Science Division / Choose Ohio First (STEM) Scholarships

From its humble beginnings in 1837 to the present, Muskingum College’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, 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 College 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 must be factored into a comprehensive financial aid package for students demonstrating need. Upon confirmation of the award and the student’s eligibility, these scholarship is credited directly to the student’s account each semester. Students must major in one of the science 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 or Choose Ohio First Scholarship, a student must:

1. Be admitted to Muskingum College 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 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 teacher.
6. Interview with a member of the Science Division faculty.
7. Submit the Science Division/Choose Ohio First Scholarship Application Form (attached).

*Materials must be submitted by March 1 of your senior year. A representative committee of Science Division faculty will consider all applications and select the recipients of these scholarships 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 academic 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.

We are pleased to know of your interest in Muskingum College, and hope you choose to explore the many opportunities for academic challenge and personal growth we offer. If we can be of any further assistance in your college search, please contact Admissions at 740-826-8137 or toll-free at 800-752-6082.
Name __________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

St. Number City State Zip

Phone (___)___________________________ Email ________________________

Freshman _____ Transfer _____ (Check one) Year of High School Graduation _________

High School Attended ____________________________________________________________

St. Number City State Zip

College Attended (if applicable) ____________________________________________________

Science area(s) of interest _________________________________________________________

Potential career goal(s) ___________________________________________________________

Name(s) of Science Teacher(s)

Name ________________________________________ School Phone (___)___________________

School Address _________________________________________________________________

St. Number City State Zip

Name ________________________________________ School Phone (___)___________________

School Address _________________________________________________________________

St. 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 College, Office of Admission; Attn: Gary Atkins
163 Stormont St.; New Concord, OH 43762.