

Scholar Basics

WHAT IS THE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

A primary mission of Ohio State's Office of Minority Affairs is to offer services and programs which facilitate the achievement of urban youth at The Ohio State University. In this effort, the University established the Young Scholars Program (YSP). Established in 1988, YSP is a comprehensive pre-collegiate and collegiate program designed to enhance the academic, personal, and career development of Young Scholars. The Program's goal is to nurture the enormous potential these students possess by investing in their future long before they reach college. Once they arrive at the University the same nurturing environment remains available to the student. Young Scholars who successfully complete the Program, graduate from high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and meet the Program requirements are guaranteed admittance to The Ohio State University and offered a **need-based** financial aid package.

HOW CAN I BECOME A SCHOLAR?

The first stage of the YSP is being nominated as a Pre-Young Scholar. Pre-Young Scholars are students identified by the YSP during their **sixth grade year** as having the potential and desire to aspire to higher educational heights. Based on need and academic performance; including standardized test scores, nominated students are selected by a committee of community leaders as Pre-Young Scholars. Pre-Young Scholars receive assistance in the areas of academic, career, and personal development. At the end of their ninth grade year, students who are making satisfactory progress are promoted to Young Scholar status, and continue to receive the benefits of the Program. This could ultimately lead to guaranteed admittance to The Ohio State University with a **need-based** financial aid package.

HOW & WHEN ARE PRE-YOUNG SCHOLARS NOMINATED?

Pre-Young Scholars are nominated during their sixth grade year by teachers, counselors, principals, and community leaders. For specific details and dates, see the attached Nomination & Selection Timeline.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED AS A PRE-YOUNG SCHOLAR?

- ❖ Students who add to the educational and socio-economic diversity of The Ohio State University.
- ❖ Students who are first generation college graduates; their parents must not have graduated from a four year degree granting college program.
- ❖ Students who are enrolled in an Akron Public School, Canton City School, Cincinnati Public School, Cleveland Public School, Columbus City School, Dayton Public School, Lorain City School, Toledo Public School, or a Youngstown Public School.
- ❖ Students who agree to enroll in and complete a college preparatory curriculum in high school.
- ❖ Students who maintain a continuous and cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.
- ❖ Student who are successfully completing the sixth grade.