NEW STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Complete YSP Application form in its entirety
- 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)
- Submit Parent Financial Form and documentation, including a copy of Federal Tax Returns or W2 forms from ALL jobs from 2018 OR 2019 tax year and additional supporting documents if applicable. If not employed, you must submit documentation of public assistance, SSI or other income sources (page 3)
- Submit a Short Answer Essay: The Essay must be 200-250 words, typed, using 12pt standard font (page 4)
- Sign and submit the student Release Statement (page 5)
- 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**

- Keep the YSP Application and Admissions- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet for your records.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 7, 2020

Applicants will be sent written notification of the final decision in early May 2020

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Please add $6,188 for each additional household member

*Please note that household size should include:

- Parents (if married or if biological parents are not married but living together). If parent is re-married and you stay with that parent and his/her new spouse, you will need to include your parent and his/her new spouse as part of your household.
- If parents are divorced, separated, or if living in a single parent home, only include the parent that provides more than 50% support as part of your household.
- Your guardian(s) if under a guardianship.

You will also need to include any dependent children living in the household. 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. If a parent provides more than 50% financial support, to another adult in the household (e.g. grandmother, grandfather), they should 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.
The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Ohio State does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or veteran status in its programs, activities, employment, and admission. See below for inquiries regarding potential discrimination.

Contacts for Discrimination Concerns
For discrimination concerns, contact:
Office of Institutional Equity
21 East 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-247-5838 equity@osu.edu

For disability discrimination concerns, contact the ADA coordinator. Responsibilities: Coordinates the university’s compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ensures that the university responds appropriately, effectively, and equitably to ADA issues, including disability-based harassment and discrimination.

Scott Lissner, ADA coordinator
Office of Institutional Equity 21 East 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-292-6207 ada-osu@osu.edu

For Title IX concerns, contact the Title IX coordinator. Responsibilities: Coordinates the university’s compliance with Title IX and ensures that the university responds appropriately, effectively, and equitably to Title IX issues, including sex- and gender-based harassment and discrimination, which includes sexual misconduct.

Kellie Brennan, Title IX coordinator
Office of Institutional Equity 21 East 11th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43201 614-247-5838 titleIX@osu.edu

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is governed by the Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity & Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy 1.10 of the Office of Institutional Equity. The demographic data collected in this application is used to assure the scholar is meeting program requirements to qualify for the Young Scholars scholarship upon successful completion of the YSP pre-college program.
# YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**NEW STUDENT APPLICATION**
(to be completed by Students, Parents and/or Legal Guardians)

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Application Date: __________________________ City: __________________________

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What best describes your background?

- □ Central American
- □ Cuba
- □ Mexico
- □ Puerto Rico
- □ South America
- □ Spain
- □ Other (specify): __________________________

Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself. *(You may select more than one)*

- □ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- □ Black or African American
- □ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- □ Asian
- □ White

Birth country/region/territory: __________________________

Select your citizenship status:

- □ U.S Citizen or U.S. National
- □ U.S. Dual Citizen
- □ U.S. Permanent Resident
- □ U.S. Refugee or Asylee
- □ Other (Non-US)

If you selected 'U.S. Permanent Resident' as your Citizenship Status, enter the issue date of your U.S. Permanent Resident Card: __________________________

Do you have Deferred Action for Children Arrivals (DACA) or are you in the process of seeking DACA approval? □ 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 or U.S. National, a U.S. permanent resident or hold a valid T-Visa (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or eligible immigration status prior to beginning their senior year in high school. See the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more details.*

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List your intended school(s) of enrollment next academic year (2020-2021):

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
**STUDENT FAMILY INFORMATION**

Student currently resides with (check all that apply):  □ Mother  □ Father  □ Step-Parent  □ Legal Guardian  □ Foster Parent

□ 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 Young Scholar?  □ No  □ Yes – If yes, please note name of scholar on the line below

Name of Scholar: ____________________________________________ Relationship: ____________________________

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**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

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN #1**

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Street Address: ____________________________________________

City/ State/ Zip: ____________________________________________

Phone #: ___________________________ Phone #2________________________ Email: ____________________________

Occupation: ___________________________ Employer: ____________________________

Is English the primary language spoken by Parent 1?  □ Yes  □ No  If no, specify: ____________________________

Relationship to student:  □ Parent  □ Step-Parent  □ Grandparent  □ Foster Parent/Legal Guardian  □ Other ____________________________

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  □ Associate’s Degree  □ Bachelor’s Degree or higher

Does the applicant reside with this parent/guardian?  □ Full-time  □ Part-time  □ Rarely/Never

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN #2**

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City/ State/ Zip: ____________________________________________

Phone #: ___________________________ Phone #2________________________ Email: ____________________________

Occupation: ___________________________ Employer: ____________________________

Is English the primary language spoken by Parent 2?  □ Yes  □ No  If no, specify: ____________________________

Relationship to student:  □ Parent  □ Step-Parent  □ Grandparent  □ Foster Parent/Legal Guardian  □ Other ____________________________

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  □ Associate’s Degree  □ 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)

Include the parent(s) who provide more than half of your financial support. Include both biological parent’s income information if married or if living together but not married. If you stay with a parent who is re-married, include parent and his/her new spouse income information. If a parent is not living in the household due to separation or divorce, only include the parent that provides more than 50% financial support.

Parent #1

☐ Parent   ☐ Grandparent   ☐ Foster Parent/Legal Guardian   ☐ Stepparent   ☐ Other(Specify)__________________

$ ____________________________  Source

Source

Source

(total annual gross income from all sources)

Parent #2

☐ Parent   ☐ Grandparent   ☐ Foster Parent/Legal Guardian   ☐ Stepparent   ☐ Other(Specify)__________________

$ ____________________________  Source

Source

Source

(total annual gross income from all sources)

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 (include the YSP Applicant)

_______  ____  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______  _______

YSP Applicant  Other children in the home under 21

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 2018 OR 2019 FILING YEAR’S 1040 OR W2’S

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
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.)**

Name of activity__________________________________________________________

Your role or contribution____________________________________________________

Grades Participated__________________________________________________________________________________________

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**STUDENT ESSAY PROMPT**

Choose one of the three prompts below to prepare a 200-250 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.

- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
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 provided 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 is provided during the applicant’s senior year of high school.

_________________________________________  Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian #1

_________________________________________  Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian #2

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.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.
The applicant named below has applied for admission to the Young Scholars Program of The Ohio State University. Please complete this Recommendation Form to complete the student’s application. Return the Recommendation Form by the program deadline of February 7, 2020. 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.

PLEASE PRINT

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: ______________________________________________________________________________________

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1. Please describe any academic and/or personal barriers or challenges faced by this student.

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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, or areas of improvement for the student?

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4. 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

Please Use the space below to explain your decision

__________________________________________________________________________________________________
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Recommender’s Signature  Date
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 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 qualifies as first-generation?
First generation is defined as any student whose (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. An associate or vocational/technical degree does not disqualify you from being eligible for the Young Scholars Program.

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 actively participate 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 one of the following public school districts at the time of admission: Akron Public, Canton City, Cincinnati Public, Cleveland Metropolitan, Columbus City, Dayton Public, Lorain City, Toledo Public, and Youngstown City.
- 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 unweighted GPA 3.3 or above
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) by November 1 of your senior year.
- Take the ACT or SAT during their junior year of high school.
- Attend summer programs and campus visits.
- To be eligible to receive federal and state financial aid and the Young Scholars Scholarship, the student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. National, a U.S. permanent resident or hold a valid T-Visa (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or eligible immigration status prior to beginning their senior year in high school. See the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions sheet for more details.

What happens if I change schools or attend a high school outside of the nine eligible YSP school districts?
Students are considered for the Young Scholars Program based on enrollment at a public school 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. Students may remain active in the Young Scholars Program as long as they remain Ohio residents, and continue to attend all required workshops and activities.
What if I am not a US citizen but I want to apply to the program?

Students are not required to be US citizens or permanent residents at the time of application to the program. In the case that a student is accepted into YSP, they must be a US citizen, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen by the time of application to The Ohio State University at the start of their senior year of high school.

- 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

Are the program requirements only limited to the academic year?
No. The Young Scholars Program requires participation in short term, residential programs for pre-college students each summer. This includes Junior Summer Institute (after sophomore year), Samuel DuBois Cook Summer Academy (after junior year), and the Young Scholars – Early Arrival Program (after high school graduation).

What if I am in foster care, a ward of the state, homeless, or live with my grandparents or another relative? Do I still qualify to apply?
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. In November 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 must be verify their independent status again.

Why do I have to give you my financial information to apply for the Young Scholars Program? 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.

Do I have to be nominated to apply to become a Scholar?
No nomination is required, but student recommendation forms are a part of the complete application. Students and parents interested in applying to YSP must submit a completed application packet by the deadline.

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 Ohio State. YSP will host Ohio State, 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. After high school graduation, scholars should anticipate paying for their participation in University Orientation.
How long will I receive the scholarship?
Students awarded will receive the scholarship for 8 semesters (typically 4 years). Once enrolled at Ohio State, students must meet the cumulative GPA requirement, continue to file the FAFSA by the priority deadline and submit verification (if selected) by their deadline. Students will also need to meet 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 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 Ohio State-Columbus campus to receive the scholarship.

If I am accepted to Young Scholars Program, do I receive automatic admission to Ohio State?
No. You must successfully complete all high school college prep requirements with the required GPA, take the ACT or SAT with scores sent directly to Ohio State, meet Ohio State undergraduate admission requirements, submit a complete and on-time application to Ohio State, and follow all other procedures necessary to gain admission.

What happens if I am not accepted to Ohio State or I’m accepted to a regional campus?
The YSP Scholarship is offered only to students accepted to Ohio State Columbus campus. Students not accepted to the Columbus campus may be considered for financial aid but will not be awarded the YSP Scholarship.

Can I become ineligible for the Young Scholars Program Scholarship?
Yes. Scholars can become eligible for the YSP scholarship if they do not:
- Attend and actively participate in meetings, workshops and summer programs and meet all program requirements
- Meet program curricular requirements in high school
- Are not a US citizen or permanent resident at the time of application to Ohio State University at the start of their senior year of high school

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