Advancing STEM & STEM Education

Choose Ohio First provides scholarships to students in innovative academic programs developed by Ohio's two-year and four-year public and private colleges and universities and their business partners, to recruit, retain, and help connect students to work-based learning experiences and careers in STEM fields. Choose Ohio First is part of a strategic effort to deepen Ohio's economic strength by increasing the talent pipeline for STEM-related industries.

Eligibility Requirements

for Full-time and Part-time Students

- Undergraduates must be an Ohio resident and a first-time degree-seeking student in a STEM field OR an Ohio resident currently enrolled in a non-STEM program who decides to transfer into a STEM program.
- Students must major in one of the school’s eligible Choose Ohio First programs of study.
- Students seeking a certificate in an eligible program must be Ohio residents.

Prospective students and families can learn more about Choose Ohio First at [www.ohiohighered.org/cof](http://www.ohiohighered.org/cof).

Choose Ohio First Facts:

- At four-year institutions in 2020, the average award amount was $4,300.
- At a two-year college in 2020, the average award amount was $2,300.
- Recent employment data shows that 70% of Choose Ohio First’s public college and university completers were found to be employed in Ohio six months and one year after graduation – most (>70%) were still employed with the same employer.
1. Ashland University
2. Aultman College
3. Baldwin Wallace University
4. Belmont College
5. Bowling Green State University
6. Case Western Reserve University
7. Cedarville University
8. Central State University
9. The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences
10. Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
11. Cleveland State University
12. Columbus State Community College
13. Cuyahoga Community College
14. Defiance College
15. Edison Community College
16. Franklin University
17. Heidelberg University
18. Hiram College
19. Hocking College
20. John Carroll University
21. Kent State University
22. Lakeland Community College
23. Lorain County Community College
24. Lourdes University
25. Marietta College
26. Marion Technical College
27. Mercy College
28. Miami University
29. Mount St. Joseph University
30. Muskingum University
31. North Central State College
32. Northwest State Community College
33. Notre Dame College
34. Ohio Dominican University
35. Ohio Northern University
36. The Ohio State University
37. Ohio University
38. Ohio Wesleyan University
39. Otterbein University
40. Owens Community College
41. Rhodes State College
42. Shawnee State University
43. Sinclair Community College
44. Stark State College
45. Terra State Community College
46. Tiffin University
47. The University of Akron
48. University of Cincinnati
49. University of Dayton
50. University of Findlay
51. University of Mount Union
52. University of Rio Grande
53. The University of Toledo
54. Ursuline College
55. Western Governors University
56. Wright State University
57. Youngstown State University
58. Zane State College