

Youngstown

STATE UNIVERSITY



New-Student
SCHOLARSHIPS
2010–2011

Youngstown State University, through the generosity and support of the YSU Foundation, is committed to providing academic scholarships to qualified students. The YSU Foundation, whose sole purpose is to benefit YSU students, maintains an endowment in excess of \$140 million.

First-year students will begin to receive scholarship award notification in February of 2010. Once you are admitted to the University, a review is completed of ACT/SAT composite scores, class rank and, in certain instances, grade point average and financial need is completed. It is this review that provides the basis for determining your eligibility for scholarships.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is the University's clearinghouse for all applications and information pertaining to scholarships and financial aid. For more information, visit our website at www.ysu.edu/financialaid or schedule an appointment with a financial aid counselor at 330-941-3506.

Sincerely,



Elaine Ruse
Director
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Undergraduate Scholarships for Excellence

Youngstown State University offers 40 full-ride academic scholarships to first-year students coming directly from high school. For all other incoming freshmen, there is **no limit** to the number of scholarship recipients per year as long as the admissions application is in a complete status by February 15 and the student qualifies.

Undergraduate Scholarships for Excellence guidelines are subject to change.

Scholarships for Excellence (except University Scholars) will be awarded automatically as a result of the Admission Application.

Please note that a student can receive only one Scholarship for Excellence award (i.e., Cochran, Trustees', President's, Deans', Red and White, Transfer, Advantage, Academic Achievement) in any academic year.

Incoming Freshmen & Transfer Students

Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars

- Full cost (estimated \$15,500)
- 30 ACT* or SAT score of 1860
- Tuition and related fees, except parking and health insurance (excludes summer term); \$360 per year for books; room and board at Cafaro House.
- Application: If you are applying as a high school candidate, all application materials must be submitted by February 15 and must be certified by high school administration. A completed application will include both an application for Admission/Financial Aid to YSU and the University Scholar Award Application. This procedure applies only to those applying for the University Scholar awards.
- Automatically renewed each year up to a maximum of four years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and completes a minimum of 24 semester hours per year.

Students enrolled in the NEOUCOM medical program are not eligible for this award.

**Minimum criteria 28 ACT. In special cases, students with outstanding academic credentials along with some other distinguished achievement will be considered for the award.*

Trustees' Scholarship

- \$4,500.00
- Valedictorian (Rank of One)
- Renewed each year up to a maximum of four years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and completes a minimum of 24 semester hours per year.

President's Scholarship

- \$2,500.00
- 27 ACT/ combined Math and Verbal SAT score of 1220 and Top 10% of high school class
- Renewed each year up to a maximum of four years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and completes a minimum of 24 semester hours per year.

Deans' Scholarship

- \$2,000.00
- 25 ACT/ combined Math and Verbal SAT score of 1140 and Top 15% of high school class
- Renewed each year up to a maximum of four years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and completes a minimum of 24 semester hours per year.

Red and White Scholarship

- \$1,500.00
- 22 ACT/ combined Math and Verbal SAT score of 1030 and 3.0 high school cumulative GPA
- Renewed each year up to a maximum of four years if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and completes a minimum of 24 semester hours per year.

YSU Advantage

Special discount program targeted to associate degree graduates from Jefferson Community College, Cuyahoga Community College, Stark State College of Technology, Lorain County Community College, and Kent State University regional campuses.

- Must have an associate degree from one of the aforementioned selected colleges with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

- Students who transfer from any of the colleges listed above will receive \$1,100.
- One-year award.

Incoming Transfer Students

Transfer Student Scholarship

- \$1,500/\$1,000
- Available to students transferring to YSU with 24 transferable semester credit hours and a 3.5 GPA (\$1,500) or 3.0-3.49 GPA (\$1,000).
- Renewable each year up to a maximum of three years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA (\$1,500) or 3.0-3.49 (\$1,000) and completes a minimum of 12 hours per year. Awards are available for part-time students (at least 6 hours per term) on a prorated basis. To be considered for this award, you **must** apply for admission to YSU by February 15.

Current Students

Academic Achievement Award

- \$500
- 24 degree-applicable credits with a 3.5 GPA
- Renewed each year up to the equivalent of three years if the student maintains a 3.5 GPA and completes a minimum of 12 semester hours per year. Awards are available for part-time students (at least six hours per term) on a prorated basis.

Did you know?

86% of full-time undergraduate students attending YSU during the 2007-2008 academic year received financial aid.

During the 2006-2007 academic year, the University and the YSU Foundation awarded

\$13,653,195

in scholarship & grant assistance to YSU students.

Other Scholarships & Awards

For a searchable list of all YSU scholarships, visit www.ysu.edu/finaid

Scholarships Within Academic Colleges

Check with the dean's office in your specific college to determine if there are scholarships within your academic major.

Martin Luther King Achievement Award

Funded by the YSU Foundation, this award is available to graduates of Youngstown/Warren city schools:

- Calvary Christian
- Cardinal Mooney
- Chaney
- East
- John F. Kennedy
- Rayen
- South
- Ursuline
- Warren G. Harding
- Warren Western Reserve
- Wilson
- Youngstown Christian

Also available for graduates of

- Campbell Memorial
- Farrell
- New Castle
- Niles McKinley
- Sharon
- Struthers

Awards of up to \$1,500 per academic year are available to students who have financial need. You must be admitted to the University in good standing.

Housing Grant

Apply online (www.ysu.edu/finaid) by Feb 15. Awards are need-based, up to \$2,000/academic year. Must be full-time student and reside in University housing or Courtyard Apts.

Priority Deadlines for Applying

Scholarships

You must submit the YSU Undergraduate Admission Application by **February 15** to be considered for scholarships through the Scholarships for Excellence Program at Youngstown State University. If you are applying for the Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars award, a separate application is required by the February 15 deadline date. Applications for the Leslie H. Cochran University Scholars award are available through the YSU Honors Office or the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Deadlines for the miscellaneous University scholarships vary. Please refer to the online scholarship search or your academic department for more information.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships' Institutional Aid Application for scholarships and grants is online at www.ysu.edu/finaid.

Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for federal aid, need-based scholarships and state grants. It is recommended that you file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You must complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 but not later than February 15 each year for priority consideration of need-based aid.

Financial Aid Counselors at YSU's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships are available to assist parents and/or students in completing the FAFSA by appointment or on a walk-in basis. Please call 330-941-3506 to schedule an appointment or to inquire about the walk-in schedule.

SCHOOL CODE: 003145

In addition to scholarships, Youngstown State University participates in all Title IV federal aid and state grant programs from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I'm 22 and don't live with my parents. Do I need to provide parent information on the FAFSA?

A: Yes. Unless you can answer “yes” to at least one of the questions under Step Three on the FAFSA, you are considered dependent and must provide parent information. If you feel that you have special circumstances regarding your dependency status, you will need to contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

Q: Can my parents make too much money for me to be eligible for financial aid?

A: No. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to find out if they are eligible and what type of aid is available. Remember, all students are entitled to a federal student loan, regardless of income.

Q: If I am required to provide parent information on the FAFSA, does that include stepparent information?

A: Yes. If you're using your mother's information for the FAFSA and she is remarried at the time you are completing the FAFSA, you must include her husband's (your stepfather's) income information too. See the FAFSA instructions for more details.

Q: What can I do if my or my family's financial situation changes drastically?

A: If your situation or your family's has changed due to circumstances such as cut in pay, layoff, strike, medical or other, you should call 330-941-3506 to set up an appointment to discuss your situation with a Financial Aid Counselor.

Q: I don't think I'll be eligible for grants. I just want a Stafford loan. Do I still need to complete the FAFSA?

A: Yes. The FAFSA is the application for ALL federal aid, which includes the Federal Stafford Loan and Federal PLUS loans.

Q: Do I need to reapply each year?

A: Yes. We cannot determine your financial aid eligibility each year until you have completed the FAFSA for that particular academic year.

Remember:

FEBRUARY 15 is our deadline for priority consideration of aid. Always check in December for new deadline dates and applications to complete for the following year.

Financial Aid Tip

Always keep copies of your and your parents'/stepparents' income tax returns if you are a dependent student. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships may request a copy of the return(s) if you are selected for verification.

Financial Aid Checklist

February 15, 2010 Deadline for filing the 2009-2010 FAFSA, (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and YSU's Institutional Aid Application (www.ysu.edu/finaid) for priority consideration. **School code: 003145**

March 5, 2010 YSU starts awarding need-based aid; Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Perkins Loan, Martin Luther King Award and Federal Work Study. To be considered, your 2010-2011 FAFSA must be complete.

March 26, 2010 Last date to be considered for need-based aid. FAFSA results must be complete and accurate. If you are selected for verification, this process must be finalized.

Failure to submit your FAFSA and the YSU Institutional Aid Application on time may result in lost opportunities for need-based campus aid, as well as delays in processing. If you missed the February 15th priority deadline date for filing the FAFSA and you have not yet submitted the FAFSA, do not delay! It is not too late to file.

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

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Front-counter staff are available
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Walk-in counseling is available
Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–12 p.m. & 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Appointments with a counselor are available
Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Call **330-941-3506** to set up an appointment. If you are unable to meet at these times, you may request to speak with a counselor to make special arrangements that fit your schedule.

Now available at www.ysu.edu/finaid

Financial Aid Estimator—Receive an estimated financial aid award by entering financial and demographic information.

Scholarship Search—Search for YSU institutional scholarships online, filtering results by college, major, class standing and more.

Tuition Estimator—Estimate tuition and fees, indicating hours enrolled, housing preferences, parking, and residency.

Online Loan Tools—Complete loan requirements, such as signing a Master Promissory Note (MPN).

Lender Comparison Calculator—See how much a loan *really* costs.

Financial Aid Forms and Online Applications—All financial aid applications are available online; many can be submitted directly from the web.

Links to Other Resources—More financial aid opportunities through quality external sites.