 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 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. Centre has special programs for Governor's School for the Arts students, Centre Fellows, and National Merit Finalists; check with the Office of Admission for details. Scholarships sponsored by other agencies or community groups (including Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships) will typically be added to your Centre merit scholarship.

See next page for more information.

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Special Scholarships

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Special Scholarships relate to particular areas of study, talent, or accomplishment and require that you submit supplemental application(s) and/or supporting material to the College by the stated deadlines in order to be considered. Selection for any special scholarship presumes admission to the College. Scholarships are renewable for recipients' remaining three years at Centre.

Special Scholarships Checklist

More information on each scholarship as well as applications are available at www.centre.edu/scholarships.

The Language Scholarship

The Language program recognizes students with 4-5 years of 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 Jan. 15
- Schedule Faculty interview online when submitting application

New Horizons Scholarship

The New Horizons Scholarship recognizes talented students from all backgrounds likely to provide campus leadership in the area of diversity. Up to 40 scholarships are awarded each year in the amount of \$21,000. 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:

- Respond to personal statement on Special Scholarship website

- Submit New Horizons Scholarship application online by Jan. 15
- Submit Centre Aid Form by Feb. 15
- Submit FAFSA by Feb. 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. Up to 40 scholarships are awarded each 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 Jan. 15
- Schedule Audition online when submitting application

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Some General FAQ's About Centre's Special Scholarship Program

May I apply for more than one Special Scholarship? Yes. Students may submit applications to more than one special scholarship program. 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 Scholarship are made on the strength of your special scholarship application, interview/audition and likely contribution to the community.

Will I be considered for a Special Scholarship even if I accept an Early Decision offer of admission? Yes. Students who apply under the terms of our Early Decision program may also apply for a Special Scholarship. Early Decision aid awards will be revised to reflect any Special Scholarship recommendation but may not increase the value of your ED aid award. For students who receive grant assistance as part of their Early Decision aid award, the value of any Special Scholarship would replace the equivalent value of awarded grant assistance.

What are Special Scholarships worth? The monetary value varies. 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 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.

Will I be considered for other Centre scholarships and forms of aid even if I'm not recognized with a Special Scholarship? Yes. Special Scholarship applicants by virtue of their application to Centre will be considered for the full range of our general Merit Scholarship program. In addition, **all Special Scholarship applicants who complete the FAFSA and Centre Aid Form will be considered for need-based financial aid.**