20-21 Academic Year Information

The Connecticut Community College Tuition Match Scholarship Program allows qualified students, who enroll at Charter Oak State College (COSC), to receive community college (CC) tuition and corresponding college services fee at the community college in-state rates effective for the applicable academic year. Students can receive the matching scholarship up to a total of 17 credits per semester. All eligible students will be identified by COSC’s Admissions Office. Additional eligibility requirements apply to military and veteran students.

To receive the matching scholarship, students must meet the following program requirements:

1. Be a May 2018 (or later) graduate of a Connecticut Community College with a GPA of 2.3 or higher.
2. Matriculate at COSC within 6 months of earning an associate degree.
3. Enroll in a first bachelor’s degree program (cannot earn a second AA/AS degree).

To receive the matching scholarship, students are required to:

1. Enroll in bachelor degree applicable courses on at least a half-time basis (6+ credits) every semester (summer exception).
2. Be continuously enrolled in coursework (fall and spring semesters).
3. Students who accelerate their program of study by registering for summer courses are also eligible to receive the scholarship.
   a) Returning COSC students may register below half-time (1-5 credits) during the summer semester and receive the tuition match.
   b) New COSC students, enrolling in coursework for the first time during the summer semester, must register on at least a half-time basis (6+ credits) to receive the tuition match.
4. Maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA while enrolled at COSC.
5. Complete their degree within 5 years of receiving their first Connecticut Community College Tuition Match Scholarship. This pace will allow part-time students to graduate within the program’s maximum allowable timeframe.

Other important scholarship guidelines:

• The tuition match scholarship is effective with the start of the fall 2018 semester.
• COSC will offset its tuition and student services fee against the in-state CC tuition and college services fee only.
• The match is not applicable to any of the CC’s mandatory usage fees, out of state tuition rates, NEBHE tuition rates, student activity fees, extension fees and half credits. Students are responsible for books, COSC’s technology fee, and other applicable COSC course related expenses.
• Students must be registered for 6 or more credits every semester (summer exception).
• Students who accelerate their program of study by registering for summer courses are also eligible to receive the scholarship.
   a) Returning COSC students may register below half-time (1-5 credits) during the summer semester and receive the tuition match.
   b) New COSC students, enrolling in coursework for the first time during the summer semester, must register on at least a half-time basis (6+ credits) to receive the tuition match.
• The program does not cover a second AA or AS degree or certificate program classes.
• The Tuition Match Scholarship Program is capped at 17 credits per semester. Credits at 18 or above will be charged at COSC’s regular tuition rate.
  a) Non-residents will receive in-state match rates up to 17 credits per semester. Credits at 18 or above will be charged at COSC’s regular out-of-state tuition rate.
• Non-need based scholarship. However, students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA application to assist them with the cost of college expenses not covered by the scholarship.

Additional Eligibility Requirements for Military and Veteran Students:

Qualified military and veteran students will be identified by the college’s Business Office who will determine a student’s eligibility for the match scholarship and coordinate this information with the Office of Financial Aid. See below for military rate, tuition assistance and veteran’s educational benefits:

• Students receiving Military Partnership Program (MPP) rates and using Tuition Assistance (TA) are not eligible for the CC match scholarship because these benefits cover tuition/fees at 100%.
• Self-pay MPP students who are eligible for the CT Veteran’s Waiver are also not eligible for the CC match scholarship.
• Self-pay MPP students who are ineligible for the CT Veteran’s Waiver are eligible for the CC match scholarship.
• For eligible students using veteran’s educational (VA) benefits the following applies:
  o Chapter 31: No CC match scholarship because VA benefit covers tuition and fees at 100%.
  o Chapter 33: CC match scholarship will be applied if VA benefit is less than 50% of eligibility.
  o Chapters 30, 35, and 1606: CC match scholarship applies.