

URGENT: New Central State Global Union Program FAQs

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Greetings CSU Global Student:

We wanted to follow-up with you to provide answers to some frequently asked questions on the changes to the Career Plus/Union Free College program.

We sincerely regret the need to make the decision to end the Career Plus/Union Free College program after the current Spring 2023 Term. The Department of Education provided guidance that Central State University can no longer offer the program as originally structured (as a completely no-cost program for all students). As a result, we needed to move in a new direction. Beginning with the Summer 2023 term, we will offer a new program called the Central State Global Union Program, offered in partnership with Union Plus, the AFL-CIO's member benefits program. This new program offers a variety of scholarships and grants to reduce the out-of-pocket costs for students with the goal of making your continued attendance at CSU as affordable as possible.

Please check your official CSU inbox regularly and read the below FAQ's and reach out to us if you have any questions.

New Central State Global Union Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Career Plus/Union Free College program changing?

The Department of Education provided guidance that Central State University can no longer offer the program as originally structured as a completely no-cost program for all students. Instead, Central State University will provide a variety of scholarships and grants to reduce the out-of-pocket costs for students with the result that some students may be required to make an out-of-pocket contribution while others may still be able to attend for minimal cost.

I am currently enrolled at Central State as a Career Plus/Union student under the Free College Program, do I need to apply for the Central State Global Union Program?

No, all currently enrolled Career Plus/Union students do not need to re-apply. To learn the specifics on what financial aid may be available to you, please contact Central State's Financial Aid office at: jchristman@centralstate.edu OR mddedor@centralstate.edu.

Note, all currently enrolled Career Plus/Union students were emailed information about the new Central State Global Union Program in March, which included an explanation of the tuition, fees, and scenarios for, grants, scholarships and financial aid. Please be sure you are using your official CSU email and check regularly.

Will students still receive the Student Success Grant?

The Student Success Grant that was offered to Career Plus/Union students is now called the **Central State Global Grant**. The Grant is a need-based financial award calculated and awarded to make up the difference between tuition and fees and the maximum Pell award amount.

For example: If a Pell-eligible student receives \$1,000 in Pell and the tuition/fees are \$1,770, then the student would receive a \$770 Central State Global Grant. If a student is non-Pell eligible and they had tuition charges of \$4,800 they would receive \$1,352 to bring their balance down to the maximum full-time Pell amount.

Based on GPA the student may also be eligible for additional merit scholarships.

Who is eligible for the Central State Global Grant?

The eligibility requirements will not change. You must be a member of a qualifying union or the immediate family member of a qualifying union member. Eligibility will be verified at the time of enrollment for those students receiving a Central State Global Grant.

I am Pell-eligible and will I have to pay an out-of-pocket expense?

Pell-eligible students will not see any changes in the program and will **not** have an out-of-pocket cost for tuition and most fees. The only fee Pell-eligible students will need to pay is a \$150 processing fee at the beginning of each semester, which will be an out-of-pocket expense.

I am not Pell-eligible and will there be scholarships available to offset the out-of-pocket expense?

Central State University is offering both the Central State Global Grant (non-merit-based) and several merit-based scholarships based on your GPA that will help offset the cost of attendance.

What merit-based scholarships are available?

The following merit-based awards, based on GPA, are available for Fall and Spring terms (per semester):

- Full-time - \$3,000 - 12-18 credit hours per semester
- Three-quarters time - \$2,250 -9-11 credit hours per semester
- Half-time - \$1,500 - 6-8 credit hours per semester
- Less than half-time - \$750 -5-1 credit hours per semester

Continuing Central State Global Upper Classmen* and new students transferring in with an associate degree are eligible for the following annual merit-based awards:

- 2.7 – 2.99 GPA – \$1,000
- 3.0 – 3.29 GPA – \$2,000
- 3.3 – 3.69 GPA – \$3,000
- 3.7 – 4.0 GPA – \$4,000

*Must have completed a minimum of thirty credit hours in the prior academic year.

Students transferring in with 31-60 credits are eligible for the following annual merit-based awards:

- 2.7 – 2.99 GPA – \$750
- 3.0 – 3.29 GPA – \$1,000
- 3.3 – 3.69 GPA – \$2,000
- 3.7 – 4.0 GPA – \$3,000

The following merit-based awards, based on GPA, are available for the Summer term:

Students enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours are eligible for the following merit-based awards:

- 3.5 – 3.75 GPA – \$500
- 3.76 – 4.0 GPA – \$750

How do I apply for Merit-Based Scholarships?

You do not need to apply for the Merit Based scholarships. The scholarship will be placed on your award package automatically based on your GPA.

Will I have to pay for books?

Students will NOT have to pay for books.

What are the tuition rates and fees for the new Global Union Program?

Fall and Spring Terms (per semester):

- In-state (Ohio) - \$295 per credit
- 12 – 18 Credits \$3,540*
- Out-of-State - \$400 per credit
- 12 – 18 Credits \$4,800*
- Processing fee per semester - \$150

*12-18 credit hours will be charged at a full-time rate of twelve credits. (i.e., a maximum of \$3,540 for in-state and \$4,800 for out-of-state students).

Summer Term:

- \$200 per credit hour (In and Out of state)
- Processing fee per semester - \$150

What bachelor's degree programs are eligible for Central State Global Union Grant?

- Business Administration - Management Concentration
- Criminal Justice
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Education Studies
- Primary PK-5 Teacher Licensure Program
- Intervention Specialist (Mild/Moderate - K12) Teacher Licensure Program

How do I apply for Federal Aid (Pell Grant / Federal Loans)?

You will need to go to studentaid.gov, log in, and complete your **22/23** FASFA (for summer) and the **23/24** FASFA (for Fall) using the school code **003026**.

How do I know if I am Pell eligible?

You will be able to see your award summary in the self-service portal under financial aid.

Can I use student loans to assist with any out-of-pocket expenses?

Yes, loans are available to those who submit a FAFSA and qualify. If you do plan to use loans, the Department of Education requires that you be enrolled in a minimum of twelve credit hours per fall and spring semester or six credit hours per 8-week enrollment term.

How do I apply for Federal loans?

Once packaging begins, we will have an application available that can be filled out after the FAFSA is completed.

Once the Application is done, please go to studentaid.gov and complete the Master Promissory Note and the Entrance Counseling.

How do I submit payments?

You can submit your payments by following the link below.

<https://mycollegepaymentplan.com/centralstate>

What is the difference between a semester and an enrollment term?

A semester is 16 weeks long. An enrollment term is offered in two 8-week sessions. Students in the Union programs typically enroll in 8-week sessions but can enroll in a 16-week semester.

Who do I contact with questions about financial aid?

Contact Central State's Financial Aid office at: jchristman@centralstate.edu or mdedor@centralstate.edu.

Who is offering the Central State Global Union Program?

This program is offered as part of a partnership agreement with Union Plus, the AFL-CIO's member benefits program, and Central State University.

If you have questions for Union Plus about this program, please email help@unionplus.org.

Central Global Grant Scholarships and Financial Aid

<i>STUDENT A</i>	<i>STUDENT B</i>	<i>STUDENT C</i>	<i>STUDENT D</i>	<i>STUDENT E</i>
Ohio Student Pell Taking 12 Credit Hours	Out-of-State Student Pell Taking 12 Credit Hours	Ohio Student NON-Pell Taking 12 Credit Hours Transfer with AS Degree CGPA 3.4	Out of State Student NON- Pell Taking 12 Credit Hours Transfer with AS Degree CGPA 3.4	Summer In and Out of State NON-PELL Taking 6 Credit Hours Transfer CGPA 3.8
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
Tuition/Fees \$3,540	Tuition/Fees \$4,800	Tuition/Fees \$3,540	Tuition/Fees \$4,800	Tuition/Fees \$1,200
Processing Fee \$150	Processing Fee \$150	Processing Fee \$150	Processing Fee \$150	Processing Fee \$150
Total \$3,690	Total \$4,950	Total \$3,690	Total \$4,950	Total \$1,350
Financial Aid Package	Financial Aid Package	Financial Aid Package	Financial Aid Package	Financial Aid Package
Pell Grant \$3,448	Pell Grant \$3,448	Merit Scholarship \$1,500	Merit Scholarship \$1,500	CSGG \$750
CSGG \$92	CSGG \$1,352	(\$3,000) per year	(\$3,000) per year	Total Funding \$750
Total Funding \$3,540	Total Funding \$4,800	CSGG \$92	CSGG \$1,352	
		Total Funding \$1,592	Total Funding \$2,852	
Out of Pocket	Out of Pocket	Out of Pocket	Out of Pocket	Out of Pocket
\$150	\$150	\$2,098	\$2,098	\$600
		(Includes processing fee)	(Includes processing fee)	(Includes processing fee)

CSU Global Scholarship and Financial Aid Contact: jchristman@centralstate.edu