Charter Oak State College Foundation

The Charter Oak State College Foundation is dedicated to providing financial assistance to Charter Oak State College students striving to complete their degrees through the awarding of scholarships and grants.

- Scholarships
- Technology Grants
- Student Crisis Funds
- Prior Learning Awards
- Women in Transition Program (WiT)
- Parents Intent on Improving Tomorrow (PiiT)

In addition to financial aid and scholarships offered to undergraduate, and transfer students at the time of admission, the Charter Oak State College Foundation offers a wide range of endowed, merit-based or program specific scholarships on a competitive basis.

Foundation competitive scholarships are awarded annually to current students, undergraduate and graduate, which are enrolled/ matriculated, and who attend courses [at Charter Oak State College].

Students are informed when the online scholarship application process is open via email and system announcement. In addition, their academic advisor may recommend specific need or program-based scholarships.

Specific criteria per scholarship, such as program of study, GPA minimum, or financial need will be listed in the application portal and students are responsible to ensure they meet the criteria, prepare an essay and financial need statement (as applicable) by the deadline.

All awarded students will receive notification via email and will see the award on their account for the applicable semester(s).

The Foundation Technology Grant is for students in need of technology for online degree completion. Students are awarded a voucher or reimbursement to purchase technology. Students are informed when the online technology grant application process is open via email and system announcement.

Student Crisis Awards. The Director of Academic Services accepts requests throughout the year to help students experiencing a hardship that impedes their academic progress. To be considered for a Crisis Fund Award, email your need (amount being requested), and extenuating circumstance to – wwarshauer@charteroak.edu or call 860.515.3841. The team will review your request and respond within a few days.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) (formerly Prior Learning Assessment/PLA) Students can save time and money and get credit for [what you know]. If prior learning matches a college course you may be able to earn credit for it. Additionally, the **Foundation** offers awards to assist with earning credits for prior learning. Please review the process on our Prior Learning Information Page and connect with your Academic Advisor before downloading the application (located at the MYCharterOak Portal, Student Self Service/ CPL Scholarship application).

About the Charter Oak State College Foundation:

Established in 1977, the Foundation is a non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supporting flexible and comprehensive degree completion opportunities for adults and technology innovations through the work of Charter Oak State College. The Foundation is a vehicle for accepting private gifts, donations, and bequests.

Governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, the leadership provides direction for development activities and stewardship of the Foundation's assets. The Board is committed to assisting students meet their educational and career aspirations.

To that end, the board raises funds and secures grants directed toward closing the equity gap in higher education.

To give a gift that lasts a lifetime, the gift of education, visit the Foundation webpage, www.charteroak.edu/foundation.

View the Charter Oak State College Foundation Board of Directors.