



Southern State Accepting Applications for Choose Ohio First Scholarships in Computer Technology Program

Southern State Community College is currently accepting applications for the 2026-27 Choose Ohio First (COF) Scholarship for eligible students entering the College's Computer Technology program. The application deadline for Fall Semester is August 24, 2026.

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship is part of a statewide initiative designed to strengthen Ohio's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce by supporting students pursuing high-demand careers. Funded through Ohio's state budget with general revenue dollars, the scholarship helps reduce the cost of earning a degree in Computer Technology.

Eligible first-time students in Southern State's Computer Technology curriculum may receive up to \$9,445 during the 2026-27 academic year to help cover tuition, general fees, and books. The scholarship does not cover lab fees and is available only for the Fall and Spring semesters. Awards are competitive and are based on eligibility requirements and available funding rather than financial need.

To be considered, students must complete the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Application by the August 24 deadline. To remain eligible, scholarship recipients must:

- Be an Ohio resident
- Declare Computer Technology as their major
- Be new to the Computer Technology program at Southern State, including students changing majors from another program

- Enroll in at least 9 credit hours each semester and make satisfactory progress toward graduation
- Complete Southern State's New Student Orientation (including former College Credit Plus students)
- Meet with an academic advisor or Computer Technology faculty member at least twice each semester
- Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Students whose GPA falls below 3.0 will receive additional support through the Program Advocate, while two consecutive semesters below the required GPA may result in loss of eligibility
- Complete an internship, co-op, or gain full-time work experience related to the program before graduation, with appropriate documentation
- Participate in the COF Scholar Showcase, complete required surveys, and actively engage in COF activities
- Maintain a clear student account balance with Southern State

Students are responsible for any educational expenses not covered by the scholarship, including lab fees and other remaining costs.

For more information about the Choose Ohio First Scholarship or the application process, please contact Southern State's Strategic Project Support Specialist Lisa Hord at 800.628.7722, Ext. 3513 or email lhord@sscc.edu.

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