

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Need-Based Grant Policy, 2026–27

Cedarhaven Grant · work-study packaging · certificate tuition

Need-based grants do not require repayment. Cedarhaven packages federal, state, and institutional aid after the FAFSA and the Cedarhaven Aid Form. This policy governs the institutional Cedarhaven Grant for undergraduates and the Certificate Access Grant for online learners.

Eligibility

Undergraduates must be admitted to a degree program, enrolled at least half time, and making satisfactory academic progress (2.0 cumulative GPA and 67% completion). Certificate students must be enrolled in a credit-bearing online certificate and complete the employer-sponsorship question even if the answer is none.

How awards are calculated

Cost of attendance minus student aid index minus other gift aid equals remaining need. The Cedarhaven Grant meets a published share of remaining need (currently 62% for first-year Harbor residents, 48% for continuing commuters). Award letters list each component on a single page: grants, work-study, loans, and student responsibility.

Certificate tuition

Online certificates bill per course. Employer sponsorship letters must arrive before census (day 7 of the module). The Certificate Access Grant may cover up to two courses per rolling year for students without sponsorship whose aid form demonstrates need.

Deadlines

Population	Priority file date	Award release
Fall first-year	January 15	March 1
Transfer	March 1	April 15
Continuing undergraduate	April 1	June 1
Online certificate rolling	Three weeks before module start	Weekly thereafter

Appeals and office hours

Special-circumstances appeals use the Aid Revision Form. Evening office hours run Tuesdays 5:00–7:00 p.m. the three weeks before the January first-year deadline. Search “need-based grants” or visit /cedarhaven-financial-aid/.