Welcome to the Outside of Ohio School Counselor Update 2024

Introductions and agenda

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- **David Dietrich**
  Director, Enrollment Services

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AU24 Entering Class Highlights

By the numbers

New First Year Columbus Campus

	Autumn 2018	Autumn 2023	Autumn 2024	Difference
Applications	52,542	76,763	79,266	+2,503
Complete Applications	48,033	69,994	72,784	+2,790
Admits	24,945	35,551	44,079	+8,528
New First Year Class	7,851	7,983	9, 530	+1,547

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New First-Year Residential Status Columbus campus

Ohio residents (64%)

87 Ohio counties represented

Domestic non-residents (27%)

International (9%)
- 41 countries of citizenship

Top 5:
- Franklin
- Cuyahoga
- Delaware
- Hamilton
- Summit

Top 5:
- New York
- Illinois
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- California

Top 5:
- China
- India
- Taiwan
- Republic of Korea
- Canada

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Transfer Students Columbus Campus

	Autumn 2023	Autumn 2024	Difference
Applications	4,714	5,126	+412 (+8.7%)
Complete Applications	3,587	3,892	+305 (+8.5%)
Admits	3,114	3,411	+297 (+9.5%)
Enrolled	1,737	1,804	+67 (+3.9%)

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Application completion requirements

Common Application

- $60 application fee or application fee waiver; $70 fee for international applicants

- Official high school transcript(s)

- Official ACT or SAT scores (optional for 2025)

- Approved curriculum certification for home school students

Application components must be received by the application deadline to be considered on time

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Changes to the Common Application:

- There are <u>no</u> changes to the Common Application questions or essay prompts for the 2025 application cycle.

- Applicants are still able to elaborate on "community disruptions" such as Covid-19, natural disasters, or other personal events.

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Changes to the Common Application:
Ohio State questions: Honors & Scholars

Are you interested in being considered for either the University Honors Program or Ohio State Scholars Programs?

Both programs serve high-achieving, motivated undergraduate students. The **Honors Program** focuses on your in-classroom experience through Honors courses, undergraduate research and other academic requirements. The **Scholars Program** offers you the opportunity to live and learn in 1 of 16 themed living-learning communities that bridge academics with experiences outside the classroom. *

- Choose an option -

University Honors Program

Ohio State Scholars Program

I am not interested in either University Honors or Ohio State Scholars

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Changes to the Common Application:
Ohio State questions: Pre-Majors

Added Pre for the following:
- Design
- Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Nursing

Select your planned major from the list below.

Some programs admit students into a pre-major first: these are marked with (Pre).*

omotion, Nutrition, and Exercise Science ✕ ▼

✓ Health Promotion, Nutrition, and Exercise Science

Health Sciences Program (Pre)

Hebrew and Jewish Studies

History

History of Art

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Changes to the Common Application: *Ohio State questions: Pre-Majors*

Are you applying as an international (non-US citizen) applicant? (Select No if you selected DACA as your citizenship status)*

No ✕ ▾

Select your planned major from the list below.

*Some programs admit students into a pre-major first: these are marked with (Pre).**

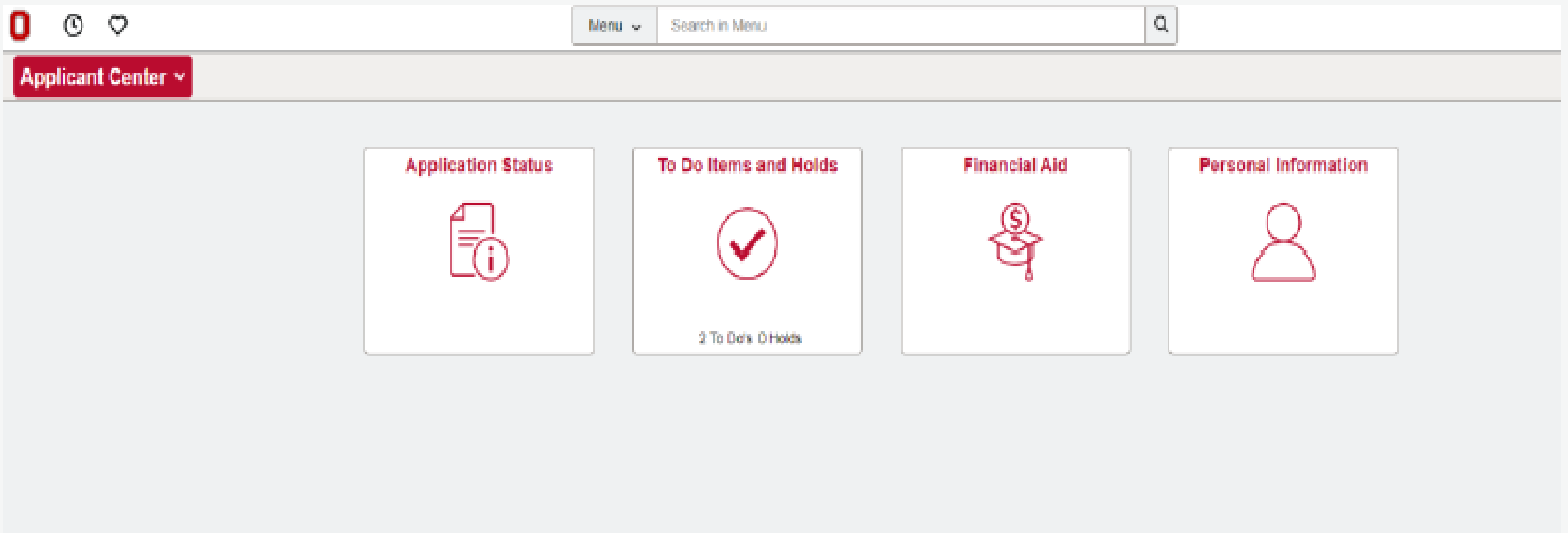Health Promotion, Nutrition, and Exercise ✕ ▾

Engineering - Industrial and Systems Engineering

Engineering - Materials Science and Engineering

Engineering - Mechanical Engineering (Pre)

Engineering - Welding Engineering

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Enhance student experience: Changes to the OSU Applicant Center

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Click on the application you wish to view

3 rows

Status	Campus	Term	Career	Program	Plan
In Review	Columbus	Autumn 2025	UGRD	Engineering	Pre-Mechanical Engineering
Inactive	Newark	Spring 2025	UGRD	Engineering	Pre-Mechanical Engineering
Withdrawn	Newark	Autumn 2024	UGRD	Engineering	Pre-Mechanical Engineering

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Application deadline dates

Early action

- November 1, 2024, **required to apply and complete the application** to be considered for most university merit scholarships, including Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program and College of Nursing Direct Enrollment Pathway

- **Strongly recommend to apply by November 1** to be considered for the Morrill Scholarship Program, the Honors and Scholars Programs, Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship, and consideration for majors within the College of Engineering

Regular decision

- January 15, 2025, is the final submission deadline

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Application deadlines and decision release dates (NFYS):

Columbus campus

	Application Completion Deadline	Notification Dates	Reply Date
Early Action	November 1	**Dec 13** – Ohio Residents and Stamps Eminence applicants **Jan 24** – Domestic Non-residents and International	May 1
Regular Decision	**January 15**	**March 7** – all regular decision and early action defers	May 1

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Application deadlines (transfers)

Columbus campus

	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025
Application completion deadline	November 1, 2024	March 1, 2025	May 15, 2025

International deadlines are October 1 for spring and March 1 for Autumn; Summer entry is not an option.

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School Counselor website

hscounselors.osu.edu

Why request School Counselor Portal access?

- View student application status from your school for first-year (decisions and merit scholarship awards for the Columbus campus)

- First year student enrollment to verify who needs a final high school transcript

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- Login security is driving the OSU process. Keeping sensitive student data is critical.

- Access is not granted immediately, please plan 2-3 business days. Remember to request it in advance of when you need it

- Counselor access will expire every year. You will receive an email 30 days prior to your expiration with a reminder to submit the same request form to renew your access annually. Taking this step **before** your access expires will allow for a seamless renewal and less steps on your end.

School Counselor Portal - *New*

Why?
- Still prefer electronic submission
- Alternative to emailing transcripts

Please avoid sending multiple copies!!!

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Student reports

Application status glossary
Upload student documents

Reports

Academy student classes
Academy student grades
Application status

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Student Academic Services Building, First floor I 281 W Lane Ave I Columbus, OH 43210
Contact: Undergraduate Admissions, Webmaster, More contact options
Nondiscrimination notice I Annual Security Report I Review cookie settings

School Counselor Portal - *New*

School Counselor Portal - *New*

High School Counselor File Uploader

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Docs for 1 Student

Student Information

Student First Name

Student Last Name

Student Date of Birth

CEEB Code (lookup)

School Name

Please complete student information above before continuing

Please Note: If you have errors attaching documents to this form and receive an error message ('Failed to upload file') please first try clearing your browser cache/cookies and reload the form.

Email Address for Receipt *

Upon clicking submit, an email receipt will be sent to the address entered above and the form will reload to attach more documents.

Submit

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Admission requirements and application review

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New First Year Student Admission factors (Columbus campus applicants)

- Successful completion of Ohio State's **minimum college prep requirements**

- **High school performance** (class rank or GPA), including participation in accelerated programs like Honors, AP and IB; Ohio State does not have minimum requirements for class rank or GPA

- **Standardized test score** (ACT or SAT); Ohio State does not have minimum requirements for ACT or SAT scores. Optional for 2025

More: *undergrad.osu.edu*

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New First Year Student Admission factors (Columbus campus applicants)

- Experiences that demonstrate **leadership or engaged involvement** (e.g., co-curricular activities, work experiences or military service)
- Status as a **first-generation college student**
- Demonstration of **outstanding talent in a particular area**
- Ability/commitment to **contribute to and engage with a campus community** of people with a wide variety of lived experiences

- Demonstrated personal qualities of **collaboration, determination and resilience**
- **High school performance if adversely affected** by physical, mental or learning environment factors
- Eligibility for and likelihood of **benefiting from organized support services** at Ohio State

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Test optional frequent questions

Q: Is the test optional policy permanent?
A: No, the pilot will continue through applicants applying for AU25. A decision about the policy beyond AU25 will be made in early 2025.

Q: Is there guidance about if I should include test scores?
A: Ohio State's middle 50% for the admitted class was 28-33 ACT and 1340 -1490 SAT. This can be a guide around the decision to submit scores. Since there is no cut off, decisions are contingent upon the composition of the applicant pool.

Q: Can I change my mind after I submit my application?
A: Students may change their selection until the Early Action deadline (Nov. 1) for EA applicants, and by Jan. 15 for regular decision applicants with no specific reason needed. After these deadlines, students may update their choice to no test considered if their test option is cancelled.

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Admissions decisions

- **Admit** to the Columbus campus

- **Deny** to the Columbus campus (non-residents and international)

- **Defer** to be considered again during the Spring review once all applications are received

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Changes to ACT/SAT testing

SAT

- The College Board adopted a digital approach to the SAT and PSAT as of March 2024.
- Exams are shorter and are delivered on the computer (no more paper and pencil exams)

ACT

- Scores are now being delivered with a super score if students have tested more than once (Ohio State does not currently super score – best test from a single test date)
- More changes coming for ACT in spring 2025

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Proof of English proficiency

- TOEFL (internet-based test or **internet-based test Home Edition**): 79 or higher

- IELTS or **IELTS Indicator**: 6.5 or higher

- ACT: 21 or higher on the English section

- SAT: 27 or higher on the Reading Test

- **Duolingo:** 120 or higher

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English proficiency exemption

- Completed three full years of school at a U.S. regionally accredited high school

- Citizen of, or have received a bachelor's degree from, Australia, Belize, British Caribbean, British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), England, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Scotland, Singapore, the United States or Wales.

Visa Types

Visas you may encounter as a secondary school counselor

F-1

H-4

J-2

M-1

E-2

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Visa Explanation

F-1

The most common visa type for international student planning to study in the US. The "student visa"

J-2

The dependents of a J-1 visa. J-1s are typically sponsored by an education or nonprofit accredited by the State Dept to participate in an exchange program.

H-4

Non-immigrant visa for dependents of other H holders.

Examples of H visa holders are seasonal workers from other countries or individuals with specialty occupations like doctors, IT professionals, and engineers.

E-2

Dependent visa for E-1 visa. Visa is for investors, entrepreneurs, and certain employees of businesses

M-1

For international students wishing to pursue vocational or technical training in the US

Cosmetology or culinary schools for example)

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Advising international students in your schools

1

Review appropriate deadlines and requirements

Deadlines, notifications, and application requirements can vary depending on applicant status

2

Academic and immigration records

Have student send copies of immigration documents. If there are international academic credentials, originals preferred.

3

University Registrar and Residency

Student may be eligible for Ohio residency pending visa status and years enrolled at Ohio high school. *Regional campus eligibility

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Major updates

Additions:

Forensic anthropology (FORANTH-BS)

Education - Visual Impairment (VSIMEDU-BS)

Education – Primary education and visual impairment license (VIEDU-BS)

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College of Engineering NFYS enrollment

- 10 majors open for direct enrollment
  - Admit to OSU = directly enroll as majors

- 4 majors remain competitive for enrollment and students apply/admitted as pre-majors:
  - Aerospace Engineering
  - Biomedical Engineering
  - Computer Science and Engineering (ENG) / Computer and Information Science (ASC)
  - Mechanical Engineering

- **New** - pathways

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Engineering- Explore Paths

Business Analytics, Computation and Systems Integration	ANLYCP-PRE
Biotechnology, Biosystems, PreMed	BIOENG-PRE
Robotics, Space Systems, and Materials	ROBSPC-PRE
Sustainability, Energy, and Infrastructure	SUSTAI-PRE

These pathways are not available for international students, regional campus or transfer students.

engineering.osu.edu/undergraduate/future-students/admissions/new-students

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College of Nursing Direct Enrollment Pathway

Top first year applicants interested in nursing will be considered for early admission to the BSN program. No longer an additional application or essay.

Minimum Criteria for consideration:
- Must be in top 5% of their graduating class
- Have 26 ACT Math or 610 SAT Math or higher
- If test not considered, strong performance in high school, including math.
- Admitted to the Columbus campus as a pre-major in nursing
- Students selected based on their admissions application

With the limited number of seats available for this option, we may not be able to offer Direct Enrollment to nursing for all qualified applicants.

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College of Nursing Direct Enrollment Pathway

Process now managed by Undergraduate Admissions, in collaboration with the College of Nursing

Outcomes:
- Offered early admission: 220
- Enrolled: 65 (includes only students who accepted the offer in addition to paying the acceptance fee)

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Honors and Scholars partnerships

Honors Review and Selection

30.3% (+6,552) increase in Honors applications

7,237 (+1,886) offers to University Honors

9 Honors decision release dates

10 seasonal honors reviewers

Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program

643 applicants

66 finalists

36 New Stamps Eminence registered (27 from Ohio)

Goal for 2025 – **50** scholarship recipients

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Key updates for AU2025

Campus visit opportunities

1

Daily visits

9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

New times posted on the 1st of each month

2

Buckeye Preview Programs

Oct. 18

Transfer Open House

Nov. 1

3

Virtual options

Available several times a month

campusvisit.osu.edu

Honors and Scholars Programs

https://honors-scholars.osu.edu/

University honors:
- University wide program that provides choice of more than 200 honors courses, faculty engagement, concludes with honors thesis

1

Scholars programs:
- 16 1-year residential programs center around a theme or area of study
- Open to all 1ˢᵗ year students regardless of major

2

Indicate interest on Common Application
Honors invitations offered December – March
Scholars invitations offered December - April

3

Scholars programs – 2 steps
- Invited to Scholars (either through direct interest or as a no to Honors)
- Student submits top 3 preferences

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Morrill Scholarship Program

https://odi.osu.edu/undergraduate/msp

1 **Seeking students who:**
- contribute to campus diversity
- are actively engage as advocates and champions of diversity, inclusion, social justice and academic excellence on campus

2 In AU24, 364 registered students are part of MSP

3 Early action application strongly encouraged. Short answer question is part of the Common Application

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Merit Scholarships and Financial Aid

FAFSA and ScholarshipUniverse to open by December

FAFSA Priority Deadline – Feb. 15

ScholarshipUniverse priority deadline – Feb. 15
osu.scholarshipuniverse.com

University Merit Scholarships

https://undergrad.osu.edu/cost-and-aid/merit-based-scholarships

Maximus, Provost and Trustees Scholarships

Award amount: $1,000–$3,000 ($4,000–$12,000 four-year value).

Criteria: Those considered are Ohio and non-Ohio residents (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) who are highly competitive as demonstrated through grade point average, class rank (if available), rigor of high school curriculum, and ACT or SAT scores (if available).

How to apply for Maximus, Provost and Trustees

Applicants who apply to the university by November 1 will automatically be considered.

National Buckeye Scholarship for non-Ohio residents

Award amount: Up to $13,500 ($54,000 four-year value); can be combined with the Maximus, Provost or Trustees Scholarship.

Criteria: Those considered are non-Ohio residents (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) who are highly competitive as demonstrated through grade point average, class rank (if available), rigor of high school curriculum, and ACT or SAT scores (if available).

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Morrill Scholarship Program

The [Morrill Scholarship Program (MSP)](#) offers scholarships and educational enrichment opportunities to academically talented students who are actively engaged in diversity-based leadership, social justice and service.

Criteria: The Morrill Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to students admitted to the Columbus campus for the autumn semester following high school graduation. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States. MSP seeks academically talented high school seniors who will contribute to campus diversity and actively engage as advocates and champions of diversity, inclusion, social justice and academic excellence on campus.

Award levels: Distinction (the value of the cost of attendance), Prominence (the value of in-state tuition plus the nonresident surcharge for nonresidents), and Excellence (the value of in-state tuition for Ohio residents).

How to apply for MSP

On your admission application, indicate interest in MSP and complete the MSP essay. Be sure to include leadership and diversity involvement on the Activity List. **We strongly recommend that applicants meet our November 1 early action deadline.** [Learn more.](#)

https://odi.osu.edu/undergraduate/msp

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Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program

Students awarded the Stamps Eminence Scholarship are part of a select group of undergraduate Honors students that embark on a unique, four-year journey of academic rigor, service and leadership.

Award amount: Full cost of attendance at Ohio State for eight semesters of full-time enrollment, plus an enrichment grant valued at up to $5,000 accessible after the first year of successful study.

Criteria: U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply. All applicants must indicate interest in the University Honors Program or Ohio State Scholars Program. Finalists are selected based on the strength of their Common Application, a separate Stamps Eminence Scholarship essay and a video introduction. Selections are based on outstanding academic potential, demonstrated commitment to service, and character. All majors are encouraged to apply. There is no "typical" Stamps Eminence Scholar.

How to apply for Stamps Eminence

Three required steps:

1. Apply for admission to Ohio State by the early action deadline of November 1.
2. Indicate interest in consideration for Honors or Scholars on the Common Application.
3. Complete the separate Stamps Eminence Scholarship Application by November 12.

https://honors-scholars.osu.edu/eminence

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Connect with Ohio State

- High school counselor website (check status of students)
hscounselors.osu.edu

- Admissions Overview and Tour
campusvisit.osu.edu

- Explore majors
majors.osu.edu

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NACAC 2025

- Join us in Columbus for NACAC – Sept. 18-20, 2025

- Goal is to have school counselors from all 88 Ohio counties

- Ohio State specific tours and information sessions scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17

- Local arrangement co-chairs:
    - Austin Martin, The Ohio State University
    - Kathy Moore, Upper Arlington High School

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