

Financial Aid Overview at YSU

The first communication you may receive from YSU regarding financial aid is in the form of being offered a MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIP. There is no application for these scholarships- they are determined based upon your application for admission. If you qualify for one of these scholarships, you will receive a letter from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships asking if you want to accept or decline the award. You can learn more about Merit Based Scholarships here:

http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/finaid/sec_scholarships.cfm

Once you are accepted to YSU, you should complete the INSTITUTIONAL AID APPLICATION (priority deadline for completion is February 15th). Once you complete this application, you will be considered for any miscellaneous YSU scholarships for incoming freshmen for which you are eligible. Find the form here: http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/finaid/sec_apply.cfm

The next step to obtaining financial aid is to apply to the Federal Government for assistance by filling out the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA). This is a form, based on your family income, that tells the federal government how much money you are eligible to receive from them to help pay for college. This aid can come in the form of grants (free money that does not need to be repaid) and loans (money that does need to be repaid). Once you complete your FAFSA, the information is sent to YSU, and they put together your "aid package" which summarizes all of the aid for which you are eligible. You can accept or decline any of the offers, or reduce the amount of a loan if you do not need the full amount. The earlier you fill out the FAFSA, the better! The YSU priority deadline to complete the FAFSA is February 15th! You can fill out the FAFSA here: www.fafsa.ed.gov

FIND A STEP-BY-STEP OUTLINE OF HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AT YSU HERE:

http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/finaid/sec_apply.cfm

Opportunities for Incoming Students in STEM

For most incoming college students, merit based scholarships and loans and grants awarded through FAFSA form the majority of aid received for the freshman year. Most scholarships are not available to students until they complete at least one year of college and have established a college GPA. That being said, there are some opportunities for students who are majoring in a STEM field that are available for incoming students. *For up-to-date opportunities, check the financial aid search engine and search by "standing, incoming freshman"*

FIRST Robotics Scholarship (\$500/renewable up to 4 years): Available to an incoming student who has participated for at least one year on a FIRST Robotics Team. For more information and to print an application, visit: http://cfweb.cc.ysu.edu/finaid/scholar/est_scholar_data.cfm?scholar_ID=587

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2014

Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program (\$1500 to \$5200/renewable): Available to incoming students who place into the minimum math required for their major (Pre-Calculus or Calculus) and have at least a 2.5 high school GPA. Preference is given to students from our partner schools (Austintown Fitch, Boardman, Campbell Memorial, Chaney, East, Girard, Hubbard, Liberty, Lowellville, McDonald, Niles McKinley, Struthers, Warren Harding, Youngstown Early College), but all applications are accepted. Only 20-25 scholarship are awarded per year. For more information, visit:
http://stem.yosu.edu/gen/stem/Scholarships_m2034.html

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2014

Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars Award (full tuition/room and board/renewable): Awarded to students at the top of their class. Minimum ACT 28 or SAT 1860 and rank in the top 15%.
http://web.yosu.edu/gen/ysu/Application_m4543.html

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2014

STEM Leadership Society: Although there is no guaranteed scholarship associated with this program, acceptance into this program will position you to be considered for STEM scholarships. Being accepted into the STEM Leadership Society will also give you first priority in obtaining internships, co-ops, and other paid work experience that could help to defray the cost of your education and also count as college credit and as valuable experience to add to your résumé. Learn more about the STEM Leadership Society here: http://stem.yosu.edu/gen/stem/STEM_Leadership_Society_m2022.html

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2014

John and Lina Moteff: Preferably given to incoming students majoring in Physics. Those majoring in any science will be given secondary consideration:
http://cfweb.cc.yosu.edu/finaid/scholar/est_scholar_data.cfm?scholar_ID=421

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2014

John and Mary Kathryn Ray: Awarded to a worthy high school graduate pursuing a degree in science, math, medicine, nursing, or engineering:
http://cfweb.cc.yosu.edu/finaid/scholar/est_scholar_data.cfm?scholar_ID=519

John and Monique Guffey: Awarded to graduates of Springfield High School who major in engineering:
http://cfweb.cc.yosu.edu/finaid/scholar/est_scholar_data.cfm?scholar_ID=304

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2014

Lena Teaff Viets: Preference to an incoming freshman in the top 10% of graduating class and majoring in the sciences: http://cfweb.cc.yosu.edu/finaid/scholar/est_scholar_data.cfm?scholar_ID=521