

The Ohio State value

We invest in each other

Because of Ohio State's world-class faculty, global alumni network and leadership in many academic fields, students discover they continue to reap rewards from their Ohio State investment for many years after graduation. When you consider that Ohio State's tuition and mandatory fees are among the lowest in the Big Ten, what you have is a degree that carries an *exceptional* return on investment for many families.

Ohio State makes every effort to make a world-class education both accessible and affordable. By taking an innovative approach to accessibility and affordability -- a pillar of Ohio State's [Time and Change](#) strategic plan -- the university has created more pathways to college for more students, providing more opportunities critical for student success.

The Chronicle of Higher Education as first in the nation among flagship universities for efforts to control in-state tuition costs over the last decade recently ranked Ohio State.

College debt

In an era of rising costs and competition, Ohio State continues to be recognized for its efforts to keep a world-class education within reach of Ohio residents. [The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee](#) keeps in-state tuition, mandatory fees, housing and dining rates flat for four years for each incoming class of new first-year undergraduates on all campuses. Providing certainty about the costs allows Ohio students and families to confidently plan for the future.

Nearly 45 percent of Buckeyes obtain their undergraduate degrees with no debt at all.

Need-based aid

Ohio State President Michael V. Drake is committed to helping to meet the needs of Ohio families and reduce overall student debt. His vision: investing \$400 million by 2020 to lower the cost and improve the value of students' Ohio State education. Through administrative efficiencies and inventive financing strategies, Ohio State has created funding opportunities for thousands of students and families on all campuses.

The **President's Affordability Grant** provides up to \$2,250 in need-based financial aid to more than 16,000 middle- and lower-income in-state undergraduate students on all campuses.

The **Buckeye Opportunity Program** supports students from Ohio on all campuses who qualify for a Federal Pell Grant. Each recipient receives enough student financial aid to cover the full cost of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees. (90 percent of Pell recipients have an annual household income of \$50,000 or less.)

Many Pell eligible students have their tuition and mandatory fees covered through a combination of scholarships and federal, state, and institutional grants. For students whose aid falls short, Ohio State's **Buckeye Affordability Grant** bridges any gaps.

Land grant mission

Last year more than 1,500 Ohio State graduates were the first in their families to graduate from college. It is a number we are proud of, a reflection of Ohio State's long-standing role in providing Ohioans access to a college education.

The **Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship**, awarded to students who demonstrate both academic merit and financial need, recently was increased in value to provide the full cost of attendance (room, board, books and other costs) for four years for two students from each of Ohio's 88 counties. That's 176 students who are on track to graduate debt free.



Kiplingers Personal Finance

Basic costs

Tuition, room and board for incoming students
Estimated, 2018-2019 academic year

Freshmen 2018-19

Billed expenses	Ohio resident	Nonresident
Tuition (includes instructional and general fees)	Columbus: \$10,726 Regional campus: \$7,644 ATI: \$7,608	\$30,742*
Room and board	Columbus: \$12,434** Regional campus: Varies^ ATI: Varies^	12,434**

Merit-based scholarships

Rewarding academic achievement

For most awards, we consider academic achievement only. For others, financial need is also considered. International freshmen are not eligible for merit scholarships.

Ohio State's merit-based scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and are not guaranteed.

Award amounts and criteria are subject to change without notice.

How do I apply?

Freshmen admitted to the Columbus campus for autumn semester are automatically considered for most merit awards if we received their complete admission applications by our November 1 early action deadline. However, three scholarships require additional steps or have different deadlines - Eminence Fellows Program and Scholarship, Morrill Scholarship Program, Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship

- **National Buckeye Scholarship for non-Ohio residents**
- **Award amount:** \$13,500 (\$54,000 four-year value); can be combined with the Maximus, Provost or Trustees Scholarship.
- **Criteria:** Those considered are non-Ohio residents who rank in the top 25 percent of their graduating classes and have an ACT composite score of 29 or higher or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing + Math score equivalent of 1330 or higher.
- **How to apply for National Buckeye** - Applicants who meet the criteria and apply to the university by November 1 will automatically be considered.
- **Maximus, Provost and Trustees Scholarships**

	Maximus	Provost	Trustees
Annual award	\$3,000 (\$12,000 over four years)	\$2,000 (\$8,000)	\$1,000 (\$4,000)

Achievements of those considered:

Class rank	Top 3%	Top 10%	Top 20%
ACT composite	33 or higher	31 or higher	30 or higher

GRANTS

A grant is financial aid that does not have to be paid back. Grants can come from federal, state or university funds to undergraduate students who demonstrate a high financial need. Grants may include:

Federal

- [Federal Pell Grant](#): Offered through the Department of Education (need-based)
- [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants \(FSEOG\)](#): Administered directly by Ohio State's Student Financial Aid (need-based)
- [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education \(TEACH\) Grant](#)
- [Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants](#)

State of Ohio

- [Ohio College Opportunity Grant](#): Offered by the Ohio Department of Higher Education to Ohio residents (need-based)
- [Other state grants](#) that are offered to Ohio residents through the state of Ohio

The Ohio State University

- [President's Affordability Grant](#) (need-based)
- [Scarlet and Gray Grant](#): University-funded (need-based)
- [Freshman Foundation Program](#): University-funded (need-based)
- [Buckeye Affordability Grant](#): University-funded (need-based)