

# WE'LL HELP YOU GET HERE. AND WE'LL HELP YOU STAY.

Every year, Shawnee State awards **more than \$25 million** in scholarships, grants, work-study, and aid. But here's what that number really means: whatever your starting point, there's a path for you, and a real person in our Financial Aid office is ready to walk it with you.

## ONE PRICE. FOUR YEARS. NO SURPRISES.

As a first-time freshman, the **Shawnee State Advantage** locks in your tuition, room, and meal plan for all four years. The number you see when you start is the number you'll see when you graduate.

Visit [shawnee.edu/tuition](http://shawnee.edu/tuition) for updates on the Shawnee Advantage and final cost of attendance.

## YOUR APPLICATION IS YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

No extra forms. No essay contest. Apply to Shawnee State, send your transcripts and scores, and **you're automatically considered for merit scholarships** from \$1,000 a year up to full tuition, including our Presidential Scholarship.

## TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, APPLY FOR ADMISSION AND SEND US:

- 1 Your high school transcript (with GPA)
- 2 Your ACT or SAT scores  
(or ACCUPLACER placement scores, if you don't take the ACT/SAT)
- 3 File the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)  
(Shawnee code: 009942)

[shawnee.edu/apply](http://shawnee.edu/apply)



## COME SEE FOR YOURSELF.

[shawnee.edu/visit](http://shawnee.edu/visit)



There's something about standing on campus and meeting the people who'll know your name and teach your classes, that a brochure can't do. So don't take our word for it.

Schedule a visit. We'll show you around, sit down with you, and map out exactly what Shawnee State will cost, and how we'll help you cover it.

## QUESTIONS? REAL PEOPLE ANSWER THESE PHONES.

**OFFICE OF ADMISSION**  
(740) 351-4SSU (4778)  
[admissions@shawnee.edu](mailto:admissions@shawnee.edu)

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# COLLEGE IS A GOOD INVESTMENT. SHAWNEE STATE IS AN EVEN BETTER ONE.

Financial Aid and Support Options at Shawnee State



## WE’LL MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE

We believe affordability is part of access. We keep our tuition among the lowest in Ohio, and we’ll work through every source you qualify for — grants, scholarships, work-study, and subsidized loans — to help close any gaps.

For starters, here’s the minimum you’ll receive:\*

| Scholarship         | GPA  | ACT or SAT  | Minimum Annual Award |
|---------------------|------|-------------|----------------------|
| Presidential        | 3.8+ | 30+ / 1360+ | FULL TUITION         |
| Shawnee Achievement | 3.8+ | 27+ / 1260+ | \$5,000              |
| Shawnee Excellence  | 3.6+ | 25+ / 1200+ | \$4,000              |
| Shawnee Success     | 3.4+ | 23+ / 1130+ | \$3,000              |
| Blue and Gray       | 3.2+ | 21+ / 1060+ | \$2,000              |
| Shawnee Empowerment | 3.0+ | 18+ / 960+  | \$1,000              |

\* Based on GPA combined with ACT/SAT composite score. Scholarships are **renewable 4 years with minimum 3.0 GPA and 27 credits/year**. Students placed in developmental English, Math, or Reading classes are not eligible for merit-based scholarship awards but may qualify for need-based awards. Talk to us about options.

It doesn’t end there. Once you apply and send your transcripts and scores, we’ll automatically apply your award amount. Then, we’ll work with you to identify any gaps and find a way to make the numbers work. **Most of our students get more than the award amounts listed.**

## NEVER TOOK THE ACT OR SAT? NO PROBLEM.

We offer a free placement test that counts for admission and scholarships up to \$4,000/year. Call the Office of Admission at (740) 351-4778 to schedule yours, but remember, scores must be on file by June 30.

Learn more at [shawnee.edu/test-recommended](https://shawnee.edu/test-recommended)

## AND IF LIFE HAPPENS, WE DON’T LET GO.

Here’s the part most schools won’t tell you about: getting to college is one thing, but finishing is another. A car breaks down. A parent gets sick. Hours get cut at work.

**At Shawnee State, a financial setback doesn’t have to mean the end of your degree.** Our Financial Aid office partners with the Shawnee State University Foundation to help students bridge unexpected gaps and finish what they started. If you hit a rough patch, that support is there for you. Talk to Financial Aid before you make any decision, because chances are, we have an option you haven’t heard of.

## LIVE NEARBY? YOUR TUITION COULD BE FREE.

If you’re from Scioto, Lawrence, Gallia, Jackson, Vinton, Ross, Pike, Adams, or Brown County in Ohio — or Greenup, Boyd, or Lewis County in Kentucky — you could attend Shawnee State tuition-free.

The requirements are simple: a 3.0 GPA, an 18 on the ACT, and Pell Grant eligibility. Meet those three, and the biggest bill in college, your tuition, is already off your plate. No essays. No competition. No catch.

Visit [shawnee.edu/free-tuition](https://shawnee.edu/free-tuition) to learn more.

## TRANSFERRING?

Bring your credits and earn \$1,500–\$3,500 a year based on your GPA, plus an extra \$1,000 if you arrive with an associate’s degree.

## CHOOSE OHIO FIRST

\$1,500 up to full tuition for eligible in-demand programs.

Learn more at [shawnee.edu/ohio-first](https://shawnee.edu/ohio-first)

## SSU LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Did a parent or grandparent graduate from SSU? With a 2.5+ GPA, you could earn \$500, and it’s stackable with merit and athletic awards.

Tiers available at [shawnee.edu/scholarships](https://shawnee.edu/scholarships)

## COSTS BY SEMESTER

Tuition & fee estimates per semester for first-time freshmen and new transfer students\*\* **Most of our students pay far less.**

| In-State Tuition      | Amount      | Out-of-State Tuition  | Amount      |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Tuition & Fees        | \$5,243.16  | Tuition & Fees        | \$8,890.32  |
| Housing (most common) | \$4,175.00  | Housing (most common) | \$4,175.00  |
| Meal Plan             | \$2,598.00  | Meal Plan             | \$2,598.00  |
| Program Fees          | 0-\$200     | Program Fees          | 0-\$200     |
| Course Fees           | varies      | Course Fees           | varies      |
| Estimated Total       | \$12,216.16 | Estimated Total       | \$15,863.32 |

\*\* Individual costs vary depending on selected housing, meal plan, program and course options. Estimates are based on Fall 2026 tuition rates.



“Shawnee State’s support made my decision **easy.**”

Audra Smith grew up in Portsmouth watching her mom, her grandmother, and her grandfather all earn degrees at Shawnee State. Now she’s an Education major following in their footsteps, with help from the SSU Legacy Scholarship, an award just for students whose parents or grandparents are Bears.

“**Financial aid took away the stress of paying for college.** I don’t spend my semesters worrying about how to cover the next one, instead, I get to put all of that energy into my studies and becoming a teacher. That freedom changes everything.”

Audra Smith  
**Education Major**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**December 1:** Early consideration scholarship deadline. Guaranteed scholarships for eligible students, first priority consideration for limited full-tuition awards.

**February 1:** Priority deadline. Guaranteed scholarships for eligible students, plus a shot at limited full-tuition awards.

**March 1:** Priority deadline to file your FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

**June 30:** Last day to file your FAFSA and have placement test scores on file.