



Choose Ohio First Facts:

- At four-year institutions in AY2024, the average award amount was \$4,151.
- At two-year institutions in AY2024, the average award amount was \$2,619.
- Recent employment data show that in the year after graduation, 78% of Choose Ohio First scholars were working in Ohio and/or enrolled in a U.S. college.

Eligibility Requirements

- Ohio residents seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, or a certificate in an eligible STEM field of study; and
- Students must be new to the STEM program at the institution; and
- Students must enroll in one of the school's eligible COF programs of study; and
- Students must meet the school's eligibility criteria.



Choose Ohio First

Developing Our Future Innovators

STEM & STEM Teaching Scholarships

Choose Ohio First is an initiative promoted and administered by the Ohio Department of Higher Education to bolster support for the next generation of Ohio science (including health professions), technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) scholars and industry leaders. The program provides scholarships to students through Ohio's two-year and four-year public and independent colleges and universities. Participating colleges and universities and their business partners recruit, retain, and help connect students to work-based learning experiences and careers in STEM fields. Scholarships are available to students desiring a certificate, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or graduate degree in eligible STEM and STEM teaching fields.

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program is designed to strengthen Ohio's competitiveness within STEM disciplines and STEM teaching. These innovative academic programs and industry partnerships equip students to succeed in Ohio and are part of a strategic effort to bolster Ohio's economic strength.

Prospective students and families can learn more about Choose Ohio First at highered.ohio.gov/cof.



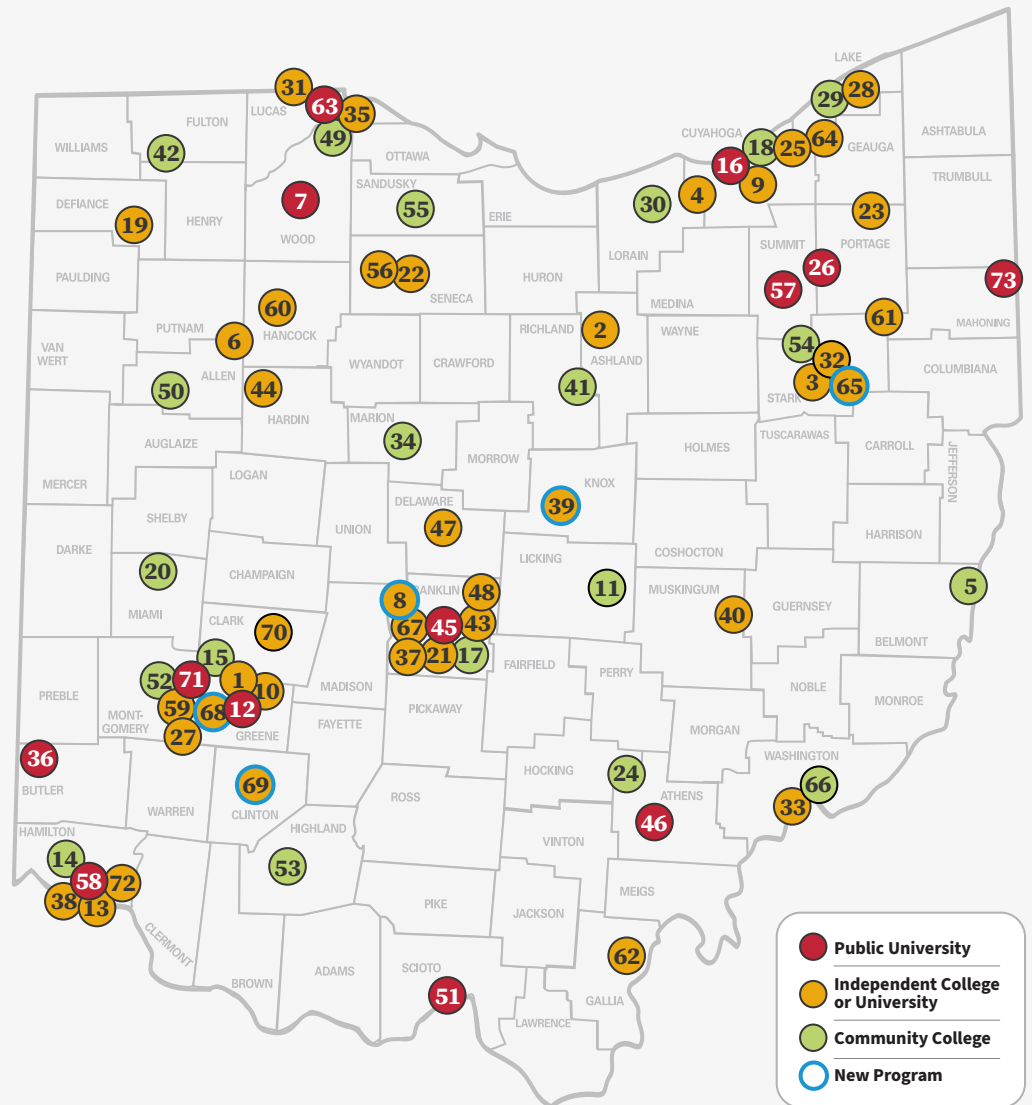
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Participating Institutions

1. Antioch College
2. Ashland University
3. Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences
4. Baldwin Wallace University
5. Belmont College
6. Bluffton University
7. Bowling Green State University
8. Capital University
9. Case Western Reserve University
10. Cedarville University
11. Central Ohio Technical College
12. Central State University
13. The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences
14. Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
15. Clark State College
16. Cleveland State University
17. Columbus State Community College
18. Cuyahoga Community College
19. Defiance College
20. Edison State Community College
21. Franklin University
22. Heidelberg University
23. Hiram College
24. Hocking College
25. John Carroll University
26. Kent State University
27. Kettering College
28. Lake Erie College
29. Lakeland Community College
30. Lorain County Community College
31. Lourdes University
32. Malone University
33. Marietta College
34. Marion Technical College
35. Mercy College of Ohio
36. Miami University
37. Mount Carmel College of Nursing
38. Mount St. Joseph University
39. Mount Vernon Nazarene University
40. Muskingum University
41. North Central State College



42. Northwest State Community College
43. Ohio Dominican University
44. Ohio Northern University
45. The Ohio State University
46. Ohio University
47. Ohio Wesleyan University
48. Otterbein University
49. Owens Community College
50. Rhodes State College
51. Shawnee State University
52. Sinclair Community College
53. Southern State Community College
54. Stark State College
55. Terra State Community College
56. Tiffin University
57. The University of Akron
58. University of Cincinnati
59. University of Dayton
60. University of Findlay
61. University of Mount Union
62. University of Rio Grande
63. The University of Toledo
64. Ursuline College
65. Walsh University
66. Washington State College of Ohio
67. Western Governors University
68. Wilberforce University
69. Wilmington College
70. Wittenburg University
71. Wright State University
72. Xavier University
73. Youngstown State University