

GC3SM GUIDE TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID



Greater Cincinnati
Collegiate Connection

Art Academy of Cincinnati
Athenaeum of Ohio – Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Chatfield College (including Over the Rhine Campus)
Cincinnati Christian University
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Gateway Community and Technical College
God's Bible School & College
Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science
Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion
Miami University (including Regional Campuses)
Mount St. Joseph University
Northern Kentucky University
The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Thomas More College
Union Institute & University
University of Cincinnati (including Clermont College and Blue Ash College Campuses)
Wilmington College (including Cincinnati Branch Campuses)
Xavier University

PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

While starting college may not be on the immediate horizon, it is important to plan for college now. It is never too early to begin the academic and financial preparation. Through this Guide, you (and those helping students) should be able to find everything needed to prepare for college, from 7th grade through 12th grade. In addition, the contacts and other information will provide access to area institutions and their academic programs.

The Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection (GC3), on behalf of its member institutions, is pleased to present the third edition of the GC3 Guide to College Admissions and Financial Aid. We hope this Guide will become an indispensable resource for students in Greater Cincinnati interested in college, plus counselors, teachers, parents, clergy, mentors, and anyone else interested in helping our young people be successful in their educational pursuits.

Some sources estimate that in the next century, approximately 75% of the available jobs will require some kind of post-secondary training, and the vast majority of those will require no less than a baccalaureate degree. Not only will postsecondary training help ensure job availability, but it has financial implications as well. **A person earning an associate's degree will likely earn 22% more than someone with a high school diploma, and a person with a bachelor's degree, over 83% more than one with a high school diploma** (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2014 Annual Social and Economic Supplement). According to the Income and Poverty in the United States: 2014 report of the same U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2014 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, the poverty rate for survey respondent 25 years of age or older with a high school diploma but with no college was 14.2 percent. The poverty rate for those 25 years of age or older with some college but no degree was 10.2 percent. Among people with at least a bachelor's degree, the poverty rate was 5.0 percent.

We hope you will find this Guide helpful. The member institutions of the Consortium are here to assist you in achieving your goals.

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KNOWING THE WORDS

It sometimes seems as though there is a whole new language when you start looking at college. To help you understand the words that are used, a number of them have been defined here.

Advanced Placement (AP) – Credit for introductory college courses based on demonstrated knowledge of content; student eligible to take the advanced course

ASSET/COMPASS – Tests for college-level English and math placement

Cincinnati National College Fair – Fall event at the Convention Center featuring representatives from area and national colleges and universities

College Entrance Examinations – Standardized tests needed to apply to many college programs; often given at test centers on specific test dates; often requires preregistration; examples include the following:

ACT (American College Test) – Test of English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. The ACT may include a writing component. Some institutions require the writing component while others do not.

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) – Practice test for the SAT test

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) – Test of verbal and mathematical abilities

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) – Credit for introductory college courses through exams

Early Decision – Application process well in advance of the normal spring application dates in which a commitment is made by the student that, if admitted, the student will enroll at that institution

Financial Aid – Grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans provided to help cover the cost of college

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Application for federal student financial aid; often used to apply for state and college aid as well; processed free of charge; available from high school and college offices or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov each January 1 for the upcoming year

Grade Point Average – Academic performance indicator

Grants – Need-based financial aid; not repaid

Job Shadowing – Spending time with someone at their worksite to see what their job involves; used to help in career decision making

Loan – Financial aid that has to be repaid, usually with interest; repayment often begins after college

Open Admission – All students who complete the application and have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent are admitted to the institution

PLAN – Tenth grade assessment program from ACT to help students improve college planning and preparation; contains academic tests, interest inventory, and study skills assessment

College Credit Plus (CCP) – Admitting students of superior ability into college courses and programs before they have completed the standard high school program

Rolling Admission – Applications are reviewed and decisions made throughout the year

Scholarship – Merit or need-based financial aid; not repaid

Transcript – Official record of high school or college courses and grades; generally required as part of the college application

Work-Study – Student employment program offered as part of a financial aid package

FINDING THE RESOURCES

You are not alone in your search for your future. Many organizations, agencies, companies and foundations exist to help you prepare for higher education. Local, state, and national resources available to today's students are abundant. While just a few are listed here, you can find additional resources through a guidance counselor, your local library, or the Internet.

ACT – ACT, Inc., is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services. They can help students in the broad areas of educational and career planning. [ACT](http://www.act.org) (www.act.org)

Cincinnati Youth Collaborative – The CYC helps students realize their full potential and become strong members of their community. CYC offers a variety of programs such as mentoring, tutoring, HOSTS, Taft Career Academics, Partners in Education, College Information Center, and Educational Talent Search. [Cincinnati Youth Collaborative](http://www.cycyouth.org) (www.cycyouth.org)

College Board – The College Board is a national association that provides resources to students, parents, and counselors regarding opportunities in higher education. The website offers information regarding college planning, tips for taking SAT/PSAT/NMSQT, searching for the right college, and paying for college. [College Board](http://www.collegeboard.com) (www.collegeboard.com)

Educational Testing Service (ETS) – ETS is a private educational organization responsible for such testing programs as AP (Advanced Placement) and CLEP (College Level Examination Program). It also conducts research on a variety of educational levels and issues. [Educational Testing Service](http://www.ets.org) (www.ets.org)

FastWeb – This website acts as a clearinghouse for applications to many colleges and universities as well as a central database of scholarship opportunities. [FastWeb](http://www.fastweb.com) (www.fastweb.com)

Mapping Your Future – Information on career planning, college selection and financial aid is clearly laid out on this website designed for middle and high school students and their parents. [Mapping Your Future](http://www.mapping-your-future.org) (www.mapping-your-future.org)

Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education – Established by the Ohio General Assembly in 1993, this consortium of 10 public colleges and universities within the 29 county Appalachian region of Ohio works to increase the level of education attained by residents in this region. [Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education](http://www.oache.org) (www.oache.org)

Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling – OACAC is a statewide organization serving high school guidance counselors, college admission representatives, and any other person or group interacting with students regarding access to post-secondary education. [Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling](http://www.oacac.org) (www.oacac.org)

Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators – OASFAA provides information to students, parents, and guidance counselors regarding the availability of financial aid resources within the State of Ohio. [Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators](http://www.oasfaa.org) (www.oasfaa.org)

Ohio Department of Higher Education– The Ohio Department of Higher Education have a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities. Working in partnership with Ohio's higher education community, the Regents lobby for higher education funding, promote the importance of a college education, and administer state aid programs. Ohio Department of Higher Education (www.ohiohighered.org)

Ohio TRIO –

Ohio TRIO is a community of professionals committed to helping students who want to achieve success in school and life. They work with TRIO programs that help participants prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Their participants come from low-income and working families and most will be members of the first generation in their family to attend college. [Ohio TRIO](http://www.ohiotrio.org) (www.ohiotrio.org)

Strive: Cincinnati - Northern Kentucky - Strive is a collection of community leaders representing the education, business, faith, nonprofit, philanthropic and civic sectors of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky who are committed to providing a world-class education to every child in the urban core of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. [Strive: Home](http://www.strivetgether.org) (www.strivetgether.org)

FINDING THE RESOURCES (cont.)

Tech Prep Consortium of Southwest Ohio – College Tech Prep combines the best of college prep and advanced technical education to create a high school and college pathways to high tech career success. Programs focus on biotechnology, health, engineering, automotive, business and information technologies. [Greater Cincinnati Tech Prep](http://www.techprepswohio.org) (www.techprepswohio.org)

Urban League of Greater Cincinnati – The Urban League offers a wide range of services designed to strengthen the African American community at all levels including education. [Urban League of Greater Cincinnati](http://www.gcul.org) (www.gcul.org)

U.S. Department of Education – The U.S. Department of Education provides students an easy gateway to government information. This website contains several printable documents that parents, students, and counselors can use as reference materials when planning for college.

[US Department of Education](http://www2.ed.gov/students/landing.jhtml) (<http://www2.ed.gov/students/landing.jhtml>)

COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM

If you're planning to go to college, it's important to take the right classes in high school. Giving yourself a strong base will prepare you for college courses that cover more material in less time than high school classes.

NOTE: Some colleges and universities may require fewer years in some subjects than we've recommended here, but for a strong preparation, the following coursework is recommended.

English (4 years required) – Taking college prep English throughout high school is required no matter what your college or career interest. This will give you the skills you'll need in areas of literature and writing.

Math (4 years) – Students who take math in each year of high school are far more successful in college than students taking only three years. Algebra and geometry form the foundation for the advanced math and science courses colleges want their students to take. Solid math coursework gives students the skills they need to succeed in college entrance exams, college classes, and their future careers.

Science (3 years of lab sciences) – Even if you don't plan to pursue a science-related field, these courses are recommended and will prove valuable in your college preparation as well as everyday life.

Social Studies (3 years) – These courses give you the ability to understand and contribute to the world in which you live.

Foreign Language (2 years) – Many colleges require their students to study a foreign language for at least two years, and some prefer three or four years of one language. Taking a foreign language shows colleges that a student is serious and willing to learn the basics. It also puts you a leg up for any future language studies. Increasingly, employers are also looking for foreign language skills as our world is becoming smaller and our communities more diverse.

Art (1 year of a visual or performing art) – Choose from classes where you study, create, or perform art, music, theater, or dance. Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience that broadens students' understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized that the arts contribute significantly to intellectual development.

Computer Science – Basic computer skills are now essential for your future in college and beyond. More and more jobs require at least a basic knowledge of computers. Take advantage of any opportunities your school offers to learn computer skills.

STEM - a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

A strong preparation goes beyond the basics laid out here. Many colleges will require students to meet certain curriculum standards depending on the chosen major. Also, just meeting the minimum is not necessarily the best way to prepare for college. You want to focus your time in college on college-level courses, not remedial ones designed to help you catch up or review high school level material.

A solid college prep curriculum means going beyond the minimum. There's no substitute for taking challenging courses and working hard.

TIPS FOR HELPING STUDENTS

Parents, guardians and other adults should be partners with the student when decisions are being made about high school course selection. The more involved you become in preparing the student's high school curriculum, the better.

1. Familiarize yourself with college and work requirements.
2. Explore the variety of courses offered at your high school.
3. Help gather information about careers of interest to the student and review the educational requirements for each career.
4. Discuss the classes preferred or requested by the student.
5. Contact the guidance office with any questions you may have about high school requirements and options. Guidance counselors can refer you to many reference and resource materials.

Your role is extremely important in setting a good example and monitoring your student's behavior. Daily attendance is a top priority for the student's success in high school, college, and employment. Insist that students be prepared for each day with completed assignments, appropriate school books, necessary fees/lunch money, and an openness to learning. Be proactive in the educational process and help create your student's future.

GETTING PREPARED

While you may not be starting college next year, it is important that you begin planning for college now. Remember, you can't begin academic and financial preparation too early.

The various tasks listed below, by grade level, are the most important things you can do to get prepared to apply for college your senior year. Ask adults at school, home or in your community to help you if needed. Review the list as you move through high school to make sure you are on track.

7th & 8th Grade

- Develop good study habits
- Establish good basic skills in reading, writing, math, and science
- Get involved in school and community activities
- Work with family on a financial plan for college
- Explore careers by job shadowing or interview someone you know
- Sign up for field trips to local colleges and universities
- Take advantage of local college programs for 7th and 8th graders

Freshman & Sophomore Year

- Become familiar with college entrance requirements
- Work with parents, teachers, and counselors to create a four-year high school curriculum plan to satisfy your goals and college entrance requirements
- Take courses at the most challenging level you can
- Continue exploring career options
- Consider taking college entrance exams such as ACT and PSAT/NMSQT

- Get involved in academic organizations, sports, and extracurricular and community activities

GETTING PREPARED (cont.)

- Start saving for college from part-time and summer jobs
- Talk with college students and graduates about their college experiences

In your final two years of high school, planning for college becomes even more involved. You will need to concentrate efforts as you near college and the decision making process.

Junior Year (Fall)

- Attend Cincinnati National College Fair
- Attend college nights and begin collecting information about colleges
- Identify college admissions requirements and application deadline dates
- Collect scholarship information for application requirements and deadline dates
- Continue taking academically challenging courses
- Find out about required entrance exams such as ACT and SAT
- Take PSAT or ACT test
- Review test results with counselor
- Register for spring ACT and SAT

Junior Year (Spring)

- Prepare for and take ACT and/or SAT
- Identify important factors in choosing a college (i.e., majors and programs offered, interests, talents)
- List colleges you are considering and collect information
- Visit colleges
- Select teachers, counselors, or employers who would be willing to write letters of recommendation to your college and to scholarship organizations in the fall of your senior year

Senior Year (Fall)

- Compile a list of activities, honors, and community service for applications
- Narrow your college choices, making visits to each (2 to 5 colleges is a good rule of thumb)
- Pick up Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from guidance office. Effective in 2017, the FAFSA will be available in October.
- Contact financial aid office of colleges you're considering to ask about college scholarships and deadlines
- Follow-up on scholarship resources collected during the junior year



- Get updated information on and apply for private scholarships

GETTING PREPARED (cont.)

- Apply early to colleges as some programs may be limited; pay attention to deadlines (usually December 1 - March 1)
- Determine if colleges you're considering have additional financial aid forms
- Retake ACT and/or SAT, if needed
- Have parents assist you with applying for financial aid as early as possible beginning in January of senior year
- Review financial aid packages offered by schools; talk with schools and understand fully the school's offer, your responsibilities for repaying any aid, and any remaining portion of your bill

Senior Year (Spring)

- Complete the FAFSA, available on line beginning January 1.
- Assess what aid sources are renewable and which are just for your first year
- Decide on the college that best meets your needs
- Apply for college housing, if applicable
- Notify all colleges of your decision by May 1, the National Candidates Reply Date

GC3 SCHOOLS

Though students from Greater Cincinnati do attend colleges and universities all over the U.S., many prefer to attend institutions in the local region. The member institutions of the Consortium collectively offer almost any kind of post-secondary program available. From short term certificate programs to associate, bachelor's, and graduate and professional degrees, students can study hundreds of different academic areas. For those who need or want to go to college locally, it's all here!

ART ACADEMY OF CINCINNATI

www.artacademy.edu

1212 Jackson Street • Cincinnati, OH 45202

The Art Academy of Cincinnati is an independent college of art and design. The Academy, with just under 200 full-time students, offers the four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Fine Arts and Communication Arts, an innovative Master of Arts degree in Art Education for art teachers, and a vast non-credit community education program.

Admissions: Priority Deadline - March 1.

Phone: 513-562-8740

Financial Aid Phone: 513-562-8751 or 800-323-5692

CHATFIELD COLLEGE

www.chatfield.edu

20918 State Route 251 • St. Martin, OH 45118

Chatfield College is a two-year, private, Catholic liberal arts college with its main campus in St. Martin, Ohio, and a Cincinnati branch in downtown, Cincinnati. The college offers an associate degree in a number of disciplines, as well as a third year of study toward the completion of the bachelor's degree.

Admissions: Rolling admissions.

Phone: 513-875-3344

Financial Aid: Federal, state, institutional financial aid programs for those who qualify.

Phone: 513-875-3958

OVER THE RHINE (OTR) CAMPUS

1544 Central Parkway • Cincinnati, OH 45202

Admissions Phone: 513-921-9856

Financial Aid Phone: 513-875-3958

CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

www.ccuniversity.edu

2700 Glenway Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45204

Cincinnati Christian University is a private, four-year college, and the Seminary provides graduate work. The primary mission of the College is to educate persons for church-related leadership vocations. It offers programs in ministry (children, youth, preaching, urban & international, general, Christian education), teacher education, music, and signing-interpreting, in addition to Biblical studies.

Admissions: Rolling admissions policy whereby candidates are notified within 7-10 days of completing the application process. Application deadline is August 10 for fall semester, December 10 for the spring semester.

Phone: 513-244-8141 or 800-949-4222 ext. 8141

E-mail: admissions@ccuniversity.edu

Financial Aid: Scholarship and priority deadline - May 1.

Phone: 513-244-8132 or 800-949-4222 ext. 8132

E-mail: financialaid@ccuniversity.edu

CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

www.cincinnati-state.edu

3520 Central Parkway • Cincinnati, OH 45223-2690

Cincinnati State is the only autonomous, comprehensive, state, two-year college in Hamilton County. Over 70 associate degree and certificate programs are offered in Arts & Sciences, Business, Health, Humanities, and Engineering Technologies. It offers a nationally acclaimed cooperative education program along with strong articulation agreements with area four-year institutions.

Admissions: Rolling admission policy whereby candidates are notified 7-10 days of completing the application process.

Phone: 513-861-7700

E-mail: adm@cincinnati-state.edu

Financial Aid: Priority deadline - February 15; Scholarship application deadline - April 1; Presidential Scholarship (Hamilton County) nomination letter due May 1. (NOTE: Students applying to all scholarships must be admitted by scholarship deadline dates.)

Phone: 513-569-1530

GATEWAY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

www.gateway.kctcs.edu

500 technology Way, Florence, KY 41042

As a member of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) offers a targeted education designed to meet the professional and personal goals of all Kentuckians. Gateway offers daytime, evening and weekend classes at four campus locations throughout Northern Kentucky. Gateway offers over 25 two-year associate degree programs and a variety of shorter certificates and diplomas in dozens of careers.

Admissions: 790 Thomas More Parkway, Edgewood, KY 41017

Students may be admitted to Gateway Community and Technical College as freshmen, as students with transfer credit from other institutions, as visiting students, or as non-degree students. Gateway admits students who have graduated from high school, who have earned a high school general equivalency diploma (GED), who are eligible to pursue a GED, or who are dually enrolled in high school and the college.

Phone: 859-442-1134

Financial Aid: 790 Thomas More Parkway, Edgewood, KY 41017

Gateway participates in both state and federal aid programs as well as having several scholarship opportunities for students. Please contact the financial Aid office for specific deadlines and eligibility requirements.

Phone: 859-442-1165

GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL & COLLEGE

<https://www.gbs.edu>

1810 Young Street • Cincinnati, OH 45202-6838

God's Bible School and College is an interdenominational Christian institution offering two year, four year and five year programs culminating in an Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Its fundamental goals center on preparing students to fill positions of Christian leadership in their respective ministries.

Admissions: Even though applications are accepted until the last day to add a class for that semester, applicants are encouraged to complete the process as early as possible. All applications and fees should be sent by July 1 for the fall semester and by December 1 for the spring semester.

Phone: 513-721-7944 ext. 1161

Financial Aid: God's Bible School & College participates in both state and federal aid programs as well as having several scholarship opportunities for students. Please refer to the Part 2 of the College Catalog for specific deadlines and eligibility requirements.

Phone: 513-721-7944 ext. 1161

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE www.gscollege.edu

375 Dixmyth Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45220

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science is a private, not for profit, institution of higher education serving the tri-state area. The college is a subsidiary of Tri-Health, Inc and Good Samaritan Hospital. The college provides nursing education in a catholic environment and awards the Associate of Arts in Nursing degree.

Admissions: Students are admitted in August and January. Admissions are rolling, based on the date all application materials are received. Students who apply for part-time study may be admitted at other times for selected courses.

Phone: 513-862-2743

Financial Aid: The GSC Financial Aid Scholarship Form is required of any student who wishes to be considered for an internal scholarship. The filing deadline for student admitted for August is June 1; the deadline for students admitted for January is December 1.

Phone: 513-862-2743

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

www.MiamiOh.edu

310 S. Campus Avenue • Oxford, OH 45056

Miami University is a selective, four-year public university located in Oxford, Ohio. It is one of only 21 public universities in the nation "that offer remarkable educational opportunities at a relatively modest cost," according to The Fiske Guide to Colleges 1999. Miami offers merit and need-based scholarships to first-year and transfer students, and the liberal arts foundation, 100+ majors and more than 475 student-run clubs and organizations offer a well-rounded education.

Admission: Early decision - November 15;
Early Action (February notification) - December 1;
Regular decision (March notification) - January 31.

Phone: 513-529-2531

E-mail: admission@MiamiOh.edu

Financial Aid: Student should file the FAFSA by February 15 for priority consideration for need-based aid. Students completing all application requirements by December 1 will receive priority consideration for all merit scholarships.

Phone: 513-529-8734

MIAMI UNIVERSITY REGIONALS

www.miamioh.edu.regionals

HAMILTON

1601 University Boulevard • 104 Mosler Hall • Hamilton, OH 45011

Miami University Hamilton is a state-assisted regional campus of Miami University. It offers beginning coursework for bachelor's degree programs, a variety of associate degree and certificate programs, bachelor's degree programs in engineering technology small business management, health information technology, information technology, integrative studies, civic & regional development, criminal justice, forensic investigation, forensic science, liberal studies and nursing, and graduate program in criminal justice.

Admission: Rolling admission.

Open admission to all first-time college students with a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Phone: 513-785-3111

Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.

Priority Scholarship deadline - February 15

Phone: 513-217-4111

MIAMI UNIVERSITY REGIONALS (cont)

MIDDLETOWN

4200 E. University Boulevard • Middletown, OH 45042-3497

Miami University Middletown is a regional, commuter campus of Miami University. It offers beginning coursework for bachelor's degree programs, a variety of associate degree and certificate programs, bachelor's degree programs in engineering technology small business management, health information technology, information technology, integrative studies, civic & regional development, criminal justice, forensic investigation, forensic science, liberal studies and nursing, and graduate program in criminal justice

Credits are also transferable to other colleges/universities.

Admission: Rolling admission.

Phone: 513-727-3216

Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.

Priority Scholarship deadline - February 15

Phone: 513-727-4111

WEST CHESTER (Voice of America Learning Center)

7847 VOA Park • West Chester, OH 45069

Located midway between Cincinnati and Dayton along I-75, the Voice of America Learning Center (VOALC) offers undergraduate and graduate courses and programs drawn from Miami Regionals and Oxford campuses.

Phone: 513-895-8862

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

msj.edu

5701 Delhi Road • Cincinnati, OH 45233-1672

Mount St. Joseph University is a Catholic, coeducational liberal arts university. Our mission emphasizes value, integrity and social responsibility. As a community, we embrace excellence in academics, the integration of life and learning, respect for all persons, diversity of culture and beliefs, and service to others. The Mount offers bachelor, graduate and doctorate degrees – for the latest information on academic programs visit us at www.msj.edu.

Admissions: Undergraduates - Rolling admission policy whereby candidates are notified within 3 weeks of completing the application process. Graduate and doctorate programs have a variety of start dates and deadlines so please visit www.msj.edu/grad for the latest information.

Phone: Undergraduate 513-244-4531, Graduate/ Doctorate 513-244-4907 or 800-654-9314

Financial Aid: Undergraduate students may be eligible for the Elizabeth Seton Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship or the Award. All of these merit-based scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis. Visit www.msj.edu/financial-aid to learn more about additional financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

Phone: 513-244-4418 or 800-654-9314

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

www.nku.edu

Lucas Administrative Center • Highland Heights, KY 41099

Northern Kentucky University, located just miles south of Cincinnati in Highland Heights, Kentucky, serves students from the entire metropolitan area. A public university on a semester calendar, NKU offers associate, bachelor's and master's degrees, a JD through the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, and a joint Master's in Business Administration/JD.

Admissions: Fall early action - Feb 1 (early action), May 1 (priority), August 1 (transfer)

Spring - November 1 (early action), December 1 (priority), December 7 (transfer)

Freshmen final deadline is last day before classes begin.

Phone: 859-572-5220 or 800-637-9948

E-mail: admitnku@nku.edu

Financial Aid: Academic year/fall priority – February 1

Spring priority - November 1; Summer priority - March 1

Scholarship deadline - February 1

Phone: 859-572-5143 or 888-225-4499

E-mail: ofa@nku.edu

THE CHRIST COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

www.thechristcollege.edu

2139 Auburn Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45215

The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been associated with The Christ Hospital for over 110 years and currently awards Associate and Bachelor degrees in nursing. TCCNHS offers students the ability to complete a nursing degree in three to four years with no clinical wait list! New for 2016, the Summo Commisso Missi scholarship awards the top 20 high school applicants a \$40,000 scholarship (\$10k each year for four years)!

Admissions: Rolling basis except for full-tuition scholarship.

Phone: 513-585-2401

E-mail for the Admission Office: info@thechristcollege.edu

Financial Aid: Priority deadline for all other scholarships and financial aid is March 15.

Phone: 513-585-2401

E-mail for the Financial Aid Office: financial.aid@thechristcollege.edu

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

thomasmore.edu

333 Thomas More Parkway • Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Thomas More College is a private, Catholic, nationally ranked, four-year, liberal arts college located 10 minutes south of Cincinnati in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. About 1,900 students attend TMC. Students may commute from home or live on campus. The college offers 42 majors and NCAA Division III men's and women's athletics.

Admissions: Rolling basis except for full-tuition scholarship January 15).

Phone: 859-344-3332 or 800-825-4557

E-mail: admissions.inquiry@thomasmore.edu

Financial Aid: Priority deadline for all other scholarships and financial aid is May 1st.

Phone: 859-344-3319

E-mail: financial-aid@thomasmore.edu

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

www.uc.edu

Office of Admissions • P.O. Box 210091 • Cincinnati, OH 45221-0091

Founded in 1819, the University of Cincinnati is the 18th largest university in the nation and one of only 88 classified as Research I institutions. Rich with opportunities, UC offers students nearly 600 academic programs housed in 14 colleges, over 400 student organizations, and a very diverse student body.

Admissions: Applications for fall semester are considered until an academic major or college is filled. It is in your best interest to complete your application prior to December 1. Freshmen must use The Common Application to apply to main campus programs. An admission decision cannot be made until all transcripts and test scores are submitted.

Phone: 513-556-1100

E-mail: admissions@uc.edu

Financial Aid: Because some aid programs are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, an early aid application receives priority consideration for limited funding sources. Your complete admission application received by December 1 serves as your application for the Cincinnati Scholarship Competition.

Phone: 513-556- 2420

E-mail: financeaid@uc.edu

UC - CLERMONT COLLEGE

www.ucclermont.edu

4200 Clermont College Drive • Batavia, OH 45103-1785

Clermont College is a two-year regional college of the University of Cincinnati, located in Batavia, Ohio (approx. 30 miles east of Cincinnati), with an enrollment of over 3,000 students. UC Clermont offers transfer programs as well as career-oriented technical programs and was designed to service residents in the eastern suburban areas of Greater Cincinnati.

Admissions: Rolling; students may apply after August 1 for the next academic year. Open access, high school diploma or GED required.

Phone: 513-732- 5319

Email: Clermont-admissions@uc.edu

Financial Aid: Because some aid programs are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, an early aid application receives priority consideration for limited funding sources. Your complete admission application received by December 1 serves as your application for the Cincinnati Scholarship Competition.

Phone: 513-732- 5202

UC – BLUE ASH COLLEGE

www.ucblueash.edu

9555 Plainfield Road • Blue Ash, OH 45236

Blue Ash College is an open admission college of the University of Cincinnati located in suburban Blue Ash. The college offers more than 60 career and transfer programs, most leading to an associate degree. Raymond Walters is the largest university regional campus in Ohio yet maintains the desirable qualities of a small college.

Admissions: Rolling; students may apply after August 1 for the next academic year. Open access, high school diploma or GED required.

Phone: 513-745-5700

Email: admissions @ucblueash.edu

Financial Aid: Because some aid programs are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, an early aid application receives priority consideration for limited funding sources. Your complete admission application received by December 1 serves as your application for the Cincinnati Scholarship Competition.

Phone: 513-745-5740

Email: onestop@ucblueash.edu

UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY

www.myunion.edu

440 East McMillan Street • Cincinnati, OH 45206-1925

Union Institute & University is a private, not-for-profit university, that educates highly motivated adults who seek academic programs to engage, enlighten, and empower them to pursue professional goals and a lifetime of learning, service, and social responsibility. The university operates academic centers in Ohio, California, Florida, and Vermont.

Admissions: Priority dates are as follows: Fall term (August 12), Winter term (December 16), Spring Term (April 14)

Phone: 513-861-6400 or 800-861-6400

E-mail: admissions@myunion.edu

Financial Aid: For questions related to financial aid, please contact finaid@myunion.edu

Phone: 513-861-6400 or 800-486-3116

WILMINGTON COLLEGE

www.wilmington.edu

Wilmington, OH 45177

Wilmington is a four-year, career-oriented liberal arts college, affiliated with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). It enrolls about 1,700 students. Wilmington is in the first tier of Midwestern liberal arts colleges in US News & World Report and was identified by the Templeton Foundation as a character-building college.

Admissions: Rolling basis.

Phone: 800-341-9318 ext. 260

E-mail: admission@wilmington.edu

Financial Aid: File by March 1 for full consideration but aid will continue to be awarded after this date.

Phone: 800-341-9318 ext. 494

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

www.xavier.edu

3800 Victory Parkway • Cincinnati, OH 45207-5311

Founded in 1831, Xavier University is a Catholic, Jesuit university located on 200 acres in a residential section of Cincinnati. There are more than 90 undergraduate majors and graduate programs in 10 areas. Xavier has 6,000 students (4,600 at the undergraduate level) who come from almost all 50 states and over 40 countries.

Admission: February 1 priority deadline.

Phone: 513-745-3301 or 800-344-4698

E-mail: xuadmit@xavier.edu

Financial Aid: February 15 priority deadline.

Phone: 513-745-3142 or 800-344-4698 ext. 3142

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