



We are so glad that you have decided to apply to be a participant in the Young Scholars Program (YSP) in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at The Ohio State University. Your application to YSP is an example of your desire to go to college. We are proud of you for taking this step. Although it is not required, it would be helpful to have a parent/guardian present to assist you with answering family-related questions. Please take the time to read each section in its entirety!

NEW STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Complete YSP Application form in its entirety
All applicants are required to provide report cards/transcripts showing all high school course subjects, titles, and grades
Attendance records (if not shown on report cards)
Submit a Short Answer Essay: The Essay must be 200-250 words, typed, using 12pt standard font (page 4)
Sign and submit the student Release Statement (page 6)
Submit one recommendation form: To be completed by a teacher in a core subject area (English, math, social studies/history, foreign language, visual and performing arts), or by a counselor, principal, or other school staff that have Knowledge of your personal and academic strengths and weaknesses.

The Young Scholars Program aims to support students and families with demonstrated financial need. If you are selected to participate in an interview, your family will be required to provide proof of income. The YSP Income Guidelines are provided below. Please make sure your family meets the stated income guidelines before starting this application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 4, 2022

Applicants will be sent written notification of the final decision by the end of May 2021.

Table with 4 columns: Household Size\*, Annual Income from all sources, Household Size\*, Annual Income from all sources. Rows for household sizes 1 through 8.

\*Please note that household size should include:

- Parents (if married or if biological parents are not married but living together). If the parent is re-married and you stay with that parent and his/her new spouse, you will need to include your parent and his/her new spouse as part of your household.
If parents are divorced, separated, or if living in a single-parent home, only include the parent that provides more than 50% support as part of your household.
Your guardian(s) is under guardianship.

You will also need to include any dependent children living in the household. This includes children who have graduated high school and are enrolled in college but under age 24 and adults that are classified as dependent in tax filings. If a parent provides more than 50% financial support, to another adult in the household (e.g. grandmother, grandfather), they should be included in the household size.

\*\* Students who are in foster care, a ward of the state, homeless, or live with grandparents or another relative will have to submit documentation from a caseworker, school social worker, or court documents verifying their status. These students do NOT have to provide proof of income.

Applications can be submitted by mail to the YSP staff member in your city, OR via e-mail (with the application, essay, and other documents attached electronically) to ysp@osu.edu.



**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY &  
NON-DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT**

**POLICY 1.10**

**OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY**

The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Ohio State does not discriminate based on age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or veteran status in its programs, activities, employment, and admission. See below for inquiries regarding potential discrimination.

**Contacts for Discrimination Concerns**

For discrimination concerns, contact:

**Office of Institutional Equity**

21 East 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-247-5838 [equity@osu.edu](mailto:equity@osu.edu)

For disability discrimination concerns, contact the ADA coordinator. Responsibilities: Coordinates the university's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ensures that the university responds appropriately, effectively, and equitably to ADA issues, including disability-based harassment and discrimination.

**Scott Lissner, ADA coordinator**

Office of Institutional Equity 21 East 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-292-6207 [ada-osu@osu.edu](mailto:ada-osu@osu.edu)

For Title IX concerns, contact the Title IX coordinator. Responsibilities: Coordinates the university's compliance with Title IX and ensures that the university responds appropriately, effectively, and equitably to Title IX issues, including sex- and gender-based harassment and discrimination, which includes sexual misconduct.

**Molly Peirano, Title IX coordinator**

Office of Institutional Equity 21 East 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-247-5838 [titleIX@osu.edu](mailto:titleIX@osu.edu)

***The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is governed by the Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity & Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy 1.10 of the Office of Institutional Equity. The demographic data collected in this application is used to assure the scholar is meeting program requirements to qualify for the Young Scholars scholarship upon successful completion of the YSP pre-college program.***

# YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## NEW STUDENT APPLICATION

(to be completed by Students, Parents, and/or Legal Guardians)

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Sex:  Male  Female

Birth date(MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Other  Prefer not to respond

Preferred Pronouns (how do you identify?)  she/her  he/him  them/they

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Student e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Background (check all that apply)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native      | <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African, or African American                              | <input type="checkbox"/> White               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab, Middle Eastern, or North African | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unreported/Unknown  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (other than Native Hawaiian) | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to specify |

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP STATUS

***To be eligible to receive federal and state financial aid and the Young Scholars Scholarship, the student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. National, a U.S. permanent resident, or hold a valid T-Visa (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or eligible immigration status before beginning their senior year in high school. See the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more details.***

Select your Citizenship Status

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen or U.S. National | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Dual Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Permanent Resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Refugee or Asylee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Non-US)    |  |

If you selected 'U.S. Permanent Resident' as your Citizenship Status, enter the issue date of your U.S. Permanent Resident Card:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) or are you in the process of seeking DACA approval?  Yes  No

### STUDENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List your intended school(s) of enrollment next academic year (2021-2022):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT FAMILY INFORMATION**

In this section, provide information for the parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

Who is your legal guardian?

Biological/Adoptive Parent  I am in Foster Care  I am a Ward of the State  I am Homeless  Other

I live with a relative other than my birth or adopted parent

Other (specify name and relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

**Students who are in foster care, a ward of the state, homeless, or live with grandparents or another relative will have to submit documentation from a caseworker, school social worker, or court documents verifying their status on the documentation upload screen. See the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more details.**

If you live with a relative other than your birth or adopted parent, is this situation  Temporary  Long-term  Permanent

Explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Caseworker Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Caseworker Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Caseworker Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATION TO AN OHIO STATE YOUNG SCHOLAR**

Are you related to a current or past **Ohio State** Young Scholar?  No  Yes – If yes, please note the name of the scholar on the line below

Name of Scholar: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scholar: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Relationship to student:  Mother  Father  Stepparent  Legal Guardian  Foster Parent  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Marital Status:  Married  Never Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

Does the applicant reside with this parent/guardian?  Full-time  Part-time  Rarely/Never

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Is English the primary language spoken by Parent 1?  Yes  No If no, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade Level Completed:  Less than High School  Some High School  High School Graduate

Some College  Associate Degree  Bachelor’s Degree or higher

**PARENT/GUARDIAN #2**

Relationship to student:  Mother  Father  Stepparent  Legal Guardian  Foster Parent  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Marital Status:  Married  Never Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

Is Parent/Guardian 2:  Living  Deceased  Unknown

Does the applicant reside with this parent/guardian?  Full-time  Part-time  Rarely/Never

Can you provide demographic information for Parent/Guardian 2?:  Yes  No

***If you answered "Yes", to the question above, proceed with providing demographic information for Parent/Guardian 2. If you answered "No" to the question above, skip this section and proceed to the Family Income and Support questions.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation Employer

Is English the primary language spoken by Parent 2?  Yes  No If no, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student:  Parent  Step-Parent  Grandparent  Foster Parent/Legal Guardian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade Level Completed:  Less than High School  Some High School  High School Graduate  
 Some College  Associate's Degree  Bachelor's Degree or higher

Does the applicant reside with this parent/guardian?  Full-time  Part-time  Rarely/Never

**FAMILY INCOME AND SUPPORT**

In this section, you provide information about your household size. Household size should include:

- Parents (if married or if biological parents are not married but living together). If the parent is re-married and you stay with that parent and his/her new spouse, you will need to include your parent and his/her new spouse as part of your household.
- If parents are divorced, separated, or if living in a single-parent home, only include the parent that provides more than 50% support as part of your household.
- Your guardian(s) is under guardianship.

You will also need to include any dependent children living in the household. This includes children who have graduated high school and are enrolled in college but under age 24 and adults that are classified as dependent in tax filings. If a parent provides more than 50% financial support, to another adult in the household (e.g., grandmother, grandfather), they should be included in the household size.

**IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED YOU HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN ASSIST YOU WITH COMPLETING THIS SECTION**

How many parents/guardians are in your household?  1  2

How many children are living in the home under the age of 21 years, including the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children living in the home are between the ages of 22 and 24, have graduated high school, and are enrolled in college? \_\_\_\_\_

Not including the people you identified in the previous question(s), how many adults other than the applicants' parent/legal guardian(s) live in the home? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your family's total gross income (include only parents/guardian(s) living in the home?)

- \$1 - \$18,032  \$18,033 - \$24,388  \$24,389 - \$30,744  \$30,745 - \$37,100  \$37,101 - \$43,456
- \$43,457 - \$49,812  \$49,813 - \$56,168  \$56,169 - \$62,524  \$62,525 - \$68,880  \$68,881 or more

PLEASE SELECT ALL OF THE SUPPORT SERVICES THE FAMILY CURRENTLY RECEIVES

- Housing Assistance                       WIC (Women, Infants & Children)                       OWF (Ohio Works First)
- Social Security                       TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Veterans/Disabled Benefits                       SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Describe your co-curricular, work, volunteer, and community service experiences below. Include a description of your role or distinguishing contribution to each activity you list.

#### Activities (performing arts, athletics, student government, student organizations, etc.)

Name of activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your role or contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Grades Participated \_\_\_\_\_

Name of activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your role or contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Grades Participated \_\_\_\_\_

Name of activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your role or contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Grades Participated \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT ESSAY PROMPT

Choose one of the three prompts below to prepare a 200-250 word essay. The essay must be typed and double-spaced using a 12pt standard font.

- Describe a personal or academic challenge you've faced in the past and how you overcame it. You may also describe a current personal or academic challenge you are facing and how you're working to overcome it. The challenge may be personal, family, or school-related.
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

**RELEASE STATEMENT**

I / (we), as the parent(s) or guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(First, Middle and Last Name of Student)*

I/(we) understand that this application does not guarantee that my/(our) child will be selected to become a Young Scholar. I (we) certify that all of the information provided by me/ (us) to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Young Scholar Program is true and complete to the best of my/ (our) knowledge. I/ (we) promise to provide additional information as requested to verify program eligibility. I/ (we) understand that the University or the public schools may need to investigate and verify the information provided. I/(we) realize that any misrepresentation or false information will lead to a withdrawal of any offer for my/(our) child to join the program, or later disqualification of my/(our) child as a Young Scholar in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at The Ohio State University. I/ (we) understand that the final scholarship eligibility and amount will be determined at the time of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submission and financial documentation is provided during the applicant’s senior year of high school.

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*Signature of Parent/Guardian #1* *Date*

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*Signature of Parent/Guardian #2* *Date*

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**







The applicant named below has applied for admission to the Young Scholars Program of The Ohio State University. Please complete this Recommendation Form to complete the student’s application. Return the Recommendation Form by the program deadline of February 4, 2022. You may return this form to the student or parent for inclusion in the application OR e-mail it directly to (as a PDF) to [ysp@osu.edu](mailto:ysp@osu.edu).

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Student Information**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student had any problems with attendance or behavior? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Please check the appropriate box that indicates your assessment of students in the areas listed below</i>	<b><u>Excellent</u></b>	<b><u>Good</u></b>	<b><u>Fair</u></b>	<b><u>Poor</u></b>	<b><u>No Basis for Judgment</u></b>
<b>Leadership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Initiative/Self-Motivation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Academic Ability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Study Habits</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Family Support</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Writing Skills</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Speaking Skills</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ability to work with others/ teamwork</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ability to listen and follow directions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Potential to succeed in college</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Willingness to seek resources and support</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1. Please describe any academic and/ or personal barriers or challenges faced by this student.**

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**2. What are the student's qualities, skills, and behaviors that make him/her a good candidate for the Young Scholars Program?**

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**3. What are the student's major strengths, or areas of improvement for the student?**

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**4. Is there anything else we should know about this student?**

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**Please check the appropriate box:**

*Highly recommend*       *Recommend*       *Recommend with reservations*       *Do not recommend*

**Please Use the space below to explain your decision**

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**Recommender's Signature**

**Date**



**APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

**Application DEADLINE: Friday, February 4, 2022**

**How do I Apply?**

All prospective students must submit an online application to the Young Scholars Program at [www.osu.embark.com](http://www.osu.embark.com). If an interested student does not have access to, or cannot submit an online application, they should contact the City Program Coordinator for a paper application. Space is limited and the process is competitive.

**Is the Young Scholars Program (YSP) Scholarship a full-ride?**

The YSP scholarship is not a full-ride scholarship. The YSP scholarship is a need-based award meaning that the amount of the scholarship is determined by the family's financial unmet need after federal and state aid has been awarded. Since families have different levels of financial need, the amount of the scholarship will vary from student to student. The Young Scholars Program will host financial aid workshops in your cities to help explain how the scholarship works, and how the scholarship will contribute to your student's cost of attending The Ohio State University.

**What qualifies as first-generation?**

First-generation is defined as any student who (biological or adoptive) has not attained a bachelor's degree from any institution of higher education. The education of siblings, aunts, and uncles, etc. is not considered. If the prospective student does not reside with his or her biological or adoptive parents at the time of application, then the parent's education will not be considered. An associate or vocational/technical degree does not disqualify you from being eligible for the Young Scholars Program.

If one of my parents receives a bachelor's degree before I graduate from high school, will I still qualify for the scholarship?

Yes, prospective students must be first-generation at the time of application to the Young Scholars Program. Students will not be dismissed from the program because one or both parents receive a bachelor's degree during the student's participation in the precollege portion of the program.

**What if I'm in foster care, a ward of the state, homeless, or live with my grandparents or another relative? Do I still qualify to apply?**

Yes, documentation (e.g. court documents, written statements from your social worker, or a written statement from your counselor) should be submitted to verify the student's circumstance and eligibility. In January of the student's senior year of high school, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be required to determine a student's financial need for college. At this time, the student's independent status must be verified again.

**Why do I have to give you my financial information to apply for the Young Scholars Program? What if I refuse?**

Program participants must meet the income guidelines established by the Young Scholars Program. Submission of documents verifying income is required to establish eligibility for program participation. Refusing to provide financial information and documentation will result in a student's ineligibility for the program. The 2021 YSP Family Income Guidelines are provided below:

<b>2022 YSP Income Limits</b>			
<b>Household Size*</b>	<b>Annual Income from all sources</b>	<b>Household Size*</b>	<b>Annual Income from all sources</b>
<b>1</b>	\$18,032	<b>5</b>	\$43,456
<b>2</b>	\$24,388	<b>6</b>	\$49,812
<b>3</b>	\$30,744	<b>7</b>	\$56,168
<b>4</b>	\$37,100	<b>8</b>	\$62,524

Please add \$4,540 for each additional household member

**What if I'm not a US citizen but I want to apply to the program?**

Students are not required to be US citizens or permanent residents at the time of application to the program. In the case that a student is accepted into YSP, they must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen by the time of application to The Ohio State University at the start of their senior year of high school.

**You must select the option that indicates your citizenship status. Select a U.S. citizen if you are a U.S. citizen or a U.S. national.**

**Select Eligible noncitizen if you are:**

- A U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizens with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee" (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.), or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
- The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking"
- A resident of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM)
- A Canadian-born Native American under terms of the Jay Treaty
- Select "Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen" if you are in the U.S. and have:
- Been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- A F1 or F2 student visa
- A J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa
- A G series visa (pertaining to international organizations)
- Other categories not included under U.S. citizen and eligible noncitizen

**What are the requirements to maintain eligibility for the scholarship?**

Once accepted into the Young Scholars Program, scholars must meet the following criteria:

- Attend and actively participate in monthly college readiness workshops
- Attend and participate in group and one-on-one college advising meetings twice per month
- Have a strong desire and motivation to enroll in and graduate from a 4-year college or university.
- Maintain a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3 or above (minimum B+/ A- average).
- Have a good school attendance record.
- Commit to the successful completion of a college-prep curriculum in high school that includes 4-5 units of Math, 4 units of English, 4 units of Science, 3 units of Social Studies, 2-3 units of the same foreign language, 1 unit of an elective as well as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and/ or honors and advanced courses with a GPA 3.3 or above
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) in January of your senior year.
- Take the ACT during their junior year of high school.
- Participate in Summer Programs and campus visits.
- Are the program requirements only limited to the academic year?
- No. The Young Scholars Program requires participation in one-day and short-term, residential programs for pre-college students each summer. This includes Program Orientation, the Freshman Foundation Program, Social Justice Retreat, A Day in the Life of a Scholar, Summer Institute (after freshman year), YSP ASPIRE (after sophomore year) Samuel DuBois Cook Summer Academy (after junior year), and the YSP Early Arrival Program (after high school graduation).

**What happens if I change schools or attend a high school outside of the nine eligible YSP school districts?**

Students are considered for the Young Scholars Program based on enrollment at a public middle in one of the participating YSP cities attended at the time of admission to the program. A change in high school will not remove a student from the program. Students may remain active in the Young Scholars Program as long as they remain Ohio residents, and continue to attend all required workshops and activities.

**Do I have to be nominated to apply to become a Scholar?**

Students and parents interested in applying to YSP must submit a completed application packet by the deadline. Essays must be written by the student. No nomination is required.

**If I qualify for free or reduced lunch, do I automatically qualify for the Young Scholars Scholarship?**

No, the income guidelines to qualify for free and reduced lunch and the Young Scholars Program are not the same. See the YSP income guidelines for program eligibility.

### **What else do I have to pay for?**

There are no costs to students and parents participating in the pre-college portion of YSP. However, students and their families should plan to contribute financially to the student's college education and should be saving money. How much families need to contribute will be based on the family's financial situation at the time of application to Ohio State. YSP will host Ohio State, Financial Aid workshops to help families understand financial aid and college costs. At this time scholars will learn about the YSP scholarship, anticipated educational expenses, and available financial aid.

### **Do you have to attend Ohio State, Columbus campus to receive the Young Scholars scholarship?**

Yes, students receiving YSP funding must be admitted to and attend Ohio State-Columbus campus to receive the scholarship.

### **How long will I receive the scholarship?**

Students awarded will receive the scholarship for 8 semesters (typically 4 years). Once enrolled at Ohio State, students must meet the cumulative GPA requirement, continue to file the FAFSA by the priority deadline, and submit verification (if selected) by their deadline. Students will also need to meet satisfactory academic progress toward their degree.

### **When I go to college, what is included in the Young Scholars scholarship?**

The Young Scholars Scholarship amount may vary from student to student based on information received in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The scholarship is part of the student's financial aid package, which includes federal and state grants and work-study. The financial aid package usually covers tuition, fees, room and board (housing and meals), and in some cases, books and other education-related costs. This will vary based on a family's financial situation at the time of the scholar's high school graduation.

### **If I'm accepted to Young Scholars Program, do I receive automatic admission to Ohio State?**

No. You must complete all high school college prep requirements with the required GPA, take the ACT or SAT with scores sent directly to Ohio State, meet Ohio State undergraduate admission requirements, submit a complete and on-time application to Ohio State, and follow all other procedures necessary to gain admission.

### **What happens if I'm not accepted to Ohio State or I'm accepted to a regional campus?**

The YSP Scholarship is offered only to students accepted to the Ohio State Columbus campus. Students not accepted to the Columbus campus may be considered for financial aid but will not be awarded the YSP Scholarship.

### **Can I lose my scholarship?**

Yes. All scholars are expected to attend and actively participate in meetings, workshops, and summer programs and meet all program requirements. Students who do not meet program requirements in high school or college will be placed on probationary status and are in jeopardy of not receiving their scholarship.

#### **Akron**

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*Program Coordinator*

#### **Canton**

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*Ms. Lisa Gissendaner*  
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*Program Coordinator*

#### **Cincinnati**

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(614) 247-6749

*Ms. Bashia M. Price*  
*Price.850@osu.edu*  
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