

*Your student's
guide about
financial aid at
Central College.*
- Chevy Freiburger
*Vice President for Enrollment Management &
Dean of Admission*

**A FUTURE
YOU CAN
AFFORD**

Central
College®
— 1853 —

“VALUE MATTERS IN CHOOSING A COLLEGE. BUT NOT JUST THE PRICE KIND.”

– THE WASHINGTON POST

Choosing Central College is an investment that will open doors forever. Central students find value in the kind of person they want to become, and the kind of experiences that bring out their best. They find value in the connections they make – friendships that last a lifetime.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A VISIT:

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MEET DELTON ALEXANDER '24



DelTon Alexander '24 grew up in a single-parent home with four other siblings, which left him concerned about his financial options during his college search. However, open communication and frank conversations with Central College's financial aid staff afforded Alexander the ability to smoothly transition into college.

"Coming to college, I was really stressed about where my money would come from," Alexander says. "But Central has a lot of support for students and a lot of scholarship opportunities and ways to work on campus."

Alexander knows all about opportunity – both capitalizing on it and creating it for himself. From his experiences in the classroom to leadership roles on campus, such as Student Senate leader and leading the Campus Ministries team, Alexander trailblazes his way through opportunities at Central.

"My willingness to talk to people and get involved has really helped me," Alexander says.

And Alexander is big on community. So, his favorite campus hangout is somewhere he can connect with his peers.

"There are a lot of places on campus where you can have a good time and find a lot of joy in, but my favorite place is Maytag Student Center," Alexander says. "I'm a huge community person. So, I study here, I do homework here and that allows me to have conversations. People walk through and I get to talk to them about life. Doing homework while having good conversations ... it does not get better than that."

For more of DelTon's story: central.edu/delton 

NO GRAY AREAS

Dave '87 and Cathy Snyders Gray '88 understand the impact a Central College education can make in one's life. Not only did they experience it firsthand as students in the 1980s, but they also sent all four of their children – **Riley '17, Patrick '19, Mary '21 and Evan '23** – to Central. And the Gray family's experiences with the financial aid team at Central were, and have always been, a smooth experience.

"Financial aid was phenomenal," Cathy says. "They went through everything we needed to do. It was a super easy process for us."

"We feel pretty powerfully motivated to encourage parents to at least look at Central and find out how it's going to develop their kids," Dave says. "Their kids are going to be taken care of here."



For more of the Gray's story: central.edu/gray-family 

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

STEP 1

APPLY FOR ADMISSION EARLY

central.edu/apply

Once admitted, students unlock their next steps – including an exclusive invitation to attend a Scholar Day.

STEP 2

ATTEND A SCHOLAR DAY

central.edu/scholar-days

Our goal is to recognize students for their academic achievements and talents. Students have the potential to earn more scholarships and meet future classmates.

Scholar Days are: Saturdays, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3.

STEP 3

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA

fafsa.gov

Central's school code: **001850**

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. **The FAFSA will open in December 2023.**

For filing tips: central.edu/fafsa.

STEP 4

RECEIVE AND ACCEPT YOUR AID AWARD

We send financial aid awards – summarizing Central scholarships and awards, federal and state grants and federal loans – after we receive your student's FAFSA and your student participates in a Scholar Day. Return the accepted financial aid award and \$200 enrollment deposit no later than May 1.

HOW CENTRAL STACKS UP

\$20,988 (CENTRAL'S TUITION) + **\$12,060** (CENTRAL'S HOUSING & FOOD) = **\$33,048**

A COMPARISON OF TUITION + HOUSING AND FOOD WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS BASED ON PUBLISHED PRICE TO ATTEND.

0 10K 20K 30K 40K 50K 60K

UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA

\$22,702*

CENTRAL
COLLEGE

\$33,048

SIMPSON
COLLEGE

\$56,953*

WARTBURG
COLLEGE

\$61,849*

*Estimated price to attend based on 2022-23 published price plus 4%.

– **\$11,629**

Average aid and scholarships a student receives from Central, federal and state awards, which can be subtracted from total costs for an incredibly affordable experience.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

CALCULATE YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Start with your guaranteed **\$1,000 Journey Scholarship**.
2. Find the scholarship that matches your **GPA** and add to your total.
3. Submit the **FAFSA** to determine additional grants and aid.
Don't forget to include **Central's school code: 001850**
4. Participate in a **Scholar Day** to receive additional scholarships.

CENTRAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE RENEWABLE EACH YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS.

\$1,000 JOURNEY SCHOLARSHIP

EVERY ADMITTED STUDENT RECEIVES A JOURNEY SCHOLARSHIP, MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONORS.

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

4.0 and above	\$7,000	2.9–3.399	\$4,000
3.85–3.999	\$6,000	2.89 and below	\$3,000
3.4–3.849	\$5,500		

*Deadline for admitted students to submit updated academic transcripts is March 1.

SCHOLAR DAY

NOVEMBER 4, NOVEMBER 11, JANUARY 27 OR FEBRUARY 3

Visit campus and meet future classmates by attending a Scholar Day. You'll participate in an open-ended group challenge designed to showcase collaboration, creativity and communication. Your conversations with faculty and other accomplished students are an opportunity to earn top academic scholarships up to full tuition. **This event is exclusively offered to admitted students.**

FULL-TUITION KUYPER, ROLSCREEN & THOMAS ROSS SMITH SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are the most prestigious awards granted at Central. Recipients will be chosen after all the Scholar Days are completed.

\$500–1,500 SCHOLAR DAY AWARDS

These are available to students who participate in a Scholar Day.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

\$500 HERITAGE AWARDS

Awards are available to students who are the child of a Central alum OR have a sibling who is a Central alum, current student or are members of the Reformed Church in America.

\$500 ENDOWED MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are for students interested in performing in one or more of Central's music ensembles. For more information or to request an audition, please contact the admission office.

\$7,500* IOWA TUITION GRANT

Students must reside in the state of Iowa, attend a private college or university and demonstrate financial need as specified by the State of Iowa. Free Application for Federal Student Aid due to processor by July 1. Renewal is determined each year by filing the FAFSA.

WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE SAYING

We think our students are amazing, but you don't have to just take it from us:
Employers agree that Central grads are prepared!

"I choose to recruit Central College students because they know the importance of hard work and have a work ethic to match. They care about other people and can build positive relationships. Central is continuing to teach integrated problem solving, teamwork and positive community involvement. I believe these traits and skills will serve Central students throughout their life as business environments evolve."

- JEFF VOGTS '97, VICE PRESIDENT OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT
GRINNELL MUTUAL REINSURANCE CO.

NEARLY

100%

OF CENTRAL ALUMNI ARE ENROLLED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL, EMPLOYED IN THE FIELD OF THEIR CHOICE OR COMPLETING SERVICE FOLLOWING GRADUATION.

90%

OF CENTRAL STUDENTS ARE ADMITTED INTO THEIR FIRST- OR SECOND-CHOICE GRAD SCHOOL.



WAYNE DILLE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

"I'm here to help you answer any questions that you have about financial aid. You can meet with me virtually, in person or by email. I look forward to meeting with you soon. Go Dutch!"

Reach out to Wayne any time at
641-628-5336 or dillew@central.edu!

CENTRAL HAS 500+ CONNECTIONS TO INTERNSHIP SITES:

- + Army Corps of Engineers
- + Detroit Lions
- + John Deere Financial
- + Mayo Clinic
- + NBC News
- + Paramount Studios
- + Pella Community Schools
- + Pella Corporation
- + The White House
- + Vermeer Corporation

View Central's internship opportunities: central.edu/career.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We certainly don't want students and their families to feel ill-prepared for the next steps toward a Central education. So, we compiled a list of important dates and deadlines to equip you and your student with the tools to keep everything on track.

DATES AND DEADLINES 2023

NOV. 4 OR NOV. 11

Student attends a Scholar Day.

FALL VISIT DAYS

BEST DECISION EVER WEEKS

- + Sept. 25-29, 2023
- + Oct. 23-27, 2023
- + Nov. 13-17, 2023

For more dates: central.edu/visit

DECEMBER

File the FAFSA as soon as the date is released in December 2023. **Be sure to include Central's school code: 001850.**

DATES AND DEADLINES 2024

JAN. 27 OR FEB. 3

Student attends a Scholar Day.

BY MARCH 1

Deadline for admitted students to submit updated academic transcripts.

MARCH 15

FAFSA Priority Deadline

BY MAY 1

Enrollment deposit due. Let us know of your student's decision to attend by submitting a \$200 nonrefundable enrollment deposit along with a signed copy of your financial aid award.

BY JUNE 1

Complete student loan paperwork.
Have final high school and college transcripts sent to admission office.

AUG. 17

Move-In Day and Welcome Week Kickoff

AUG. 21

Classes begin.

For more information: central.edu/dates

MAJORLY OBSESSED WITH YOUR FUTURE

central.edu/majors

MAJORS

Accounting
Actuarial Science
Art
Biochemistry (B.A. or B.S.)
Biology
Business Management
+ Business Administration
+ Business Analytics
+ Finance
+ International Business
+ Marketing
+ Student Designed
+ Teacher Education
Chemistry (B.A. or B.S.)
Communication Studies
Computer Science
+ Data Science
Economics
Education
+ Elementary
+ Secondary
Engineering (B.S.)
English
+ Writing

Environmental and Sustainability Studies
History
Information Systems
+ Accounting Information Systems
+ Computer Information Systems
+ Management Information Systems
Kinesiology (Exercise Science)
+ Health and Exercise Science
+ Health Promotion
+ Personal Training
+ Physical Education
Mathematics
+ Data Science
+ Secondary Education
Music
Music Education
+ Instrumental
+ Vocal
Musical Theatre
+ Acting/Directing
+ Design/Tech

Natural Science
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
+ Biblical Studies
+ Christian Studies
+ World Religions
Self-Designed Studies such as
+ Allied Health
+ American Studies
+ Arts Management
+ Food Systems
+ Gender Studies
+ Geography
+ Visual Communication
Social Science
Sociology
Spanish
Strength and Conditioning
Undecided/Exploring

MINORS

Accounting
Anthropology (Cultural)
Art
Art History
Biology
Business Management
+ Business Administration
+ Business Analytics
+ Finance
+ International Business
+ Marketing
+ Student Designed
+ Teacher Education
Chemistry (B.A. or B.S.)
Communication Studies
Computer Science
+ Data Science
Economics
English
Entrepreneurship

Environmental and Sustainability Studies
French and Francophone Studies
German Studies
Global Health
Global Sustainability
History
International and Global Studies
Kinesiology (Exercise Science)
+ Health and Exercise Science
+ Health Promotion
+ Personal Training
+ Physical Education
Mathematics
+ Data Science
+ Secondary Education
Music
Musical Theatre
+ Acting/Directing
+ Design/Tech

Not-For-Profit Management
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
+ Biblical Studies
+ Christian Studies
+ World Religions
Self-Designed Studies such as
+ Allied Health
+ American Studies
+ Arts Management
+ Data Science
+ Food Systems
+ Gender Studies
+ Geography
+ Visual Communication
Sociology
Spanish
Writing

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Athletic Training
Chiropractic
Dentistry
Law

Medicine
Ministry
Nursing
Occupational Therapy

Optometry
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant

Podiatric Medicine
Public Health
Veterinary Medicine