To be eligible for the Young Scholars Program, all applicants must:

- Have a strong desire and motivation to enroll in and graduate from a 4-year college or university
- Have a strong interest in attending The Ohio State University and residing on campus in Columbus, OH during their college career. For 10th and 11th graders, OSU should be one of their top college choices.
- Currently in 9th, 10th or 11th grade in the 2015-16 school year
- Earned grades of all or mostly A's (with few B's and C's) in core academic subjects such as: English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies/History, Science, and Foreign Language since the beginning of 6th grade. A minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3 or above (minimum B+/A- average). **Students with 3.5 GPA or above are preferred and will be the strongest candidates.**
- Students who are not on track to meet OSU admission requirements will not be considered.
- Maintain a minimum, unweighted grade point average of 3.3 or above
- Demonstrate good school attendance and positive behavior
- Reside in the state of Ohio and be enrolled in a public school in the following school districts: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lorain, Toledo, or Youngstown
- Qualify as first generation—applicants’ custodial parent(s) cannot have earned a bachelor’s degree at the time of application. The education level of other family members will not be taken into account.
- Be at or below the household income maximum (Please see page 1 of the application)
- Commit to successful completion of a college prep curriculum in high school that includes 4-5 units of Math, 4 units of English, 4 units of Science, 3 units of Social Studies, 3-4 units of the same foreign language, 1 unit of Visual and Performing Arts as well as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or honors and advanced courses with a GPA 3.3 or above
- Commit to attending all required meetings, workshops, summer programs and meet other program requirements regarding preparation, college entrance exams, admission and financial aid

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016**

**HOW TO APPLY**

**Step 1:**

- Complete all sections of the YSP Application form
- Submit high school transcripts and/or report cards showing course subjects and grades for ALL high school and college level courses completed
- Submit high school attendance records (if not included on the transcript)
- Submit financial documentation from custodial parent(s), including a copy of federal tax returns (or W2 forms from ALL jobs) from 2014 or 2015 and additional supporting documents if applicable. If not employed, you may submit documentation of public assistance, SSI or other income sources. If the student is in foster care, a ward of the court, homeless or not residing with their parents, they will need to submit documentation from a caseworker or school official
- Submit a Short Answer Essay: The Essay must be 175-200 words, typed, using a standard 12pt font
- Submit one Letter of Recommendation: To be completed by a teacher in a core subject area (English, math, social studies/history, foreign-language, visual and performing arts), or by a counselor, principal or other school staff that have knowledge of your personal and academic strengths and weaknesses. Recommendation letters should can be included in the application packet or e-mailed to: ysp@osu.edu

**Letters of recommendation from family members and friends will not be accepted**