



Be GREAT High School Grants Fact Sheet

Be Great Grants

- Are for low-income (Pell-eligible) students graduating from Cincinnati Public Schools who attend Cincinnati State on a full-time, degree-seeking basis
- The grants gaps between financial aid (federal and state aid, plus scholarships) and the cost of tuition and books, up to \$1,000 for tuition and \$1,000 for books

Need For These Grants

- 75 percent of the 14,500-plus students enrolled in CPS high schools are economically disadvantaged, according to data from the Ohio Department of Education.
- In 11 of the 15 CPS high schools for which data is available, that percentage soars to more than 98 percent economically disadvantaged.

Part of an effort to make college more accessible and affordable

- Cincinnati State is working closely with CPS to expand the College Credit Plus program, which allows high school students to earn college credits while still in high school, jumpstarting their education while further reducing the cost of earning a college degree. For example, students who earn 15 CCP credits would save \$2,230 in tuition at Cincinnati State.
- On Feb. 10, Cincinnati State and the University of Cincinnati announced a new transfer agreement through which students who are pursuing bachelor's degree can save more than \$13,000, enough to pay for a full year of tuition and books at UC.
- A low-income student who participates in CCP, attends Cincinnati State with a Be Great Grant and transfers to the University of Cincinnati could save \$18,000 - \$25,000 and possibly more while earning an associate and a bachelor's degree.

To apply for a Be Great grant, students and their parents or guardians must complete a Cincinnati State Admissions Application (free), and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Free FAFSA assistance available through Cincinnati State Educational Opportunity Center. For more information call 513-569-1470