
ONU 2026-2027 Tuition and Fees

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Dear ONU Students and Families,

I am writing today to update you on Ohio Northern University's tuition and fees for the upcoming 2026-27 academic year. Please know that we understand that the cost of a college education can be daunting and that it is a critical concern for our families. I want to assure you that our top priority is delivering an outstanding education at a highly competitive cost.

Our Board of Trustees has approved a 3.98% increase in the total cost of attendance for the next academic year. This is the smallest increase in the last three years and is comparable or lower than the increases planned at many of our peer institutions across Ohio and the nation.

Visit the [financial aid website](#) for a complete breakdown of information about:

- College-specific tuition rates
- Mandatory fees for returning students
- Room and board costs.

Please remember that these published rates represent ONU's "sticker price." The effective cost for the vast majority of our students is significantly reduced with scholarships and financial aid. We are proud that ONU, unlike many other institutions, guarantees the renewal of student scholarships and grants through the entirety of their bachelor's degree program.

Like your household, our expenses on things like food and utilities have increased significantly due to inflation. We continue to work hard to reduce our costs and increase efficiency to keep an ONU

degree affordable. Those efforts, along with this increase, will allow us to keep pace with our rising operating costs while continuing to make strategic investments in our academic programs and facilities.

An ONU education continues to provide an outstanding return on your investment. The [Wall Street Journal's 2026 Best Colleges](#) rankings place ONU as **#1 in Ohio for Best Value** and for **Boosting Graduates' Salaries**. We're also ranked as the **#1 University in the Midwest**, according to [U.S. News & World Report's 2026 Best Regional Colleges](#) list. And, U.S. News ranks us **#1 in Best Value Schools** and **#1 for Best College for Veterans**.

These accolades reflect our unwavering commitment to providing an exceptional education that translates into strong, measurable returns on your investment through our high graduation rates and outstanding career outcomes.

We understand the complexities and challenges of paying for college. If your family's financial circumstances have shifted recently or you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to reach out to our financial aid office. Our dedicated team can help explore your options and may be able to identify and connect you with additional resources.

A college education remains one of the most impactful investments you can make, and we are fully committed to helping you achieve this important goal. Thank you for choosing Ohio Northern.

Sincerely,

Melissa J. Baumann, Ph.D.
President