



Choose Ohio First Facts:

- 73% of all Choose Ohio First scholars graduate within four years.
- The average COF scholar maintains a 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- 44% of Choose Ohio First scholars are first-generation and/or low income.
- One out of five COF students is a nontraditional student over the age of 25.
- The average annual scholarship is \$4,200.

Choose Ohio First

Developing Our Future Innovators

Advancing STEMM and STEMM Education

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program is designed to significantly strengthen Ohio's competitiveness within science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM) disciplines and STEMM education. Choose Ohio First provides scholarships to students in innovative academic programs developed by Ohio's colleges and universities and their business partners, to recruit and retain more students in STEMM fields.

Choose Ohio First funds higher education and business collaborations that will have the most impact on Ohio's position in world markets, such as aerospace, medicine, computer technology, and alternative energy. These collaborations will ultimately produce substantive improvements to the pipeline of STEMM graduates and STEMM educators in Ohio. Choose Ohio First is part of a strategic effort to bolster Ohio's economic strength by ensuring a ready workforce for STEMM-related industries.

The Scholarships

Each collaboration develops its own selection criteria for Choose Ohio First scholarships. For grant cycle 2017-2021, Choose Ohio First serves 111 programs and over 2,500 scholars statewide.

Prospective students and families can learn more about Choose Ohio First, including the different academic offerings at over 40 Ohio campuses, at www.ohiohighered.org/cof.

Participating Programs:

