



## **OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

The Ohio Department of Higher Education administers the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) program, which provides tuition assistance to Ohio residents who demonstrate the highest levels of financial need (as determined by the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)) who are enrolled at Ohio public colleges or universities, Ohio private, non-profit colleges or universities, and Ohio private, for-profit institutions. Students must be Ohio residents in a degree (associate or first bachelors) or nurse diploma program at an eligible Ohio or Pennsylvania institution with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of 2190 or less and a maximum household income of \$96,000 to be considered for OCOG.

Students apply for OCOG benefits by completing the FAFSA which is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), from a high school guidance counselor, or college Financial Aid Office. The application deadline is October 1 of each year.

For more information, visit [www.ohiohighered.org/ocog](http://www.ohiohighered.org/ocog).

## **OHIO SAFETY OFFICERS COLLEGE MEMORIAL FUND**

The Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund provides tuition assistance to the children and spouses of peace officers, fire fighters and certain other safety officers who are killed in the line-of-duty anywhere in the United States. Also included is any spouse/child of a member of the armed services of the U.S. who was killed in the line of duty during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or a combat zone designated by the President of the United States. The child is eligible for this program only if he or she is not eligible for the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship. Recipients must be Ohio residents and may enroll for full-time or part-time study at any participating Ohio post-secondary institution.

The Fund provides benefits which cover full instructional and student fee charges at public colleges and universities, and a portion of these costs at private post-secondary institutions.

For more information, contact a college Financial Aid Administrator or the Ohio Department of Higher Education/Office of Financial Aid at [www.ohiohighered.org/safety-officers-college-fund](http://www.ohiohighered.org/safety-officers-college-fund).

## **WAR ORPHANS AND SEVERELY DISABLED VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Ohio War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Scholarship Program awards tuition assistance to the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict. To receive War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Scholarship benefits, a student must be enrolled for full-time undergraduate study at an eligible Ohio college or university. Ohio residency is required. Applicants must be under the age of 25. Scholarship benefits cover a portion of instructional and general fee charges at two- and four-year public colleges and universities and a portion of these charges at eligible private colleges and universities.

Applications are available from the Ohio Department of Higher Education /Office of Financial Aid, high school guidance offices, veterans' service offices, and college financial aid offices and submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education /Office of Financial Aid. The application deadline is May 15 of each year.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.ohiohighered.org/ohio-war-orphans](http://www.ohiohighered.org/ohio-war-orphans).

## **NURSE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM**

The Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP) provides education assistance to qualifying Ohio applicants who intend to serve as nurses after graduation and are enrolled in an approved Ohio pre-licensure nurse education program for at least half-time study. NEALP also provides education assistance to qualifying Ohio applicants who intend to serve as nurse instructors after graduation and are enrolled in approved Ohio post licensure nurse education programs for at least half-time study.

Awards are made on the basis of financial need. Recipients may be eligible for 100% loan forgiveness if they meet cancellation requirements. The application deadline is July 15 of each year.

For more information or to apply online, visit [www.ohiohighered.org/nealp](http://www.ohiohighered.org/nealp).

## **CHOOSE OHIO FIRST SCHOLARSHIP**

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program is part of the state's strategic effort to significantly strengthen Ohio's position in world markets such as aerospace, medicine, computer technology and alternative energy.

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program assigns a number of scholarships to universities and colleges to recruit Ohio residents as undergraduate students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine (STEMM) or STEMM Education fields. Scholarships are student-centered grants from the state for participating eligible students to attend a university or college.

For more information, visit our website at [www.chooseohiofirst.org](http://www.chooseohiofirst.org).

## **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ohio Army National Guard Scholarship program encourages young Ohioans to go to school in Ohio and serve in the Ohio National Guard. The Scholarship provides benefits that cover full instructional and general fee charges at public colleges and universities, and a portion of these costs at private post-secondary institutions.

For more information or to apply online, visit [ong.ohio.gov/information/education/scholarship\\_index.html](http://ong.ohio.gov/information/education/scholarship_index.html).