Your college journey starts today.

The Charter to CMU Chippewa Program is a multi-phase college and career readiness initiative designed to support students from CMU-authorized charter public high schools as they prepare for, transition to, and thrive at Central Michigan University. The program consists of three interconnected stages that begin in high school and extend through college, creating a powerful "to and through" model of student success.

Charter to CMU Chippewa Prep Program (Junior Year)

The Charter to CMU Chippewa Prep Program engages 11th-grade students in a yearlong experience focused on self-discovery, academic preparation, college exploration, and professional skill development. Through bi-weekly workshops, hands-on activities, campus visits, and mentorship, students build the foundational tools they need to succeed in their senior year and beyond.

Key Features:
- Bi-weekly in-school and after-school workshops.
- Career exploration, leadership development, and financial literacy.
- Mentorship from CMU students and alumni.
- Exposure to CMU campus life and resources, including a residential summer camp.
- Free dual enrollment opportunities.

Successful completion of this program paves the way for entry into the Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Program.

Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Program (Senior Year)

The Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Program is the senior-year continuation of the Prep Program. Students receive intensified college preparation support, including application guidance, scholarship navigation, dual enrollment and a transition-to-college curriculum.

Key Benefits:
- Guaranteed admission to CMU and application fee waiver.
- Hands-on support with college and scholarship applications.
- Access to professional development workshops and guest speakers.
- Dual enrollment opportunities.
- $6,000 renewable scholarship to CMU (up to four years).
- Celebration events, including CMU campus visits and Central Celebration Dinner.

Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Organization (College Years at CMU)

Once enrolled at CMU, students become part of the Charter to CMU Chippewa Scholars Alumni Cohort — a student-led community that supports the transition to college life while fostering leadership, engagement, and academic success.

What Students Gain:
- Peer support from fellow charter alumni.
- Continued mentorship and professional networking.
- Access to CMU campus resources and leadership opportunities.
- A place to stay connected and give back to the next cohort.
- Leadership building.
- Job opportunities with the CMU Center for Charter Schools Office.

The Charter to CMU Chippewa Program is more than a scholarship—it's a full-circle community of support that starts in high school and continues throughout college, helping students from CMU-authorized charter schools reach their full potential at Central Michigan University.