



Believe in Ohio

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The Ohio Academy of Science recognizes and awards one hundred thirty-eight (138) students with \$276,000 in scholarships to attend any Ohio college, university, or post-secondary career center.

Dublin, Ohio – Funded by the State of Ohio through the Department of Higher Education and operated as a program of **The Ohio Academy of Science, Believe in Ohio** is a student-focused STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship Program that prepares Ohio’s future workforce to meet the demands of a rapidly changing labor market and the innovation economy. The program emphasizes the importance of applying STEM and innovation to solve problems, and how to create solutions by developing marketplace opportunities through research and technological design.

Recently, 138 juniors and seniors from 89 high schools throughout Ohio were recognized for their contributions and earned the **Believe in Ohio STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship**. Each student will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to attend any Ohio college, university, or post-secondary career center. The application process evaluated academic achievement, answers to essay questions, and proof of a validated accomplishment in STEM Innovation or Entrepreneurship.

“STEM and Entrepreneurship are a powerful combination for solving needs-based problems”, said Michael E. Woytek, Executive Director for The Ohio Academy of Science. Woytek went on to add, “Ohio has a long tradition of innovation, and these students are the future professionals needed for Ohio’s innovation economy”.

Believe in Ohio is a free, comprehensive, curriculum-based, STEM and Entrepreneurship program that supports both high school and middle school students. The program is designed to create a “Culture of Innovation” and pathways to Ohio’s colleges, universities, and technical centers.

For more information:

<https://www.ohiosci.org/>

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The 2023 Believe in Ohio STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship Awardees:

Student Name	High School	School City
Elizabeth Santa	Homeschool	Alexandria
Eva Wanek	Steele High School	Amherst
Meredith Klein	Anna High School	Anna
Abigail McEldowney	Anna High School	Anna
Bree Metzler	Anna High School	Anna
Marissa Shook	Ansonia High School	Ansonia
Carson Tegtmeier	Arcanum High School	Arcanum
Kaitlyn Brown	Arcanum High School	Arcanum
Lauren Gower	Arcanum High School	Arcanum
Caleb Hartman	Arcanum High School	Arcanum
Mariah Kreuzsch	Arcanum High School	Arcanum
Kassidy Lange	Teays Valley High School	Ashville
Taylor Baker	Blanchester High School	Blanchester
Gracie Roy	Blanchester High School	Blanchester
Luke Smithers	Canal Winchester High School	Canal Winchester
Massar Yade	Groveport Madison High School	Canal Winchester
Elisabeth Facemyer	Canfield High School	Canfield
Delaney OBrien	Canfield High School	Canfield
Alexa Schmidt	Canfield High School	Canfield
Kennedy Brehm	Bloom-Carroll High School	Carroll
Claire Loeffler	Bloom-Carroll High School	Carroll
Emily Swope	Bloom-Carroll High School	Carroll
Kylee Dutenhaver	Homeschool	Cedarville
Ikechi Nwokoro	Centerville High School	Centerville
Jessica Brett	Chagrin Falls High School	Chagrin Falls
Aiden Cabic	Chagrin Falls High School	Chagrin Falls
Alex Chinnici	Chagrin Falls High School	Chagrin Falls
Charles Frederick	Chagrin Falls High School	Chagrin Falls
Jillian Morrison	Chardon High School	Chardon
Angelena DePalma	Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin	Chardon
Lara Vatandoust	Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin	Chardon
Maeghan Lewis	Zane Trace High School	Chillicothe
Macy Long	Zane Trace High School	Chillicothe
Lillyan Stewart	Zane Trace High School	Chillicothe
Wyatt Vick	Zane Trace High School	Chillicothe
Kunal Ranjan	Indian Hill High School	Cincinnati

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Student Name	High School	School City
Parker Busch	Madeira High School	Cincinnati
Annalise DeMarco	Madeira High School	Cincinnati
Anna Lewis	Madeira High School	Cincinnati
Lily Zoeckler	Madeira High School	Cincinnati
Remington Holder	McNicholas High School	Cincinnati
Luke Fahey	Saint Xavier High School	Cincinnati
William Hunt	Columbia High School	Columbia Station
Austin Rush	St. Francis DeSales High School	Columbus
Ayden Stuckey	Copley High School	Copley
Gage Frash	Crooksville high school	Crooksville
Claire Pheneger	Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy	Cuyahoga
Logan Arnold	Archbishop Carroll High School	Dayton
Grace Braun	Archbishop Carroll High School	Dayton
Jared Sargent	Archbishop Carroll High School	Dayton
Gwendolyn Broderick	The Dayton Regional STEM School	Dayton
Neha Pasupuleti	The Dayton Regional STEM School	Dayton
Rosemary Cranston	Rutherford B. Hayes High School	Delaware
Paul Gabel	Rutherford B. Hayes High School	Delaware
Jacob Payne	Rutherford B. Hayes High School	Delaware
Margaret Wolf	Rutherford B. Hayes High School	Delaware
Annaka Esala	Dublin Coffman High School	Dublin
Ben Borack	Dublin Scioto High School	Dublin
Kiera Elliott	Eaton High School	Eaton
Ethan Boyes	Elyria High School	Elyria
Eva Koczur	Fairview High School	Fairview Park
Arielle Scott	Fostoria High School	Fostoria
Jaeda Whittaker	Gahanna Lincoln High School	Gahanna
Cade Saunders	Gallia Academy High School	Gallipolis
Taylor Vild	Garfield Heights High School	Garfield Heights
Gracie Sprague	Genoa Area Local High School	Genoa
Steven Zurawick	Granville High School	Granville
Carter Daly	Green High School	Green
Andrew Baden	Patrick Henry High School	Hamler
Evan Fender	Hillsboro High School	Hillsboro
Alexander Kellersmith	Houston High School	Houston
Kaydee Brown	Jackson High School	Jackson
Sydney Hughes	Jackson High School	Jackson
Deonna Huston	Jackson High School	Jackson
Rylie Kilgour	Jackson High School	Jackson
Hannah Merrill	Jackson High School	Jackson

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Kora Garee	Northridge High School	Johnstown
Katherine Logue	Theodore Roosevelt High School	Kent
Joseph Wright	Dayton Regional STEM School	Kettering
Evan West	Kings High School	Kings Mills
Emily McVay	Olentangy Orange High School	Lewis Center
Sean Huggins	Lakota East High School	Liberty Township
Rose Kottapalli	Shawnee High School	Lima
Shashank Chanamolu	Shawnee High School	Lima
Garrett Vance	Homeschool	London
Kemper Egan	Loveland High School	Loveland
Eric Snider	Tri-Rivers Career Center/ North Union High School	Marion
Ariana Brewer	Northwest High School	Mc Dermott
Grace Chen	Mentor High School	Mentor
Haniyah Imran	Mentor High School	Mentor
Afhan Taha	Mentor High School	Mentor
Cliff Hoffman	Field High School	Mogadore
Ian Mansur	New Albany High School	New Albany
Braylon Buchanan	John Glenn High School	New Concord
Garrett Buchanan	John Glenn High School	New Concord
Adeline Kendle	New Philadelphia High School	New Philadelphia
Kennedy Firth	Newark High School	Newark
Isabella Dennison	Hoover High School	North Canton
Claire Wood	Hoover High School	North Canton
Megan Mosley	North Royalton High School	North Royalton
Logan Senning	iSTEM Geauga Early College High School	Painesville
Cassandra Weller	Paulding High School	Paulding
Cayden Wilson	Jonathan Alder High School	Plain City
Melinda Lawson	Meigs High School	Pomeroy
Noah Zimmerman	Port Clinton High School	Port Clinton
Nithin Naikar	Olentangy Liberty High School	Powell
Aaron Slisher	Reynoldsburg High School Summit Campus	Reynoldsburg
Herandra Poudel	Reynoldsburg High School Summit Campus	Reynoldsburg
Allison Meixner	Revere High School	Richfield
Coulter DeBoer	North Union High School	Richwood
Savannah Queen	North Union High School	Richwood
Sarah Bungard	Bio-Med Science Academy	Rootstown
Shayan Jafri	Bio-Med Science Academy	Rootstown
Madalyn Thayer	Perkins Local High School	Sandusky
Ishita Kopparapu	Hathaway Brown	Shaker Hts.
John Brunner	Lehman High School	Sidney

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Zander Rawlins	South Webster High School	South Webster
Abigail Getz	Global Impact STEM Academy	Springfield
Mackenzie Hudson	Global Impact STEM Academy	Springfield
Ian Spence	Global Impact STEM Academy	Springfield
Kathryn Welsheimer	Global Impact STEM Academy	Springfield
Grace Whitmore	Global Impact STEM Academy	Springfield
Ava Zellers	Strongsville High School	Strongsville
Srestha Chattopadhyay	Sylvania Northview High School	Sylvania
Suneha Shelke	Sylvania Northview High School	Sylvania
Nivrithi Varghese	Sylvania Northview High School	Sylvania
Julie Sebastian	Bethel High School	Tipp City
Alexander Mian	Ottawa Hills High School	Toledo
Elliot Snyder	Upper Arlington High School	Upper Arlington
Jeff Li	Van Wert High School	Van Wert
Tessa Haffner	Warren High School	Vincent
Emma Poulton	Warren High School	Vincent
William Randall	Warren High School	Vincent
Juliella Hankinson	Homeschool	Walhonding
Nastasija Glisic	Howland High School	Warren
Braden Wilson	Monroe Central High School	Woodsfield
Lincoln Glaros	Worthington Kilbourne High School	Worthington
Dean Bogan	Xenia High School	Xenia