Ohio University Resources

Dean of Students Office
312 Baker University Center
740.593.1802
www.ohio.edu/deanofstudents

Staff in the Office of the Dean of Students can help connect students experiencing housing or food insecurity to Ohio University and Athens community resources.

Café’ Cupboard
312 Baker University Center
740.593.1902
www.ohio.edu/cocaboard

This service provides access to fresh, frozen, and shelf stable food to students experiencing food insecurity or hunger.

Housing and Residence Life
740.593.1000
110 South Union Drive
www.ohio.edu/housing

Staff in the Housing and Residence Life office can help connect students to on-campus resources and can assist with finding on-campus housing accommodations for enrolled students.

Counseling and Psychological Services
740.593.1915
Hoggard Health Center, 3rd floor
www.ohio.edu/counseling
Counseling.services@ohio.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services provides professional and confidential counseling to students. Drop-in hours are 8:30am–5:30pm, M-F.

Student Legal Services
740.594.2023
120 South Court Street, Suite C, Athens, OH
G.O. Bldg, OCON (TLC), 1st fl, 740-593-0165
https://www.studentlegalrights.org/ohio-

Student Legal Services provides Ohio University students with a wide range of legal services.

Athens Community Resources

Food Resources
Athens Church of Christ food pantry
785 West Union Street, Athens, OH 45701
http://www.athenschurch.net/470-593-7444 Administration

Athens County Food Pantry
Diamond Hall
Athens County Job and Family Services
75 W. Union St., Athens, OH 45701, 740-502-1001

Community Meals
Monday
First United Methodist Church (12 p.m.), 3 S. College St., Athens, OH 45701, 740-593-3277

Tuesday
Athens Church of Christ (12:30 p.m.), 785 W. Union St., Athens, OH 45701, 740-593-7444

Wednesday
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (12 p.m.), 844 University Terrace, Athens, OH 45701, 740-593-6877

Friends and Neighbors Community Cen (12 p.m.), 26700 Parkersburg Rd., Coshocton, OH 43730, 740-827-0814

Thursday
United Campus Ministry (LPM) (5:30 p.m.), 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701, 740-593-7301
The Hall (12-3 p.m.), 33 W. Columbus St., Nelsonville, OH

Christ Community Wesleyan Church
835 Kenyon Memorial Ln., Athens, OH 45701, Every Third Thursday (740) 588-3392

Friday
Good Works! Call ahead for directions (12:30 p.m.), Location of meal changes seasonally: 740.596.3559
The Place United Methodist Church (5:30 p.m.), 3 N. Plains Rd., The Plains, OH

Saturday
United Campus Ministry (LPM) (5:30 p.m.), 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701, 740-593-7301

Housing Resources

Integrated Services
(Shelter for Homeless Youth)
https://www.integralservice.org
930-593-8230

Salvation Army
(Shelter for Homeless Youth)
www.salvationarmy.net
930-597-6371

Timothy House
Homeless shelter in Athens
http://good-works.net/the-timothy-house/
How Can I Help?

Emergency Microgrant Program

Today’s student faces increased costs of higher education while federal grants and loans continue to shrink. Many students are one emergency away from dropping out of school because of their inability to pay their bills. The solution we have turned to are emergency microgrant programs. These grants are typically under $1000 and can support students who are experiencing a financial crisis, that for many of us would be an uncomfortable hit to our savings account, but for these students. It may mean walking away from an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Students must apply for these emergency grants, or be nominated by faculty or staff, and provide necessary documentation. This process allows for students at financial risk for leaving the institution to connect with an Assistant Dean of Students who can provide additional resources, referrals, and financial education.

Micro-Grant Guidelines:
- Grants do not typically exceed $1000, and are specific to the identified need.
- Generally, grants can only be awarded once per academic year.

What Micro-Grants Cover:
- Safety needs (changing of locks, temporary housing changes)
- Replacement of belongings, including textbook, due to fire, theft or natural disaster
- Medical/Dental/Life/Medication (can’t cover outstanding balances)
- Housing/Utilities
- Food/Beverages
- Personal Automobile/Travel
- Child care
- Other emergency or unforeseen circumstances

What Micro-Grants do NOT Cover:
- Tuition and Fees
- Legal Fees/Expenses
- Parking Ticket/Taxes
- Health Insurance
- Study Abroad costs

Apply on the Dean of Students website, www ohio edu/ dean student affairs/ career and leadership/

Cap and Gown Loan Program

Due to the generosity of Event Services, a select number of caps and gowns will be available for loan to students who face a financial barrier to purchase their own. We invite faculty and staff to share this application with students who would otherwise not participate in this important event because they are unable to purchase regalia. Students can apply on the Dean of Students website, www ohio edu/ dean students under the Bobcats Helping Bobcats tab.

If a student has already purchased a cap and gown, we are not able to offer refunds.

Ohio University Services Available to Students

Cats’ Cupboard Food Pantry in Baker University Center

Ohio recognizes that some students may not have enough to eat on a daily or weekly basis. The Food Pantry, located on the fifth floor of Baker University Center, is open to anyone in need.

Bobcats Helping Bobcats Meal Bank

Athens students who are on a Traditional, Flex, or Block Meal Plan can donate up to three meals during a specified donation week in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Those meals will then be available to students experiencing hunger on our campus.

To access the Meal Bank, students need to complete a short online application that can be found on the Dean of Students website under the Bobcats Helping Bobcats tab. Applications are reviewed by the Dean of Student Services. Thanks to Culinary Services for making this program possible and donating meals to create the Meal Bank.

Housing Help

Sometimes students find themselves housing insecure or in situations where they are at-risk for homelessness. Common examples include:
- Living in a shelter, on the streets, in a car
- Fourteen days from losing current housing and no safe alternatives – like an eviction, including from university housing
- Fleeting housing due to violence or threat of violence

Ohio University is here to help. Complete the online intake form on the Dean of Students website, www ohio.edu/dean students under the Bobcats Helping Bobcats tab and someone from the Dean of Student Services will reach out to explore campus and community options. Faculty and staff are encouraged to reach out to Dean of Students office if they believe they have a student who is housing insecure or homeless. Some of the resources available include:

- Break Housing

Not all students have a home to return to over the winter and summer breaks. On-campus housing is offered at a daily rate and financial support is available for those that qualify through the intake process.

Temporary Emergency Housing

Students experiencing a housing crisis that results in homelessness should complete the housing intake form to see if they qualify for temporary emergency housing or community-based services.