Science Division / Choose Ohio First (STEM) Scholarships

From its humble beginnings in 1837 to the present, Muskingum University’s Science Division has developed into one of national reputation—offering bachelor degree programs in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Conservation Science, Engineering Science, Environmental Science, Geology, Mathematics, Molecular Biology, Neuroscience, Nursing, and Physics, as well as curricula supporting health education, science education, and pre-professional preparation for advanced degree studies in health-related fields. The Muskingum University Science Division Scholarships and state of Ohio Choose Ohio First Scholarships are awarded to qualified students pursuing degrees in these areas.

Science Division Scholarships are available to students in the amounts of $500 to $1,500 annually while Choose Ohio First Scholarships range from $2,000 to $3,000 per year. Applications received after April 1 will be limited to a maximum of $500. Financial need is not a requirement, though these awards are factored into a comprehensive financial aid package for students demonstrating need. Upon confirmation of the award and the student’s eligibility, this scholarship is credited directly to the student’s account each semester. Students must major in one of the science division degree programs and maintain both overall and major grade-point averages of at least a 3.0 (cumulative) to renew the scholarships from year to year.

To be considered for the Science Division/Choose Ohio First Scholarship, a student must:

1. Be admitted to Muskingum University as a full-time student.
2. Show evidence of outstanding scholarship in terms of academic grades, class standing and ACT/SAT examination(s).
3. Present an essay (200-500 words) describing interest in science, experience in science related activities, and career goals.
4. Show participation in extra-curricular activities. Activities which demand thought, repetition, and perfection of technique will receive special positive attention.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from a high school science (or math) teacher.
6. Submit the Science Division/Choose Ohio First Scholarship Application Form (attached).

A representative committee of Science Division faculty will consider all applications and select scholarship recipients based on overall qualifications. Applicants who earn initial scholarships may compete for enhancements of those awards by participating in our annual Scholarship Days program. Selected students will be awarded either the Science Division Scholarship or the Choose Ohio First (COF) Scholarship, but not both. Recipients of the COF Scholarship are required to participate in community service outreach and education activities.

Students may qualify for more than one type of non need-based financial aid and, as such, students may receive Science Division or COF Scholarships in addition to other Muskingum scholarships. Recipients of full-tuition scholarships or remissions may be recognized as “honorary” Science Division Scholars (i.e., no additional monies result).

Applicants who qualify for need-based financial aid may be eligible for assistance beyond the level of the Science Division/COF Scholarship and other non need-based awards. Students planning to apply for need-based assistance should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between January 1 and March 15 of their senior year. For more information, about this award or scholarships and financial aid in general, please contact the Admission Office at 1-800-752-6082.
Science Division Scholarship Application Form

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________
                      Street Number                        City                        State                        Zip
Phone (___)_________________________ Email ____________________________________________
Freshman _____ Transfer _____ (Check one) Year of High School Graduation ____________
High School Attended __________________________________________________________________
                      Street Address                   City                        State                        Zip
College Attended (if applicable) _________________________________________________________
Science area(s) of interest ______________________________________________________________
Potential career goal(s)________________________________________________________________

Name(s) of Science or Math Teacher(s)
Name __________________________ School Phone (___)___________________________
                      School Address                   Street Number                        City                        State                        Zip
Name __________________________ School Phone (___)___________________________
                      School Address                   Street Number                        City                        State                        Zip

Please check as appropriate:
☒ I am a resident of the state of Ohio (required for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship).
☒ If selected for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship, I understand that there is a community service
  requirement.

*Return this form, along with any other requirements listed on the previous page and not included in your
application materials for admission, to: Muskingum University Office of Admission, Attn: Gary Atkins
163 Stormont St.; New Concord, OH 43762