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"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

--William Butler

Columbus State Community College
"think again"
Adult Student Scholarship

This scholarship, funded by Columbus State Community College, will help adults, like you, who thought they missed their chance to attend college. The one-year scholarship is worth up to \$1000 and will be used to pay tuition only.

Criteria

- You must be enrolled in any certificate or degree program at Columbus State Community College.
- You must take at least 6 credit hours per quarter.
- You must be a resident of Ohio for at least 12 months prior to the first quarter of attendance. Preference will be given to residents of Columbus State Community College's service area.
- You must not have a degree or have attended any college for at least one academic year. The scholarship funds will be evenly divided among individuals who have no college attendance history and those who have not attended any college since 2006-2007.
- You must be at least 25 years of age.
- Preference will be given to those applicants who demonstrate financial need. Columbus State encourages each applicant to complete the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is filed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Columbus State should be listed on the FAFSA with school code, 006867.

Scholarship Application Instructions

Fill out the application form on the flip side of this piece and attach a brief personal statement. Submit completed documents to:

Financial Aid Office ATTN: Scholarship Advisor Columbus State Community College P.O. Box 1609 550 East Spring Street Columbus, Ohio 43215	No fax copies will be accepted. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered so check materials carefully prior to submission.	Application Deadlines For 2008-09, submit your application by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 30, 2008 for Autumn 2008 classes• January 9, 2009 for Winter 2009 classes• April 6, 2009 for Spring 2009 classes
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**Think Again
Columbus State Community College Scholarship Application**

Personal Information

Name: _____ Cougar ID # _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Are you a resident of Ohio? _____ What month/year did you become a resident? _____

College Attendance History

____ I have not attended a college/university. ____ I have attended a college/university. (Complete college information below.)

College Previously Attended: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____

Additional Information

____ I have a high school diploma. Date of Graduation: _____

High School _____ City/State: _____

____ I have a G.E.D. Date of completion: _____

Location of program _____ City/State: _____

Program of study you plan to enroll in at Columbus State: _____

Employment History

Employer: _____

Position _____ Dates of employment: _____

Personal Statement

On a separate sheet, please describe your academic goals and how CSCC will help you achieve those goals (300 typed words or less).

CERTIFICATION (All Applicants Must Sign Below.)

I certify that the above information is accurate. I authorize the release of all application materials, including references, transcripts and financial need information to members of the scholarship selection committee. In the event that I am awarded a scholarship, this information may be released to the media and my academic transcript may be released to the scholarship sponsor (s).

Signature _____ Date _____

Welcome Back



Tuesday, September 30th,

11:30 am—1:30 p.m. & 4:00—6:00 pm

Outside on the Commons

FREE hot dogs, chips and Soft Drinks

Information tables for student organizations and resources on campus, a caricature artist, balloon artist, music and more!

A part of Welcome Back Week Activities including : Poster Sale (Sept 29th), Video Game Tournament (Oct. 1), and Music Video Making (Oct. 2nd)

Join in the Fun!!

Sponsored by the Department of Student Activities and Athletics

For More Information, Call 287-3656

Frequently Asked Questions on the Partial Payment Option for Students

What is the Partial Payment option to pay student fees beginning Autumn 2008?

Paying part of the total tuition balance due in smaller increments. It could also be paying for 1 class at a time. Taking the total due and splitting it into equal payments. For example, Mom and Dad can split the amount due in half; each can now pay at separate times prior to the Fee Payment Deadline.

Does the student need to "sign up" to participate in the Partial Payment option?

No. The Partial Payment option is not a payment plan. Partial payments for a given quarter can begin with the first day of registration for that quarter. Payment is due in full by the Fee Payment Deadline published in the Enrollment Guide.

Is there a minimum partial payment amount?

There is no minimum payment amount; just be aware that the entire balance MUST be paid by the Fee Payment Deadline listed in the Enrollment Guide.

How many times can a student make payments on their account?

There is no limit on the number of times someone can make a partial payment.

When is the final payment due?

The final payment is due five days before the quarter starts. This date is listed in the Enrollment Guide as the Fee Payment Deadline.

What method can the student use to make their payments?

The student can pay by the following methods: Cougar Web, Telephone Information Center, In-Person in the Cashier's office, or CATS.

How does the partial payment option work if the student has financial aid to pay their bill?

Partial payments can start being made as soon as registration is complete. Financial aid will still be disbursed 10 days prior to the beginning of the quarter. The student needs to verify that the disbursement covers the remainder of their fees before the Fee Payment Deadline listed in the Enrollment Guide.

What additional step should a student follow to use the partial payment option if the amount of financial aid available is not enough to cover their fees?

The student should verify that the disbursement covers the remainder of their fees before the Fee Payment Deadline listed in the Enrollment Guide.

What happens if the student makes a partial payment after the financial aid has been disbursed?

Any overpayment will be disbursed by Direct Deposit (if the student has submitted Bank information), or to credit card, if one was used, or by check. This would follow the standard refund process.

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Are partial payments accepted after the published Fee Payment Deadline?

After the Fee Payment deadline, partial payments will not be accepted for any late registrations or re-registration activity. This is due to the volume of activity during these rush periods and the short time period until the next drop for non-payment date.

How are refunds to the student made after the drop for non-payment date and they continue to register for classes?

Refunds will be processed under current practices. Refunds for students with financial aid will be processed after the 9th day of classes each quarter. Refunds for students without financial aid will be processed 30 days after the start of the quarter.

How does the student get their refund if they decide to drop their classes and not attend the quarter after making payments?

Refunds will be processed under current practices. Refunds for students with financial aid will be processed after the 9th day of classes each quarter. Refunds for students without financial aid will be processed 30 days after the start of the quarter.

Can a student use the partial payment option if they owe a previous/past due balance to Columbus State Community College?

No, any balance due for a prior quarter must be paid in full in order for any restrictions to be removed. Payments can be made to CSCC on the previous balance unless the balance has been referred to the Ohio Attorney General for collection.

AUTUMN QUARTER IMPORTANT DATES

September 24 - December 13, 2008

Registration begins.....July 28
Fees are due for full term classes.....September 19
Autumn, 2008 Petition to Graduate Deadline.....October 3
Columbus Day—Campus Closed.....October 13
Winter Quarter Registration Begins.....October 27
In-Service Day, Offices Closed, No Day Classes.....October 29
Veteran’s Day—Campus Closed.....November 11
Last Day to drop from full-term classes.....November 25
Thanksgiving Holiday—Campus Closed.....November 27-30
Graduation Ceremony.....December 12

Not Your Childhood Library!

By Linda Roberts
Reference Librarian, Columbus State Community College



Welcome to the world of higher education! As an adult student, your head is probably spinning, trying to meet all of the demands on your time...resolving schedule conflicts, working a full-time job, caring for your family **AND** you need to write a research paper using three scholarly resources, none of which can come from the Internet. Where do you start?

Start with the LIBRARY!

At Columbus State Community College (CSCC), the library occupies two levels of the Educational Resources Center (ERC), located in Columbus Hall. The library at Columbus State is not the library you remember from your childhood where most of the information came from books and everyone had to be quiet. The CSCC library is a dynamic place where students come to meet, study, work together and find information in many formats, print as well as electronic. Because about 2/3 of the student population at CSCC is considered "adult students" (age 20-40+), the library works hard to serve the unique needs of this population.

The library is open seven days per week during the school year and is also open limited hours during break. On Monday through Thursday, the library is open from 7:30am-10:00pm to accommodate varying schedules. On Friday, the hours are 7:30am-6:00pm; Saturday hours are 9:00am-4:00pm and Sunday hours are 1:00pm-5:00pm. There are 27 student computers available on Level 1 of the ERC which are internet accessible as well as loaded with the most recent Microsoft Office products (2007). In addition, the ground floor level of the ERC is a 30-station open computer lab. The Information and Technology Support Center/Help Desk is also located on this Level. The whole building is wireless, so many students bring their own laptops. If you don't own a laptop, there are several available for loan at the Circulation Desk.

If you need a quiet place to study, Level 2 of the ERC is considered the "Quiet Zone". There are also four private study rooms for individual or group use.

By far the most important feature of the CSCC library is the **Reference Librarian**. Many adult students have been away from an educational environment for several years. Maybe you've forgotten (or maybe never knew) how to do research using online research databases, how to write a citation in MLA format, or how to find exactly what you need in the library catalog. The librarians can work with you on a one-on-one basis to help you become more comfortable in the highly technical environment of the academic library. Librarians are available on Level 1 of the ERC at all times when the library is open. They may also be reached by phone (287-2460) during library hours, e-mail (refdesk@csccl.edu) and through a live chat option called "Know It Now Academic". The librarians also conduct library orientation classes, provide "Quick Guide" handouts on topics frequently needed by students, and have designed web tutorials so you can learn how to use library resources at your own pace anywhere internet access is available.

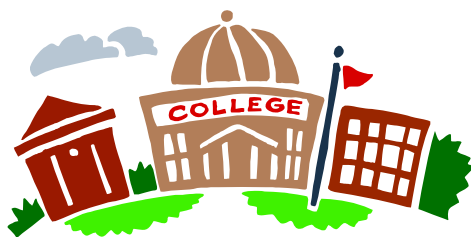
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The CSCC library is a member of OhioLink – a consortium consisting of 90 colleges and libraries in Ohio. Not only can you borrow materials from the Columbus State Library, but you also have access to the millions of items available in those libraries. It takes about 3 days for an item to arrive from another library and you only need your Cougar ID to check it out.

While the library is a wonderful place, sometimes you just don't have time to get there. Good news! The library catalog and all of the research databases are available from any computer with internet access. Just go to the Columbus State home page (www.csccl.edu), select Library (ERC) under Student Quick Links and you will be taken to the ERC Home page. From there, you have access to the catalog, databases, tutorials and information about ERC services.

SO...convenient hours, computer access, quiet study, on-the-spot personal assistance with research, access to millions of library items and accessibility anywhere there is internet available. What are you waiting for? The Columbus State Educational Resources Center is the place to go for all of your learning needs. Hope to see you at the library!!

COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR



Thursday, November 6th
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Location: Nestor Hall, Main Floor

Are you considering transferring to a 4-year school after Columbus State? Here is your chance to “shop around” for a college without leaving campus. You will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from over fifty 4-Year Colleges to ask questions about the transfer process, requirements for your major, and application deadlines. **Call 287-2668 for more information.**

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*“To conquer fear is the
beginning of Wisdom.”*

-Bertrand Russell

The **Adult Learner Connection** is a creation of Advising Services / Laura Huston-Hoburg, Counselor at Columbus State Community College. For more information please call 287-5023, or stop by Aquinas Hall, Room 116.