

Lincoln Christian

This guide has been developed to assist you and your parents in finding funds and making choices about college and a career. This information is constantly changing and should always be double-checked.

This guide is a collaboration of information on testing, financial assistance, colleges, technical schools, careers, and scholarship information.

Students are encouraged to apply for every scholarship in which minimum requirements are met. All scholarship criteria are different and a student should be aware of the different types of scholarships available. Students should begin the scholarship process in the beginning of their senior year. Many scholarships are first come basis and have early deadlines. The best opportunity for scholarships is at each individual university and the programs of study within the university.

At Lincoln Christian School, it is our goal to provide the students with the best tools to be successful after high school. As the school counselor, I will do my best to provide you with the most recent scholarship, testing, and career information possible. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Parent Tips

Encourage your child to apply early for scholarships and college admission.

Complete you tax returns early. This information is needed for the financial aid application- FAFSA (Free Application For Student Aid).

DO NOT PAY to have the FAFSA filled out. It is available on a free website, www.fafsa.ed.gov

You and your child can apply for a signature pin number now; at www.pin.ed.gov this number will allow you and your child to sign the FAFSA application online for a quicker return.

Encourage students to keep a continuous list of activities they have been involved with throughout their high school career. They will use this list when filling out applications.

Encourage students to participate in community service and volunteer service opportunities. This will help when they apply for scholarships.

DO NOT PAY for scholarship searches or honors. If it is an honor, you can receive it without paying for it. Scholarships can be found with no cost. There are plenty of free scholarship searches.

...apply early!!!

Things to Know...

Before College Visits and College Fairs

- Grade Point Average (GPA), from 9th grade to present.
- Composite ACT and/or SAT test or when you plan to take the exam.
- Mailing address and email address.
- When visiting with a college, you need to have a copy of your transcript with your ACT scores.

Things to Ask the College Recruiter

The more questions you ask the better chance you have of choosing a college that is best suited for you.

General Questions-----

- What are the admissions requirements to your school?
- Do you offer _____ as a major at your school?
- What is the annual cost of tuition?
- What is the total campus enrollment?
- What are the criteria for freshmen scholarships?
- When can I come for a campus visit or tour?
- What is the best way to contact you if I have any other questions?

Specific Questions----

- When should I apply for admission, housing, and scholarships?
- What are the applications fees for admission, housing, and scholarships?
- Does your school offer departmental scholarships or performance scholarships?
- What dorms are available for freshmen?
- Can I request my own roommate?
- How safe is your campus?
- What measures are taken to ensure campus safety?
- Are tutoring services available?
- Do you offer the ACT/SAT on campus (residual ACT/SAT)?
- How successful are placement or employment opportunities after graduation?
- Do you have on campus jobs available for students?
- How do I get involved with campus organizations and activities?
- What are some of the traditions of this college or university?

Estimated Expenses For One Year Of College

Budget item	Average annual range
Tuition and fees	\$2,700 – 19,000
Room and board	\$3,800 – 7,000
Books and supplies	\$1000 – 1,500
Transportation	\$300 – 2,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000 – 5,000
TOTAL	\$8,800 – 34,500

Costs At Your College Choices

Budget item	1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice
Tuition and fees	_____	_____	_____
Room and board	_____	_____	_____
Books and supplies	_____	_____	_____
Transportation	_____	_____	_____
Miscellaneous	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

2009-2010 Estimated Costs for Full-Time Resident Undergraduate Students at Oklahoma Public Colleges and Universities *(current as of 10/20/2009)*

Expenses	Research Universities	Regional Universities	Community Colleges	Technical Branches
Tuition	\$3,739	\$3,143	\$1,938	\$2,520
Mandatory Fees	\$2,608	\$1,077	\$768	\$798
Average Academic Service Fees	\$813	\$182	\$63	\$177
Room and Board*	\$6,500	\$4,448	\$3,942	\$4,712
Books and Supplies	\$998	\$1,084	\$1,042	\$1,325
TOTAL	\$14,658	\$9,934	\$7,753	\$9,532

Suggestions for Putting Together an Excellent Application

- Deadlines: Give yourself plenty of time for the many applications you will complete. Create personal deadlines and stick to them.
- Accuracy: You've been asked to be accurate since you entered first grade. This is the time to put that competency into action. Every application is different, read the instructions.
- Attitude: Only you can determine how you will come across on paper. You are your own best advocate.
- Research Relevant Information: Your time is valuable. Decide on those scholarship applications whose descriptions match your skills. If the scholarship program states that all the applicants can juggle and you have never attempted this activity, then the application may not be worth your time.
- Personal Survey: Make a list of 10 – 15 adjective that pertain to you and use them in your application. Your job is to get a message across to a committee who has not met you personally.
- Feedback from those who know you best: Ask people who know you well to add to your personal surbey. You may not think of yourself as competitive, but if everyone else who describes you uses that word, you need to give this some thought!
- Skills: How can they set you apart from the other thousands of applicants? This is the time to toot your own horn. Be honest but consider that the committee only knows you by reading your application and recommendations.
- Recommendations: Ask people to write for you who know you personally. Your choice of a recommender also says something about you.
- Essays and short answer: This should provide the scholarship committee with examples of ways in which you have been successful.
- Proofread, Proofread, Proofread: Ask a teacher or your counselor to proofread your work and make suggestions.

Websites

Scholarships search

Fastweb.com
Schoolsoup.com
Cappex.com
Collegenet.com/mach25
Meritmoney.com
Collegeaidaward.com
Scholarships.com
Freschinfo.com
Collegeaid.com

Native American Sites

Aises.org
Cherokee.org
Muscogeenation-nsn.gov
Collegefund.org

General Information

Collegeboard.com
Act.org
Fafsa.ed.gov
Studyguidezone.com
Collegeprep101.com
Ucango2.org
Finaid.org
Ed.gov
Gocollege.com
Collegeview.com
Absolutelyscholarships.com
Student.gov
Nasfaa.org
Okhighered.org
Anycollege.com
Mappingyourfuture.org

Student Loans

Salliemae.com

Chase.com/educationfirst

Estudentloan.com

Collegeanswer.com

Specific Scholarship

Questbridge.org

Walmartfoundation.org

Gmsp.org (Gates Millennium)

Guaranteed-scholarships.com

Career Planning

Careeroverview.com

Collegegrad.com

Bls.gov

Federal Trade Commission Scholarship Scams Site

Ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship/index.html

For scholarships, you can do a web search on Google, Yahoo, or Msn by typing in '*scholarships*'.