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 $2,000 annually while Choose Ohio First Scholarships range from $2,000 to $3,000 per year. 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.

To maintain the Science Division Scholarship, a student must declare a major within the Science Division, enroll in at least one Science Division course per semester, maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and participate in co-curricular activities sponsored by the Science Division (or its departments). Recipients of COF Scholarships are required to participate in community service outreach and educational activities.

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**