



Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Financial Aid Office is committed to helping find ways to make a college education affordable for Stark State students and their families.

We offer a variety of services and programs designed to help meet your educational expenses. Our staff is dedicated to making sure you receive your aid in a timely and efficient manner.

TYPES OF AID:

Grants are need-based financial aid from the federal and state government. Grants do not require repayment. Available grant programs include the Federal Pell Grant, the Federal SEOG and the Ohio College Opportunity Grant.

Loans are financial aid that must be repaid. Available loan programs include the Federal Stafford Loan and the Federal PLUS Loan (a loan for parents of dependent students).

Federal Work-Study is a form of financial aid paid to a student as wages from working.

Scholarships are funds provided by the College or outside contributors to students based on criteria determined by the donor.

Additional resources include assistance from public agencies as described on page two of this brochure.

The key to financing your education is to start planning early and to keep your options open. The more you know about how financial aid works, the better prepared you will be to pay for college.

Please read and complete the instructions and form contained in this brochure by the priority dates to insure service guarantees.

If you have any questions pertaining to the financial aid process, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 330-494-6170.

Financial Aid Office hours are:

Monday through Thursday – 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday – 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Summer hours – close at 3 p.m. Fridays

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for most financial aid programs is based on demonstrated financial need of the student, and/or the student's family and on registered credit hours.

For federal and state financial aid programs a student must:

- be a citizen, national or permanent resident of the United States. Certain persons in process of becoming citizens or permanent residents may also be eligible.

To be eligible for federal financial aid programs (Pell, FSEOG, Federal Work-Study, Federal Stafford Loan, Federal PLUS Loan), a student must also:

- be accepted by the College for admission and demonstrate the ability to benefit from the selected program of study.
- be enrolled in a degree or certificate program.
- meet the enrollment and attendance requirements for each program.
- comply with requirements concerning selective service registration.
- comply with requirements concerning submission of a Statement of Educational Purpose. This is included on the financial aid application (FAFSA).
- certify that you are not in default on any federal loan.
- certify that you do not owe a refund to any federal aid program. This includes grant overpayments resulting from withdrawing from class(es).
- maintain satisfactory academic progress as set forth in the Stark State College Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.

For Ohio programs (Ohio National Guard Tuition Assistance, War Orphans Scholarship, and Ohio College Opportunity Grant), the student must also:

- be a resident of Ohio (according to Ohio Law) for 12 consecutive months.
- be enrolled in an associate degree program. Students in certificate programs are not eligible.