

### Colloquia

The Cutler Scholars meet weekly to discuss issues and choices encountered by societies and institutions, using Ohio University faculty, staff, and leaders from outside the university as resources. Typically, in the fall term, the Scholars address issues of public policy; during the winter term, they discuss science and technology; and in the spring, the topic often considers issues broadly relating to world peace.

### Enrichment Experiences

Scholars engage in four distinct experiences intended to increase self-understanding, to provide insight into civic responsibility and the free enterprise system, and to immerse scholars in culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse environments.

Typically scheduled during the summer break, the four planned experiences include:

- A *self-discovery* experience in an outdoor leadership program such as Outward Bound
- A *community/public* service experience
- A *management* internship
- A *work/study abroad* experience

### Mentoring Relationships

The program offers Cutler Scholars unique opportunities to establish links with university faculty, staff, and alumni, business and community leaders, and others who can provide guidance tailored to the interests, abilities, and career aspirations of each scholar.

### Expectations

A Cutler Scholar is required to take a normal course load each quarter (16 credit hours minimum) and complete the usual graduation requirements for his/her program of study. Continuation in the program is contingent upon maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher at the end of each of the four years of study.

Being selected as a Cutler Scholar is a privilege and an honor that comes with responsibilities. Scholars are expected to demonstrate leadership and exhibit conduct appropriate to that of a Cutler Scholar.

### Giving to the Cutler Scholars Program

Cutler Scholarships are funded through private support from alumni, parents, friends, and organizations. Gifts can be made in the form of cash or marketable assets such as appreciated securities or real estate. Bequests, income trusts, or other deferred plans are also welcomed. Gifts made through our annual giving program help offset operational costs. For more information on giving to the Cutler Scholars program, please contact Jennifer Hall, Director of Development, Scholarship Programs and Assistant Director, Cutler Scholars Program, at (740) 593-4074 or hallj3@ohio.edu. To give online, please visit [www.ohio.edu/give](http://www.ohio.edu/give).

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## Ohio University's Manasseh Cutler Scholars Program

is a visionary, experience-intensive, undergraduate merit scholarship program that educates extraordinarily capable and committed young people to be world citizens and transformational leaders possessing an ethic of civic responsibility. Scholars are immersed in a vibrant intellectual, social, and community experience that encourages intellectually demanding, peer-to-peer and peer-to-mentor discourse that teaches invaluable problem-solving and critical thinking skills; challenges self-limitations and sparks insight and self-knowledge; develops leadership skills; and deepens understanding of diverse populations and world concerns.

The Cutler Scholars program:

- Provides opportunities for students to explore and pursue their passions and dreams
- Engages students in scholarly collaboration, research, and debate
- Prepares students to understand, contribute to, and benefit from a culturally and ethnically diverse community
- Offers mentoring relationships to guide students through their college years and beyond.

### Program History

The Cutler Scholars Program, named for the Rev. Manasseh Cutler, co-founder of Ohio University, was officially launched with the selection of six scholars in the 1996-97 academic year. The idea for the program began years earlier with a discussion between Dr. Wilfred R. Konneker, then co-chair of the Ohio University Third Century Campaign, Jack G. Ellis, then vice president for development, and Dr. Charles J. Ping, then president of Ohio University. Dr. Konneker was searching for a way to reward scholarship among students at his high school alma mater and to encourage them to attend Ohio University. Mr. Ellis had a personal goal of establishing prestigious, privately endowed scholarships that would attract academically gifted and well-rounded students to Ohio University -- a vision shared by Dr. Ping. Adopting many of the characteristics of the Rhodes Fellowship and the former Morehead Scholars Program (now called the Morehead-Cain Scholars Program), these ideas coalesced

into the premier scholarship program at Ohio University. All three men remain active with the Cutler Scholars program today: Dr. Konneker as chair of the Board of Governors, and Jack Ellis and Dr. Ping as associate director and director emeritus of the program, respectively.

### Manasseh Cutler Scholars Awards

The eligible population for each Cutler Scholars Award is determined by the donor establishing that award. The donor can designate one of the following:

- A geographic area, such as a county or high school
- An academic unit of Ohio University
- An organization with an identifiable common trait, e.g., children of employees of a corporation.

Donors who establish a scholarship may specify the preferred naming of the award. For example, some donors have elected to establish awards in their own name(s). Others have established awards honoring loved ones, special friends, or outstanding mentors.

### Nomination and Selection Criteria

A high school student cannot directly apply for a Manasseh Cutler Scholars Award. Depending on the type of award (geographic, academic, or organizational) a student must be nominated by their high school, their intended college, or the sponsoring organization. For most geographic and organizational awards, nominees are in their junior year of high school at the time of the nomination. Nominees for the academic awards are generally in their senior year.

Students applying for the program are evaluated against rigorous standards and must excel both inside and outside the classroom. To be considered for a Cutler scholarship, nominees must show evidence of (1) personal integrity, (2) ability to lead and motivate others, (3) scholastic ability, (4) extracurricular achievements, and (5) physical stamina. Financial need is not a criterion.

### Selection Process

An Area Review Committee named by Ohio University reviews the nominations and selects at least two nominees as finalists for each available award. Finalists are then interviewed on the Athens campus by the Cutler

Scholars Selection Committee (typically in the fall for the geographic awards and in the spring for academic awards). The Selection Committee makes the final selection of all Cutler Scholars. The selected scholar must enter Ohio University as a freshman (scholars may enter with AP credit or post-secondary course credit).

### Program of Study

A Cutler Scholar holding a geographically- or organizationally-based award can pursue the Ohio University degree program of his or her choice. Scholars with an academically-based award (for example, the College of Business Executive Advisory Board scholarship) must pursue a degree in that college.

Each Cutler Scholar receives full tuition, room and board, a book allowance, and non-resident tuition surcharges (for out-of-state students). Additional funding is provided to assist with travel and living expenses for the four enrichment experiences.

