Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Program?

The Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Program prepares students from CMU-authorized charter high schools for success in college, work, and life. Scholars take part in mentoring, workshops, and enrichment activities focused on four pillars: College Readiness, Career Exploration, Mentorship & Community, and Leadership Development.

What benefits does my student receive from this program?

- Access to the **Charter to CMU Guarantee**. Students graduating with a 2.8 GPA or higher from a CMU-authorized charter high school are automatically admitted to CMU with the application fee waived.
- Unique experiences with CMU faculty, students, alumni, and campus resources.
- Eligibility for the **Charter to CMU $6,000 Scholarship** upon successful completion and enrollment at CMU.

What is expected of my student?

- **Attend all scheduled sessions regularly**. Students cannot miss more than three sessions. Exceeding this limit will result in dismissal from the program.
- **Engage actively** in workshops, mentoring, and activities.
- **Commit fully** to the program, as well as any subsequent programming during their senior year and/or throughout their college years at Central Michigan University.

What is my role as a parent/guardian?

- Encourage your student's consistent attendance and participation.
- Attend all **mandatory orientation meetings and celebratory events**.

How will I receive updates?

- **Email**: Program staff will send regular updates and reminders.
- **Text**: If you opt into texting, we will send you updates and reminders.

What if my student needs to miss a session?

Notify program staff in advance by **calling or texting** the contact provided for that session. Absences should be limited to emergencies or unavoidable conflicts.

Is transportation provided?

Transportation is **not provided** for in-school activities. However, transportation will be covered for **field trips and events associated with the program**.

Will my child receive food during after-school programming?

Yes. All after-school programming will include food for participants.

Who do I contact in case of emergency during a session?

Call or text the staff and school administrator contact listed on the contact us sheet.

Does the program cost anything?

No. The Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Program is free for students and families.

What materials does my student need?

Most materials will be provided. If students need to bring something specific, program staff will notify families in advance.