

Invest in You:

FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION



Office of Admission
(630) 617-3400
admit@elmhurst.edu
elmhurst.edu/Admission

Office of Student
Financial Services
(630) 617-3015
sfs@elmhurst.edu
elmhurst.edu/Finaid

190 Prospect Avenue
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126
elmhurst.edu



Music Scholarships for First-Year and Transfer Students

Variable Amount Scholarship Award based on:

- Academic credentials
- Audition (required)

Who's eligible:

- First-year and transfer students who plan to major in music, music education, music business, music theory and composition, music production or jazz studies

To be considered:

Apply for admission and schedule an audition prior to June for Fall Term admission. To learn more about the audition process, go to elmhurst.edu/Music-Auditions.

Other Scholarships for First-Year and Transfer Students

OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTIAL GRANT: UP TO \$4,000

For students who are not residents of Illinois and who live in campus housing

FIRST GENERATION GRANT: UP TO \$2,000

For students whose parent(s) did not complete a four-year college or university degree

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$2,000

For students who have an immediate family member (parent, sibling or grandparent) who graduated from Elmhurst University or is currently enrolled as a full-time student

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$2,000

For students who belong to a congregation of the United Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ

PROMISE GRANT: UP TO \$2,000

Elmhurst University awards this grant to students who are undocumented individuals or have DACA status

SPECIALTY SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$2,000

For students who major in and show exceptional talent in theater, digital media or art. An audition or portfolio review is required to determine scholarship eligibility.

eSPORTS SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$1,000

For students who participate in one of our competitive eSports rosters. An interview is required to determine if a roster space will be offered.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AWARD: \$1,000

For students who have earned an associate degree from an accredited community college. Awarding requires the submission of a final transcript showing conferment of the degree.

Financial aid at Elmhurst comes in three forms:

• Scholarships • Grants • Loans

Most scholarships are awarded based on academic merit, while most grants are based on need.

Student loans are available on both a need and non-need basis.

Financial aid can come from the University or from state or federal sources.

Financial Aid

How do I apply for financial aid?

You will be automatically considered for merit scholarships when you submit your application for admission. To apply for grants and loans, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) when it becomes available each year. The FAFSA is available at studentaid.gov. Elmhurst's FAFSA code is 001676.

What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA determines your Student Aid Index (SAI), the minimum amount you will be expected to contribute toward your education. The difference between a college's total costs—including tuition, fees, books, supplies and personal expenses—and your SAI equals your need. Most college grants and loans are based on need, while most scholarships are based on academic credentials.

What happens after I submit the FAFSA?

You will be notified once your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) is available online. This official document will report your SAI, the contributions that you are expected to make—information that Elmhurst University will use to determine how much and what type of financial aid each student can receive. The University may ask you to verify information before finalizing your aid package, and then you'll receive your award package.

When do I learn if I have received financial aid?

The Office of Student Financial Services begins sending out award notices shortly after the FAFSA opens each year. You will receive email communications once your award package is ready.

I received an academic scholarship from Elmhurst University. Do I still need to fill out the FAFSA form?

Filing the FAFSA is not required by Elmhurst University. However, we encourage students to fill out the FAFSA so that you are aware of your eligibility from all sources of financial aid, including loans and grants.

Academic Scholarships for First-Year Students

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$25,000

What we look for:

- Performance in a challenging high school course selection, including AP and honors courses
 - Superior high school academic performance including excellence in standardized testing or writing
-

DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$22,000

What we look for:

- Performance in a strong high school course selection, including AP and honors courses
 - High-level performance in standardized testing or writing and grade patterns across the academic course selection
-

FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$20,000

What we look for:

- Performance in a solid college-bound course selection
 - Above-average abilities in standardized testing or writing and grade patterns across the academic course selection
-

TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$15,000

What we look for:

- Performance in a robust college-bound course selection
 - Demonstrated abilities in standardized testing or writing and grade patterns across the academic course selection
-

BLUE AND WHITE: UP TO \$10,000

What we look for:

- Performance in a mostly college-bound course selection
- Demonstrated abilities in standardized testing or writing and grade patterns across the academic course selection



Academic Scholarships for Transfer Students

PTK EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$24,000

What we look for:

- Up to \$24,000: Cumulative 3.75 transfer GPA on a 4.00 scale at the time of application and membership in Phi Theta Kappa
 - Up to \$22,000: Cumulative 3.50 transfer GPA on a 4.00 scale at the time of application and membership in Phi Theta Kappa
-

TRANSFER EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$22,000

What we look for:

- Up to \$22,000: Cumulative 3.75 transfer GPA on a 4.00 scale at the time of application
 - Up to \$19,000: Cumulative 3.50 transfer GPA on a 4.00 scale at the time of application
-

PTK ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$19,000

What we look for:

- Cumulative 3.25 transfer GPA on a 4.00 scale at the time of application and membership in Phi Theta Kappa
-

TRANSFER ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$17,000

What we look for:

- Cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale at the time of application
-

TRANSFER RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$14,000

What we look for:

- Cumulative transfer GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale at the time of application
-

TRANSFER HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$10,000

What we look for:

- Demonstrated abilities in college-level courses
-

STAR SCHOLARSHIP: \$2,000

What we look for:

- Membership in Star Scholars Program at one of the City Colleges of Chicago indicated on your application for admission
 - Cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale at the time of application
-

CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO AWARD: UP TO \$2,000

What we look for:

- Transfer students enrolled at the City Colleges of Chicago as indicated on your application for admission
- 

POST-BACCALAUREATE RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP: UP TO \$15,000

For students who have a baccalaureate degree and are pursuing an additional bachelor's degree. Awarding requires the submission of a final transcript showing conferment of the degree. Please note that this is the only award for which a post-baccalaureate student is eligible.

To maintain scholarship eligibility for any of the above, students must earn a 2.00 GPA while attending Elmhurst University with full-time status each term.

Keep Us Informed

We appreciate your feedback and hope you will let us know how we can help you achieve your goals. Keep in mind that financial aid is not a “one size fits all” process. Working out the financial arrangement that serves your needs often requires more than one conversation.

To learn more about additional scholarships and opportunities for aid, or if you have other questions, contact us at admit@elmhurst.edu. Earn additional micro-scholarships through RaiseMe. Find out more at raise.me/join/elmhurst.



[LEARN MORE](#)

