

College Credit Plus for Nonpublic School Families

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The funding application window for the entire 2025-2026 school year has closed.

For program specific questions please contact Wendy.Casterline@education.ohio.gov.

- **Before college term begins:** Complete School Counseling Requirement
- **As soon as possible:** Sign-up for a OH|ID account
- **Feb. 1 - April 1 at 5:00 pm:** Apply for funding for entire school year
- **Before May 6:** Funding award notifications available in parent's OH|ID account
- **September 1 - November 1 at 5:00 pm:** Apply for funding for spring term
- **Before December 6:** Funding award notifications for spring term in parent's OH|ID account

Great news for nonpublic school families! [Ohio's College Credit Plus](#) gives students in grades 7-12 the chance to earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking courses at participating Ohio colleges or universities. Tuition is free if your student takes classes at a public college. There may be modest fees for private college credit. All public colleges and certain private colleges in Ohio are participating.

The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. A College Credit Plus student enjoys the opportunity to pursue more challenging classes and explore college interests sooner. Your child can earn anywhere from a few college credits to more than a year's worth while still in high school. College Credit Plus can reduce your child's time in college and greatly reduce your family's higher education costs.

Steps for Nonpublic School Students to Apply for College Credit Plus

The deadline is April 1 for nonpublic school students to apply for College Credit Plus funds for the entire next school year, so time is critical. **The deadline is November 1** for students who missed the April 1 deadline to apply for funds for the spring term only.

STEP 1 - LEARN MORE ABOUT COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS AND COMPLETE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Review frequently asked questions about College Credit Plus for [students and families](#), for [higher education institutions](#) and CCP [administrators](#).

- If you still have questions, contact the Ohio Department of Education toll-free at (877) 644-6338 or via email at ccp@education.ohio.gov.

Complete the School Counseling Requirement before **the college term begins**.

- Contact your student's school counselor for this information.

Parents, please note: "The subject matter of a course enrolled in under the college credit plus program may include mature subject matter or materials, including those of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature, that will not be modified based upon college credit plus enrollee participation regardless of where course instruction occurs."

STEP 2 - APPLY TO THE COLLEGE

- Contact or check the websites of participating colleges in your area. All public and participating private colleges in the state are listed on the [College Credit Plus website](#).
- Apply to the college or colleges of your choice. Once admitted to a college under College Credit Plus, the college will send your student an admission letter. Upload a copy of the admission letter to your College Credit Plus Funding Application. If your student gets an admission letter from more than one college, you must upload each college's admission letter. **(See Step 3.)**

STEP 3 - SUBMIT YOUR COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS FUNDING APPLICATION

- All parents are required to establish an [OH|ID account](#) before they can apply for funding. Although, you can create an account at any time, please apply early as **it may take a few days to process the account**. Summer classes are also an option. These sessions can start as early as May, so don't delay in establishing your [OH|ID account](#). Here's a [step-by-step guide](#) on how to create an OH|ID account and Department of Education Profile.
- Anytime between **Feb. 1 - April 1 at 5:00 pm** or **September 1 - November 1 at 5:00 pm** if applying for the spring term, you can [log in to your OH|ID Account and apply for College Credit Plus funding](#) to cover your child's tuition costs. Here is a link to the [College Credit Plus Funding Application Manual](#).

STEP 4 - RECEIVE YOUR AWARD LETTER AND REGISTER FOR COLLEGE CLASSES

- You will receive your funding award notification within your College Credit Plus Funding Application located in your [OH|ID Account](#) before **May 6 if applying for the entire year, or December 6 if applying for the spring term.**
- Once you receive your award notification, you can have your child register for college courses.

Parent and Guardian Access to College Credit Plus Student Records

Students taking College Credit Plus courses are considered both high school and college students. When a minor-aged student progresses through a K-12 school, the parents and guardians have the right to access educational records and additional information on their student. However, when a student attends a college or university, these rights transfer to the student regardless of their age. This [letter](#) outlines options for parent or guardian access to the student's college records.