



Scholarship Program

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A *Choose Ohio First*¹ scholarship for future mathematics and science teachers for southern and eastern Ohio

Choose Appalachian Teaching (CAT) scholarships are undergraduate scholarships for two, three, or four years at the Athens Campus of Ohio University, Marietta College, Muskingum University, Shawnee State University, or the University of Rio Grande; each of these scholarships is in the amount of **\$4,000 per year**. Scholarships for **\$2,500 per year** are available at the five Ohio University regional campuses: Chillicothe, Eastern, Lancaster, Southern, and Zanesville.

Who is eligible? Students seeking **mathematics or science** adolescent-to-young-adult (AYA; Grades 7–12) teacher licensure are eligible. At OU regional campuses, majors in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) who intend to seek AYA mathematics and science teaching licensure are eligible. Applicants must be willing after graduation and licensure to engage in a 3-year professional induction program in Appalachian Ohio. There are multiple entry points for the scholarship program, including incoming freshman at the 4-year institutions, freshmen STEM majors at the OU regional campuses who will become STEM teaching majors, and undergraduate students already enrolled in an AYA mathematics or science teacher preparation program with at least 2 years of study remaining before graduation and licensure. Possible majors include Integrated Mathematics, Integrated Science, Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth and Space Science. (Students enrolled in early childhood, middle childhood, K–12 teacher preparation programs, or endorsement programs are *not* eligible.)

Program Features

- A structured 3-year **professional induction program**, after graduation and licensure, to support the continued professional development and success of our new CAT teachers.
- Use of **inquiry** for mathematics and science learning and teaching.
- Development of **STEM literacy** and the ability to impart such literacy to students.
- **Annual Research Symposium**. Each year in September, the CAT project team, CAT scholars, and their mentor teachers meet for a daylong conference focused on research in rural mathematics and science education.
- A **Freshman Learning Community**² to support beginning students and establish CAT cohorts.
- Additional special features at other campuses.

Selection Process: The CAT Board of Directors, which includes college and university professors, school district superintendents, and high school administrators and teachers, will award scholarships. Selection criteria include commitment to mathematics and science teaching in Appalachian Ohio, letters of recommendation, academic record, and an essay. Qualified students from Appalachian counties³ or who are members of underrepresented groups will have priority.

The early-decision deadline is March 1, 2013. Applications received, or postmarked, on or before March 1 will receive early consideration, and notification by the end of April. Applications received or postmarked by the regular-decision deadline of June 1 will receive notification in July. For questions and further information, contact Mary Harmison at harmisom@ohio.edu. To apply, visit www.cehs.ohio.edu/CAT.



¹ The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program (COFSP) is a state of Ohio initiative designed to recruit and retain talented Ohio residents as students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine (STEMM). COFSP is administered by the Ohio Board of Regents and the University System of Ohio. For more information, visit <http://uso.edu/opportunities/partnership/chooseohio1st/index.php>.

² At the Ohio University Athens Campus, the freshman learning community experience includes Introduction to Teacher Education and a special STEM education seminar.

³ Ohio Appalachian counties include Adams, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton, and Washington counties.