The Ohio State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion Young Scholars Program improves pre-college preparation, retention, and degree completion among high-ability academically gifted first-generation students with financial need from nine of the largest urban school districts in Ohio: Akron Public, Canton City, Cincinnati Public, Cleveland Metropolitan, Columbus City, Dayton Public, Lorain City, Toledo Public, and Youngstown City.

Our goals are to recruit, prepare and support scholars to successfully gain admission to and graduate from The Ohio State University.

The Young Scholars Program is an exceptional opportunity for Ohio high school students to advance their goal to pursue higher education.

All pre-college Young Scholars are required to:

- Attend 2 -3 monthly programs and workshops
- Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum
- Maintain a minimum 3.3 cumulative unweighted grade point average (3.5 or above is preferred)
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) senior year of high school
- Take the ACT their junior year of high school

Students who successfully complete the pre-college program requirements are offered a generous scholarship which meets 100% of their demonstrated financial need.

**Academic Year Programming**

- Academic Monitoring
- One-on-one and group college advising
- Grade and College Prep Schedule Review

**Monthly Workshops**

- College Preparation and Readiness
- College Aspirations and Goal Setting
- ACT Prep
- OSU Admissions Guidance
- Financial Aid/College Affordability

**Campus Visitation Days and Summer Residential Programs**

- Junior Summer Institute (Rising high school juniors)
- Samuel DuBois Cook Summer Academy (rising high school seniors)

More information about the Young Scholars Program is available:

Web: [http://odi.osu.edu/ysp/](http://odi.osu.edu/ysp/)      Office Phone: (614) 292-4884      Email: ysp@osu.edu
YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM (YSP) - NEW STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Student Name: ____________________________________________________   Grade: ____________________

☐ Complete YSP Application form
☐ 8th graders submit official report cards showing course subjects, titles and grades for grades 7 & 8
☐ Attendance records for grades 7 & 8 (if not shown on report cards)
☐ 9th, 10th and 11th graders must submit high school transcripts and/or report cards for ALL completed HS semesters
☐ Submit a Short Answer Essay: The Essay must be 175-200 words, typed, using 12pt standard font.
☐ Submit Parent Financial Form and documentation, including a copy of Federal Tax Returns or W2 forms from ALL jobs from 2015 OR 2016 tax year and additional supporting documents if applicable. If not employed, you may submit documentation of public assistance, SSI or other income sources.
☐ Submit one recommendation form: 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 forms may be submitted by hard copy with the application, essay and supporting documents OR can be e-mailed directly to: ysp@osu.edu.

**Recommendation forms from family members and friends will not be accepted**

DEADLINE: 8th - 11th Grade - Friday, February 10, 2017

Applicants will be sent written notification of the final decision in early May 2017

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Please add $5500 for each additional household member

*Please note that household size should only include parents or guardians and dependent children. This includes children who have graduated high school and are enrolled in college but under age 24 and adults that are classified as dependent in tax filings. Other adults that reside in the household should not be included in the household size.

** Students who are in foster care, a ward of the state, homeless, or live with grandparents or another relative will have to submit documentation from a case worker, school social worker or court documents verifying their status. These students do NOT have to provide proof of income.

Applications can be submitted by mail to the YSP staff member in your city, in-person (with all application components in a large manila envelope – see last page of Frequently Asked Questions for a list of YSP Program Coordinators) OR via e-mail (with application, essay and other documents attached electronically) to ysp@osu.edu.
YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM
NEW STUDENT APPLICATION
(to be completed by Students, Parents and/or Legal Guardians)

Application Date: ______________________ City: ______________________________________

STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): ________/______/________ Age: __________ Sex: □ Male □ Female

Street Address: ___________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________

Student Phone #: __________________ Student e-mail address: __________________

Race/Ethnicity (Mark all that apply):
- □ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- □ Black or African American
- □ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- □ Asian / Asian American
- □ Hispanic or Latino
- □ White
- □ Other (specify): ____________________________________________

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? □ Yes □ No

To be eligible to receive federal and state financial aid and the Young Scholars Scholarship, the student must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or hold a valid visa or immigration status prior to beginning their senior year in high school. See the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more details.

STUDENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: ____________________________________________________________ Current Grade: __________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________

Cumulative Unweighted GPA: __________

For current high school students ONLY – student is currently enrolled in:
- □ Advanced Placement (AP) Courses    □ Post-Secondary/College courses    □ International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses

List your intended school(s) of enrollment next academic year (2017-2018):
1. ______________________________________________________________________
2. ______________________________________________________________________

STUDENT FAMILY INFORMATION

Student currently resides with: □ Mother    □ Father    □ Both Parents    □ Legal Guardian

□ Other (specify name and relationship) __________________________________________

Is English the primary language spoken in the home? □ Yes □ No

If no, specify: ______________________________________________________________________

Are you related to a current or past Ohio State scholar? □ No      □ Yes – If yes, please note name of scholar on the line below

Name of Scholar: ____________________________ Relationship: ____________________________
**PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

*(ALL Information on both Parents must be completed)*

*DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS—WRITE UNKNOWN, DECEASED, NONE or N/A if NOT APPLICABLE*

### PARENT/GUARDIAN #1

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Street Address: __________________________

City/ State/ Zip: __________________________

Phone #: __________________________ Phone #2 __________________________ Email: __________________________

Occupation __________________________ Employer __________________________

**Relationship to student:**

- □ Parent
- □ Grandparent
- □ Foster Parent/Legal Guardian
- □ Other(Specify) __________________________

**Current Marital Status:**

- □ Married
- □ Never Married
- □ Separated
- □ Divorced
- □ Widowed

**Highest Grade Level Completed**

- □ Less than High School
- □ Some High School
- □ High School Graduate
- □ Some College
- □ Bachelor’s Degree or higher

**Does the applicant reside with this parent/guardian?**

- □ Full-time
- □ Part-time
- □ Rarely/Never

### PARENT/GUARDIAN #2

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City/ State/ Zip: __________________________

Phone #: __________________________ Phone #2 __________________________ Email: __________________________

Occupation __________________________ Employer __________________________

**Relationship to student:**

- □ Parent
- □ Grandparent
- □ Foster Parent/Legal Guardian
- □ Other(Specify) __________________________

**Current Marital Status:**

- □ Married
- □ Never Married
- □ Separated
- □ Divorced
- □ Widowed

**Highest Grade Level Completed**

- □ Less than High School
- □ Some High School
- □ High School Graduate
- □ Some College
- □ Bachelor’s Degree or higher

**Does the applicant reside with this parent/guardian?**

- □ Full-time
- □ Part-time
- □ Rarely/Never
FAMILY INCOME AND SUPPORT

(attach 1040 tax form or TANF verification)

Parent #1
$ __________________
Source _____________________________________________
(total annual gross income from all sources)
Source _____________________________________________
Source _____________________________________________

Parent #2
$ __________________
Source _____________________________________________
(total annual gross income from all sources)
Source _____________________________________________
Source _____________________________________________

Student (Applicant)
$ __________________
Source (s) _____________________________________________
(yearly)

Income from child support
$ __________________
(monthly)

Ages of all the children living in the home under the age of 21 years

______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______

Number of children who have graduated high school and are enrolled in college (age 24 or below) __________

PLEASE SELECT ALL OF THE SUPPORT SERVICES THE FAMILY CURRENTLY RECEIVES

□ Housing Assistance            □ WIC (Women, Infants & Children)            □ OWF (Ohio Works First)
□ Social Security               □ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
□ Veterans/Disabled Benefits   □ SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
□ Other (Please Specify) ____________________________________________________________________

DID YOU REMEMBER TO ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR 2015 OR 2016 FILING YEAR’S 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ OR E-FILE RETURN?

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A COMPLETE COPY OF YOUR SIGNED CURRENT OR PREVIOUS FILING YEAR’S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN WITH DEPENDENTS LISTED.

ALTERNATE VERIFICATION— SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI VERIFICATION LETTER OR ODJFS – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES LETTER VERIFYING BENEFITS RECEIVED.
Please prepare a 175-200 word essay. The essay must be *typed* and *double spaced* using a 12pt standard font.

- Describe a personal or academic challenge you’ve faced in the past and how you overcame it. You may also describe a current personal or academic challenge you are facing and how you’re working to overcome it. The challenge may be personal, family or school related.

**Co-curricular experiences**
Describe your co-curricular, work, volunteer and community service experiences below. Include a description of your role or distinguishing contribution to each activity you list.

**Activities (performing arts, athletics, student government, student organizations, etc.)**

1. Name of activity
   
   Your role or contribution
   
   Grades Participated

2. Name of activity
   
   Your role or contribution
   
   Grades Participated

3. Name of activity
   
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   Your role or contribution
   
   Grades Participated

5. Name of activity
   
   Your role or contribution
   
   Grades Participated

6. Name of activity
   
   Your role or contribution
   
   Grades Participated
I (we), as the parent(s) or guardian(s) of ____________________________________________

(First, Middle and Last Name of Student)

I (we) understand that this application does not guarantee that my (our) child will be selected to become a Young Scholar. I (we) certify that all of the information furnished by me (us) to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Young Scholar Program is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) promise to provide additional information as requested to verify program eligibility. I (we) understand that the University or the public schools may need to investigate and verify the information provided. I (we) realize that any misrepresentation or false information will lead to a withdrawal of any offer for my (our) child to join the program, or later disqualification of my (our) child as a Young Scholar in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at The Ohio State University. I (we) understand that the final scholarship eligibility and amount will be determined at the time of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submission and financial documentation provided during the applicant’s senior year of high school.

_________________________  ____________
Signature of Parent/Guardian #1     Date

_________________________  ____________
Signature of Parent/Guardian #2     Date

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Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

8th - 11th grade: Application DEADLINE: Friday, February 10, 2017

How do I apply?
Interested students or parents may pick up a scholarship application from the YSP Program Coordinator in your city or by visiting our website at http://odi.osu.edu/ysp/. Completed applications with supporting documents should be submitted in person or by mail on or before the deadline. Space is limited and the process is competitive.

Is the Young Scholars Program (YSP) Scholarship a full-ride?
The YSP scholarship is not a full ride scholarship. The YSP scholarship is a need-based award meaning that the amount of the scholarship is determined by the family’s financial unmet need after federal and state aid has been awarded. Since families have different levels of financial need, the amount of the scholarship will vary from student to student. The average scholarship amount awarded in 2016-17 academic year was approximately $15,500. The Young Scholars Program will host financial aid workshops in your cities to help explain how the scholarship works, and how the scholarship will contribute to your student’s cost of attending The Ohio State University.

What are the requirements to maintain eligibility for the scholarship?
Once accepted into the Young Scholars Program, scholars must meet the following criteria:
- Attend and active participation in monthly college readiness workshops
- Attend and participate in group and one-on-one college advising meetings twice per month
- Have a strong desire and motivation to enroll in and graduate from a 4-year college or university.
- A minimum unweighted GPA of 3.3 or above (minimum B+/ A- average).
- Have a good school attendance record.
- You must reside in the state of Ohio and be enrolled in a public school in the following cities: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lorain, Toledo, or Youngstown.
- 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, 2-3 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
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) in January of your senior year.
- Take the ACT during their junior year of high school.
- Summer Programs and campus visits.

Do I have to be nominated to apply to become a Scholar?
Students and parents interested in applying to YSP must submit a completed application packet by the deadline. Essays must be written by the student. No nomination is required.

What qualifies as first-generation?
First generation is defined as any student whose custodial parents (biological or adoptive) have not attained a bachelor’s degree from any institution of higher education. The education of siblings, aunts and uncles, etc. is not considered. If the prospective student does not reside with his or her biological or adoptive parents at the time of application, then the parent’s education will not be considered.

What happens if I change schools or attend a high school outside of the YSP School?
Students are considered to the Young Scholars Program based on enrollment at public middle or high school in in one of the participating YSP cities attended at the time of admission to the program. A change in high school will not remove a student from the program.

Are the program requirements only limited to academic year?
No. The Young Scholars Program requires participation in short term, residential programs for pre-college students each summer. Currently, we offer Junior Summer Institute (after sophomore year), Samuel DuBois Cook Summer Academy (after junior year), and Summer Bridge Experience (after high school graduation).
What if I’m in foster care, a ward of the state, homeless, or live with my grandparents or another relative? Do I still qualify?

Yes, documentation (e.g. court documents, written statement from social worker, or written statement from counselor) should be submitted to verify the student’s circumstance and eligibility. Students in this circumstance are considered independent and will be required to submit financial documents verifying their own income. In January of the student’s senior year of high school, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be required to determine a student’s financial need for college. At this time, the student’s independent status must be verified again.

Why do I have to give you my financial information? What if I refuse?

Program participants must meet the income guidelines established by the Young Scholars Program. Submission of documents verifying income is required to establish eligibility for program participation. Refusing to provide financial information and documentation will result in a student’s ineligibility for the program.

If I qualify for free or reduced lunch, do I automatically qualify for the Young Scholars Scholarship?

No, the income guidelines to qualify for free and reduced lunch and the Young Scholars Program are not the same. See the YSP income guidelines for program eligibility.

If one of my parents receives a bachelor’s degree before I graduate from high school, will I still qualify for the scholarship?

Yes, prospective students must be first-generation at the time of application to the Young Scholars Program. Students will not be dismissed from the program because one or both parents receive a bachelor’s degree during the student’s participation in the pre-college portion of the program.

What else do I have to pay for?

There are no costs to students and parents participating in the pre-college portion of YSP. However, students and their families should plan to contribute financially to the student’s college education and should be saving money. How much families need to contribute will be based on the family’s financial situation at the time of application to OSU. YSP will host OSU Financial Aid workshops to help families understand financial aid and college costs. At this time scholars will learn about the YSP scholarship, anticipated educational expenses and available financial aid.

How long will I receive the scholarship?

Students awarded will receive the scholarship for 8 semesters (typically 4 years). Once enrolled at OSU, students must meet GPA requirements and make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree.

When I go to college, what is included in the Young Scholars scholarship?

The Young Scholars Scholarship amount may vary from student to student based on information received in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The average scholarship award for students in 2016-17 was approximately $15,500. The scholarship is part of the student’s financial aid package, which includes federal and state grants and work-study. The financial aid package usually covers tuition, fees, room and board (housing and meals), and in some cases books and other educational related costs. This will vary based on a family’s financial situation at the time of the scholar’s high school graduation.

Do you have to attend Ohio State, Columbus campus to receive the Young Scholars scholarship?

Yes, students receiving YSP funding must be admitted to and attend OSU-Columbus campus to receive the scholarship.

If I’m accepted to Young Scholars Program, do I receive automatic admission to OSU?

No, no students receive automatic acceptance. You must successfully complete all college prep requirements with the required GPA, take the ACT or SAT with scores sent directly to OSU, submit a complete and on-time application to OSU and follow all other procedures necessary to gain admission.

What happens if I’m not accepted to OSU or I’m accepted to a regional campus?

The YSP Scholarship is offered only to students accepted to OSU Columbus campus. Students not accepted to the Columbus may be considered for financial aid but will not be awarded the YSP Scholarship.

Can I lose my scholarship?

Yes. All scholars are expected to attend and actively participate in meetings, workshops and summer programs and meet all program requirements. Students who do not meet program requirements in high school or college will be placed on probationary status and are in jeopardy of not receiving their scholarship.
What if I’m not a US citizen but I want to apply to the program?

Students are not required to have US citizenship when they apply to the Young Scholars Program. In the case that a student is accepted into YSP, they must be a US citizen by the time of application to The Ohio State University by the start of their senior year.

- You must select the option that indicates your citizenship status. Select U.S. citizen if you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. Select Eligible noncitizen if you are:
  - A U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), or a conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551C)
  - Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: “Refugee,” “Asylum Granted,” “Parolee” (I-94 confirms that you were paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.), or “Cuban-Haitian Entrant”
  - The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of “Victim of human trafficking”
  - A resident of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM)
  - A Canadian-born Native American under terms of the Jay Treaty

- Select “Neither citizen nor eligible noncitizen” if you are in the U.S. and have:
  - Been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
  - A F1 or F2 student visa
  - A J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa
  - A G series visa (pertaining to international organizations)
  - Other categories not included under U.S. citizen and eligible noncitizen
The applicant named below has applied for admission to the Young Scholars Program of The Ohio State University. Please complete this Reference Form to complete the student’s application. Return the Reference form by the program deadline of February 10, 2017 for 8th through 11th grade applicants. You may return this form to the student or parent for inclusion in the application OR e-mail it directly to (as a PDF) to YSP@osu.edu.

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Student Information

Last: __________________________ First: __________________________ Middle: __________________________

School Name: ____________________________________________________________________________ Current Grade: __________

Recommender information

Name: __________________________________________________________________...........................

Title/ Position: ___________________________________________ School: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? __________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Has this student had any problems with attendance or behavior? ___ Yes ___ No

Please explain: ____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________________________

Is the student in a program that addresses any special learning requirements (i.e. ESL, Autism, etc.)? ___ Yes ___ No

Please explain: ____________________________________________________________________________

Please check the appropriate box that indicates your assessment of students in the areas listed below

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2. What are the student’s qualities, skills and behaviors that make him/her a good candidate for the Young Scholars Program?

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3. What are the student’s major strengths?

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4. Where are areas of improvement for the student?

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5. Is there anything else we should know about this student?

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Please check the appropriate box:

☐ Highly recommend  ☐ Recommend  ☐ Recommend with reservations  ☐ Do not recommend

Recommender’s Signature

Date