

CREIGHTON SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAMS CHAT Q&A

For those who were unable to join our scholarship & programs chat, we have compiled most of the questions that were asked. The presentation covers many details, which can be found here: http://typo3.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/Admissions/images/email/2016/Supplemental_Scholarships_Chat_2016_1_.pdf. You can also find a link to watch a recording of the chat, including Sarah Richardson's presentation here: <https://bluecafe.webex.com/bluecafe/lsr.php?RCID=23f2f6da136bac55c9614a497a33b80a>.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

[Is the deadline for all of these applications the same?](#)

Yes, January 15.

[How will I find out when my phone interview is?](#)

We will contact you via email.

[Is there a preference for students who attend the on-campus interview versus completing a phone interview?](#)

Each scholarship and program sets their own criteria for interviews, but in general, an in-person interview is encouraged. It's easier for you to advocate for yourself and make a positive impression in person than over the phone or through an online paper. We also understand that you may not be able to attend, so we offer an alternative.

[Where do I go to apply for scholarships?](#)

Log in to your online student portal at choose.creighton.edu/apply/status. It has a smart filter on it, so you will only see scholarships and programs you are eligible to apply for.

[I originally applied to one college, but I would like to change my mind. Is there a way to switch this?](#)

Yes - contact your admissions counselor for more information.

[Do you consider weighted GPAs for these criteria?](#)

Yes.

[Do the SAT scores listed include writing?](#)

No, they are just critical reading and math.

[If I'm coming for the interview weekend in February, can I sit in on a class or add extra activities?](#)

Absolutely! There are lots of things you are able to do, including staying until Monday. When you complete your application, we ask about your travel plans to help accommodate you. There are also great sessions during the interview days as well.

[Is it possible to view our supplemental applications after they've been submitted?](#)

No, but if you need to make a change, your admissions counselor can help you get an updated document to your file.

[If we would like to be in programs like EDGE for pre-professional students, how/when can we reach out to them?](#)

You'll find out more about this during Welcome Week, which is our freshman orientation. It's not anything you need to apply for before you would come in the fall. However, if you'd like more information, we can certainly provide it! We have phenomenal resources for undergraduates who would like to apply to graduate/professional school after graduation.

[Do you superscore the ACT?](#)

No.

[For the interview weekend in February, do we have the opportunity to stay with a student in the residence halls?](#)

We will have space for students to stay overnight on Sunday with a current student, as space allows. We will also allow you to visit classes, among other activities, on Monday morning.

[Are there any work programs that help with tuition payment?](#)

Students who are eligible for work study (as determined by the FAFSA) are provided a guaranteed job on campus. If you aren't eligible for work study, there are lots of places to apply for on-campus jobs still.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

[I am interested in multiple programs. How many can I be in?](#)

Only one at a time, as we want you to be able to adjust to college and participate in other organizations as well. You are welcome to apply for as many as you are interested in, though.

[Can I be in two programs if only one requires the living component?](#)

No, as there are course requirements for some of the programs on top of the general time commitment. We don't want you to spread yourself too thin!

[If I apply to multiple programs, who gets to decide which one I join?](#)

It's a mutual selection process, so you will rank your preferences, and the programs will do the same.

When do I have to make my decision about my order of preferences?

You will be given a chance to reflect on these programs and order your preferences in mid-February. The programs will do the same.

If I apply for a program that has a housing component, do I have to wait to fill out my housing information until I receive my decision for that program?

No. You can apply for housing once you've deposited. If you join a program with a housing component, you will automatically be assigned to their specific housing.

For my letter of recommendation, can I choose a letter that I used for my application for admission?

Yes.

When will I find out if I am accepted to a program?

Typically students receive notification the first week of March.

Can I do FLP the first year and then apply for Honors the second year?

Technically, yes. However, few students are accepted into the Honors program their sophomore year. Freshman year is the primary time for freshman to enter the Honors program.

If you're in a program with a living component, do you have to room with someone else in the program?

Yes, because your residence hall floor will be all students in the same program as you.

For programs with a living component, can I opt out of that part?

No, as the living community is a key component for the programs that offer it.

How much of a time commitment are these programs? Will I be able to handle my workload?

Transitioning to college in general can be more of an adjustment for some students than others. However, many students find the special programs to be another form of support during this time.

If we apply for more than one program that requires an interview, do we need to have separate interviews for each program?

Yes. We will do our best to coordinate them so you are able to do as much as possible and breathe in between.

Some of the programs reference having RSP together. What's that?

It stands for Ratio Studiorum Program (Latin for "plan of study"). It's a one-credit course that all freshmen take to help you adjust to college and successfully plan their courses, careers, and life. You will meet with your academic advisor and about 20-25 other students in the same college as you once a week for about an hour.

How many students are in each of the programs?

Roughly 60 students in FLP, 45 in Cortina, 50 in Honors, 30 in Arts & Sciences Dean's Fellows, and 30 in Heider College of Business Dean's Fellows.

What are my chances of being accepted into Honors?

The Honors program is very selective. We typically receive 250 or more applications, and there are about 50 freshmen in Honors. We recommend that you are thoughtful in preparing your application so you can be as competitive as possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Do scholarships have to be used toward tuition only?

It depends on the scholarship. Some can only be used toward tuition. Some can be used for books, expenses, and even study abroad.

I can't attend the Heider Scholarship Competition Weekend. I want to apply for both Ethics & Hixson scholarships. Do I need to submit two different ethics papers for each application?

No. The same case study is used for both scholarships, so you only need to submit one paper.

Is an outside scholarship stackable with merit scholarships?

Typically, yes.

How will we be notified about the topics of the ethics paper?

Once you apply and select your next step (whether or not to attend the competition), we will provide more information on February 1.

Is there anything else that would benefit me for the Markoe Scholarship?

While it's not required, you can certainly add/update information on your application by emailing your admissions counselor.

For the scholarships that required the FAFSA for consideration, can we file it using estimated amounts? February 15 is pretty early.

Yes. We understand you may not have all of your necessary tax information to have final numbers, so try your best to be as accurate as possible. If you need assistance with this, contact Financial Aid.

How do you apply for the specific scholarships (the long list of 100+) scholarships on the Creighton website?

These are endowed scholarships that support our general merit scholarships. They are included in the initial amounts awarded at the time of admission. They are not supplemental to the merit scholarships. (See: <https://apex.creighton.edu/pls/apex/f?p=406:8:0>) The scholarships discussed tonight is the full list of supplemental scholarships.

I don't have to do anything but file the FAFSA by February 15 to be considered for the Muchemore scholarship?

That is correct. This is the only scholarship that is like that.

Are there any scholarships available that aren't listed in the portal?

No. Your student portal has a smart filter on it to only show you the scholarships and special programs you are eligible for.

Are the supplemental scholarships and merit scholarships given out at the time of admission, along with FAFSA, the only chances for financial aid? Or are there other scholarship opportunities?

From Creighton specifically, the three ways to receive aid are: (1) merit scholarships (2) supplemental scholarships (3) need-based aid with the FAFSA. However, we accept outside scholarships as well.

When is the FAFSA deadline for Creighton?

We recommend completing it by March 1. Some scholarships require it to be filed by February 15, however.

When are financial aid packages sent out?

Our first financial aid packages are sent out mid-March. If you file after March 1, it typically takes two weeks to be sent to you.