

## 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. 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 performance on the ACT/SAT examination(s).
3. Present an essay (200-500 words) describing interest in science, experience in science related
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).

Note: Certain scholarship levels may also require an interview with a member of the Science Division faculty.

\*Materials must be submitted by March 1 of your senior year. A representative committee of Science Division faculty will consider all applications and select scholarship recipients based on overall qualifications. Selected students will be awarded either the Science Division Scholarship or the *Choose Ohio First Scholarship*, but not both. Recipients of *Choose Ohio First Scholarships* 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 *Choose Ohio First* Scholarships in addition to other Muskingum scholarships. For Science Division Scholarships, limitations are placed on the total amount of Muskingum-funded non need-based assistance a student may receive. These limits are outlined in provisions which accompany all scholarships and financial aid awards. Recipients of full-tuition scholarships or remissions may be recognized as "honorary" Science Division Scholars ( i.e., no additional monies result). Students selected for the *Choose Ohio First Scholarship* are not subject to the Muskingum limitations because the funding of these awards is provided by the state of Ohio.

Applicants who qualify for need-based financial aid may be eligible for assistance beyond the level of the Science Division/*Choose Ohio First* Scholarship and other non need-based awards. Students planning to apply for need-based assistance must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit signed copies of parent and student federal tax forms 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 Number 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 required 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**