

An aerial photograph of a lush green forested valley at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm golden glow over the scene. In the distance, a town is visible, partially obscured by a light mist or fog that hangs over the valley floor. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue.

# 2023 FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

*Investing in students like you through financial aid and scholarships*

OHIO  
UNIVERSITY

# THE OHIO ADMISSION PROMISE FOR FALL 2023

*Get in. Get financial support. Get started on your path to success.*

The OHIO Admission Promise is for hard-working students who have demonstrated preparation for the challenge and opportunity a college education offers. Qualifying applicants who earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average (weighted or unweighted on 4.0 scale) and apply for fall 2023 admission to Ohio University by the November 15 Early Action Deadline can receive **automatic general University admission to the Athens campus**. Additionally, admitted students also are offered, at minimum, a **renewable \$2,000 OHIO Admission Promise Award** when their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results are received by the January 15 priority deadline.

## To qualify for the OHIO Admission Promise:

- Submit your application by the Early Action Deadline of November 15, 2022.
- Send your high school transcript showing that you've earned a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in a strong college prep curriculum.
- Enroll in fall 2023 as a full-time, first-year, degree-seeking student on the Athens campus.

To receive the OHIO Admission Promise Award when you enroll, simply complete the FAFSA and ensure your results are sent to Ohio University by January 15, 2023. Ohio University's FAFSA school code is 003100.

[ohio.edu/promise](https://ohio.edu/promise)

# TEST-OPTIONAL ADMISSION PATHWAY

*Expanding access to higher education.*

Students applying for degree-seeking freshman admission to the Athens campus may elect to apply via the test-optional pathway. All applicants, including test-optional applicants, will be eligible to be considered for University benefits, including direct admission to academic programs, merit-based scholarships, and honors and scholars programs.

[ohio.edu/admissions/apply/test-optional](https://ohio.edu/admissions/apply/test-optional)



# THE OHIO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

*Supportive. Generous. Renewable.*

The OHIO Excellence Awards program helps Bobcat achievers, dreamers and innovators pursue their goals through providing renewable scholarships and grants designed to recognize the resilience, accomplishments and diverse contributions of the fall 2023 entering first-year class. The program represents OHIO's commitment to support students from admission through graduation and beyond.

All first-year students who are new to the Athens campus of Ohio University in fall 2023 are eligible for consideration. Factors considered in awarding the OHIO Excellence Awards include academic achievement, financial need and individual contributions to the incoming first-year class. The application for admission to Ohio University also serves as the application for merit-based awards. To be considered for awards based wholly or in part on financial need, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid must be filed with Ohio University. Ohio University's FAFSA school code is 003100.



Eligibility for the OHIO Excellence Awards is based on one or more of the following qualifications:

## **ACADEMIC MERIT**

Cumulative high school GPA and strength of curriculum are factors in determining academic merit. All applicants will receive full scholarship consideration, regardless of tests. In most cases, standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), if available, will be considered only if doing so increases a student's award eligibility.

## **FINANCIAL NEED**

The FAFSA serves as the application for federal financial aid and scholarships considering financial need. FAFSA results must be received in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships by the first priority date of January 15, 2023.

## **INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

Academic, demographic and geographic factors may also be considered in determining scholarship eligibility.

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Merit consideration is based on academic achievement within a strong college prep curriculum as demonstrated by the cumulative grade point average (highest weighted or unweighted on 4.0 scale). All applicants will receive full scholarship consideration, regardless of whether standardized test scores are submitted.

## THE OHIO ADMISSION PROMISE

This \$2,000 award is a merit-based scholarship for students who earn a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average, apply for admission to Ohio University by the November 15 Early Action Deadline and have their FAFSA results sent to Ohio University by the January 15 priority deadline.

## OHIO EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This merit-based scholarship is the foundation of the OHIO Excellence Awards program. Designed to recognize the achievement and unlock the potential of a dynamic, engaged and academically prepared entering first-year class at Ohio University. Award amounts vary up to \$6,500 annually.

## OHIO TRUSTEE AWARD FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

This award helps make OHIO more accessible for academically qualified students who are classified as non-residents of Ohio for tuition purposes. Award amounts for non-resident students vary according to academic merit.

## OHIO PREMIER SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are offered admission and enroll in a degree program within our nationally distinctive Honors Tutorial College are eligible for this scholarship, valued at full in-state tuition (currently \$13,352).

[ohio.edu/ohio-excellence-awards](https://ohio.edu/ohio-excellence-awards)

## OHIO FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

This supportive scholarship combines consideration of academic merit and financial need as demonstrated by FAFSA results received by January 15, and award amounts vary.

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This supportive grant is based on financial need as determined by FAFSA results received by January 15, and award amounts vary.

## OHIO RUSS VISION AWARD

Designed to recognize exceptional potential for success in the Russ College of Engineering and Technology, the OHIO Russ Vision Award is available to selected OHIO Excellence program recipients who are admitted to and enroll in a Russ College degree program beginning in fall 2023.



# FREQUENT OHIO EXCELLENCE AWARD QUESTIONS

*From application to notification – answers to the most common questions.*

## **WHICH ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OR MAJORS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE OHIO ADMISSION PROMISE?**

The OHIO Admission Promise applies to any of our programs that operate on general University admission requirements. Several academic programs have more selective requirements or competitive selection processes, in addition to general University admission. If you apply to one of our more selective programs, you would be eligible for general admission and the \$2,000 renewable award under the OHIO Admission Promise while your application is reviewed holistically for your desired program.

## **HOW CAN I BE CONSIDERED FOR THE OHIO EXCELLENCE AWARDS?**

All incoming first-year students who apply by the Early Action Deadline of November 15, 2022, and earn admission will be considered automatically for the OHIO Excellence Awards. Applicants who submit a complete application, including the application form and all required supporting materials, after November 15, 2022, are considered for all University scholarships as availability permits. This scholarship program includes generous merit-based scholarships, supportive need-based grants and a set of awards unique to Ohio University that blend both merit- and need-based criteria. To be considered for the need-based awards, the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid must be received by Ohio University by January 15, 2023. Students may be considered for need-based aid on a rolling basis after the priority date of January 15. No separate form is required.

## **HOW ARE STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES (ACT OR SAT) USED IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OHIO EXCELLENCE AWARDS?**

All admitted students, including test-optional applicants, will receive full consideration for scholarships and grants at OHIO. If available, test scores are considered for the Russ Vision Award. For all other OHIO Excellence Awards, standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) will be considered only if doing so increases a student's award eligibility. If tests are not present, or if a student's award eligibility would be stronger without including tests that are on file, test scores will not be considered. Your application for admission serves as your application for OHIO's merit scholarships.

## **HOW WILL I FIND OUT IF I HAVE RECEIVED AN OHIO EXCELLENCE AWARD?**

You will be notified by postal mail when you have been awarded an OHIO Excellence Award. Notification of merit-based scholarship awards will be sent to admitted students on a rolling basis beginning in December. If, based on your FAFSA, you are eligible for any need-based awards, including those that blend merit and need, you will be notified in your comprehensive financial aid offer, which will be sent beginning in February. This aid offer will include federal, state and other institutional financial aid.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

*Providing access and recognizing achievement.*

In addition to the OHIO Excellence Awards, OHIO provides scholarships that support diversity and access, special talents in areas such as fine arts and continuing student success. **Because many scholarships also require verification of financial need, all scholarship applicants are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid beginning in October of their senior year. OHIO must receive results by January 15 for priority consideration.**

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACCESS AND DIVERSITY

[ohio.edu/access-scholarships](https://ohio.edu/access-scholarships)

Many students may be eligible for scholarships through the Division of Diversity and Inclusion. These awards include the following programs:

- Templeton Scholars
- Rankin Scholars
- Urban Scholars
- Appalachian Scholars

### CUTLER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

[ohio.edu/honors/cutler-scholars](https://ohio.edu/honors/cutler-scholars)

The Cutler Scholars Program is designed to enhance and perpetuate the service that Ohio University provides to the people of Ohio, the nation and the world through the support of students who show high promise in four areas: intellectual curiosity, leadership, civic responsibility and character. Cutler Scholars receive a four-year merit scholarship as well as additional funds each year to support travel, research, community engagement and internships.

**\$21M** IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS IN FALL 2021

### FINE ARTS TALENT AWARDS

[ohio.edu/fine-arts](https://ohio.edu/fine-arts)

A limited number of scholarships and awards of varying amounts are available to students pursuing majors in the College of Fine Arts. Some fine arts talent awards are renewable; others are granted initially on a one-time basis, with renewal at the discretion of the College of Fine Arts. Awards are based primarily on talent demonstrated through audition, interview and/or portfolio submission.



# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

*Providing access and recognizing achievement.*

Many high-achieving students already receive generous financial support through the OHIO Excellence Awards. Qualified students may also be eligible to receive additional scholarships through some honors and scholars programs. With the unique Honors Tutorial College (HTC) and customizable honors and scholars programs, Bobcat achievers can choose the challenges that work for them while enjoying academic excellence, flexibility and perks including priority registration and honors housing.

## **HONORS TUTORIAL COLLEGE** [ohio.edu/honors/tutorial-college](https://ohio.edu/honors/tutorial-college)

The top-rated, degree-granting Honors Tutorial College gives students an unrivaled level of academic freedom and one-on-one expert attention in the form of tutorials and unique partnerships with faculty. HTC students receive a generous scholarship package, and funds are available to support students' participation in research, study abroad, conferences and other academic endeavors.

## **HONORS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAMS** [ohio.edu/honors/honors-program](https://ohio.edu/honors/honors-program)

Honors and scholars programs offer challenging coursework and co-curricular opportunities. Qualified students may also be eligible to participate in these programs that provide renewable scholarships and funding for academic enrichment: Appalachian Scholars, Copeland Scholars, Cutler Scholars, Entrepreneurship Honors, Rankin Scholars, Scripps Innovation Scholars, Templeton Scholars and Urban Scholars.

For best consideration, students should opt in to consideration for honors and scholars opportunities on the Common Application. Eligible selected students may be asked to complete a separate supplemental application after they have submitted the Common Application.

## **OHIO NEXT GENERATION AWARD** [ohio.edu/admissions/nextgeneration](https://ohio.edu/admissions/nextgeneration)

Part of our commitment to bring dependents of our alumni into the OHIO family, this award is for students who are children of OHIO alumni and are classified as non-Ohio residents for tuition purposes. The award is valued at the full cost of the non-resident fee (\$10,368 for 2022-2023).

## **UPPERCLASS SCHOLARSHIPS**

All currently enrolled Ohio University students may apply beginning freshman year to compete for a Dean's Scholarship, which is available to undergraduates during their sophomore through senior years. In addition to the Dean's Scholarship, Ohio University offers a variety of endowed and restricted scholarships that are awarded annually to upperclass students.



## OHIO GUARANTEE +

*Affordable. Predictable. Transparent.*

The OHIO Guarantee+ takes the guesswork out of budgeting for college. Tuition, housing, dining and fees will not increase during your four years (12 consecutive semesters) at Ohio University. The first in the state to implement such a guarantee, Ohio University is committed to affordability, predictability and cost transparency.

Scholarships and financial aid packages hold their value through The OHIO Guarantee+. Because the cost of attending Ohio University will remain steady, the same percentage of those costs will be met by any renewable scholarship for each fall and spring semester of a student's four years, assuming recipients continue to meet the renewable scholarship criteria. Unlike many other fixed tuition plans, The OHIO Guarantee+ is truly comprehensive — it includes orientation fees, technology fees, network fees, general fees, individual course fees and graduation application fees.

[ohio.edu/guarantee](https://ohio.edu/guarantee)



## GRADUATION PLAN AND LIFELONG BENEFITS

The “+” in the OHIO Guarantee+ includes an individualized graduation plan that ensures students graduate on time and on plan, or the University will make it right, including covering the cost of additional courses if necessary. Expanded access to alumni-only scholarships for continuing education as well as career counseling for life are also perks of the OHIO Guarantee+.



# Financial Fast Facts

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

# 99%

OF OHIO'S FIRST-YEAR  
STUDENTS RECEIVED  
FINANCIAL AID IN 2021-22

# \$7M

IN NEED-BASED FINANCIAL  
AID AWARDED TO FIRST-YEAR  
STUDENTS IN 2021-22

Learn more at:

[ohio.edu/admissions](https://ohio.edu/admissions)

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