# College Merit Scholarships

**Located in Central and Western Pennsylvania and Ohio**

This issue features schools in Central and Western Pennsylvania, plus Ohio. The Pennsylvania schools are Pennsylvania State University, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Pittsburgh. The Ohio schools are Case Western Reserve University, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, and Ohio Wesleyan University. All offer merit scholarships and many also have well-developed honors programs.

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<td><strong>University of Pittsburgh</strong></td>
<td>The University of Pittsburgh has about 15,000 undergraduates and an unusually comprehensive University Honors College. SAT-I verbal + math scores range from 1170 (25%ile) to 1340 (75%ile) for all students. About 20% of entering freshman are in the Honors College, with average SAT-I scores of 1408. About 600 entering freshmen receive merit scholarships.</td>
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<td><strong>Case Western University</strong></td>
<td>Case Western’s four undergraduate schools (Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Nursing, and Management) educate about 3,300 undergraduates, and its engineering and science programs are especially well-known. SAT-I scores range from roughly 1200 (25%ile) to 1420 (75%ile). About 60% of undergraduates receive merit scholarships averaging $18,590.</td>
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<td>Penn State’s flagship at University Park has about 40,000 undergraduates. SAT-I scores of University Park students range from about 1180 (25%ile) to 1350 (75%ile), and average over 1400 for students in Schreyer Honors College. All Honors College students receive merit scholarships in varying amounts.</td>
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<td>Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) has roughly 1900 undergraduates. One of 40 schools that “change lives” according to Loren Pope, OWU has 3-2 engineering with Caltech. SAT-I scores range from about 1110 (25%ile) to 1320 (75%ile), and are higher for Honors Program students. Over half the OWU students receive merit scholarships.</td>
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<td>Kenyon College has roughly 1700 undergraduates, and was listed as a “New Ivy” in the 2007 Kaplan/Newsweek guide to colleges. SAT-I math scores ranged from about 600 (25%ile) to 690 (75%ile) and verbal scores from 620 (25%ile) to 730 (75%ile). Kenyon offers merit scholarships to about 15% of its admitted students.</td>
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Merit Scholarships and Honors Programs
at Colleges and Universities in Ohio and Central and Western Pennsylvania

**University of Pittsburgh**
- Unusually comprehensive University Honors College for about 150-200 entering students based on test scores, grades and interviews, including a special program for engineering majors.
- Honors College students have separate small classes, dorms, advisors, periodicals, and special meeting and study areas.
- 12-15 Chancellor’s Scholars (selected based on academic achievement, activities and interviews) receive full-tuition scholarships.
- Full Tuition Scholars (runners up for the Chancellor’s Scholarships) receive full-tuition scholarships.
- Chancellor’s Nominee Scholars receive $2,000 to $10,000.
- Engineering Honors Scholars receive $2,000 to $4,000.

**Carnegie Mellon University**
- Charpie Scholars (profound intelligence with leadership skills) receive full tuition, mentorships, and many special opportunities.
- Andrew Carnegie Scholars (exceptional academic/artistic talent and achievements) receive half tuition.
- University Scholars (academic and extracurricular achievements) receive at least half tuition.
- Resnik Challenger Scholars (engineering, science or computer science majors with strong academic records) receive half tuition.
- Presidential Scholars (artistically and academically talented middle income students who qualify for little or no financial aid) receiving varying amounts.

**Kenyon College**
- Over 30 paid Summer Science Scholars stay research projects with professors
- Honor, Science, and Trustee Opportunity Scholarships pay for up to half the total cost of attending Kenyon
- Honors Scholars represent excellence in the liberal arts
- Science Scholars show promise to excel in the natural sciences
- Trustee Opportunity Scholars come from underrepresented backgrounds
- Distinguished Academic Scholars receive up to $10,000 if they are among the top 10% to 15% of admitted students

**Ohio Wesleyan University**
- Schubert Honors Program
- 3-2 engineering programs with Washington Univ., Rensselaer, and Caltech
- Presidential Scholarships—about 25 full-tuition awards
- Trustee Scholarships—about 60 three-quarter tuition awards
- Faculty Scholarships—about 60 half-tuition awards
- Schimmel Scholarship—full tuition, room and board for one female
- Smith “Women as Leaders” Scholarships—full tuition for one female
- Dean’s Awards—up to half tuition
- Many other merit scholarships

**Oberlin College**
- Special 5-year joint degree program for students in the College of Arts & Sciences and the Conservatory
- Conservatory Dean’s Scholarships for outstanding music students in the Conservatory
- "A limited number of merit-based scholarships" for Arts & Sciences students, based on academic achievement
- More than 80% of international students receive financial aid
- Edwin Reischauer Scholarship—full-tuition for Japanese nationals
- Call the college or conservatory admissions offices for more information

**Penn State University**
- About 300 newly admitted students are part of the Schreyer Honors College, with SAT-1 scores of roughly 1380 (25%ile) to 1470 (75%ile).
- Schreyer Honors College offers priority registration for over 200 high honors classes and special honors sections of Penn State’s core courses.
- Schreyer students also have access to honors dorms, special faculty advisors, summer programs including study abroad for science and engineering majors, and more.
- All Schreyer Honors College students receive a minimum Academic Excellence Scholarship (AES) of $2,500/year.
- Some Schreyer Honors College students receive additional merit scholarships of up to $10,000/year.

**Case Western University**
- In 2007-08, about 60% of entering students received merit scholarships
- Case offers 13 “Academic Awards” for academic excellence in subjects, from the sciences and engineering to the humanities
- Eleven regular Academic Awards cover full tuition; two special awards for 2007-08 pay $20,000
- Trustee’s Scholars receive $26,800, President’s Scholars receive $21,800, and Provost’s Scholars receive $16,400 based on academic achievement, activities, and test scores
- Provost’s Special Scholars who will add to diversity receive $19,600
- Fifteen Music Scholars and six Theatre Arts Scholars receive up to $19,400, based in part on auditions
- Five prospective majors Materials Science and Engineering Majors receive $3,000