The Ohio State University regional campuses are proud to announce the Choose Ohio First Scholarship (COFS) opportunity. Each campus has the privilege to award a $1,500-$4,700 Choose Ohio First Scholarship to a select number of Middle Childhood Education majors (with a concentration in science).

The Choose Ohio First Scholarships are funded by the State of Ohio with the objective of increasing the number of science, technology, engineering and math graduates and retaining them in jobs within the Buckeye state. The scholarship is renewable based on eligibility requirements.

Eligibility requirements include:
- Complete a minimum of 60 credit hours by Autumn Semester 2014.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Be a Middle Childhood Education major on a regional campus of Ohio State.
- Have a natural science concentration.
- Complete a minimum of four required science courses, of which two must be lab sciences.
- Maintain a cumulative 3.00 GPA or higher in all natural science courses.
- Demonstrate financial need as defined or determined by the results of the FAFSA (fafsa.gov).
- Be an Ohio resident.
- Complete the application, essay responses, and questions on science-related activities.

**Scholarship Deadline:**
June 30, 2014

Please respond to the following questions in 500 words or less (each) and staple to the application page.

1. Discuss your professional goals. How will your teaching science to Ohio's students benefit the future of our state?

2. Discuss your life experiences that demonstrate your commitment to working with underserved or underprivileged populations; OR obstacles you have overcome, such as socioeconomic or educational disadvantages or disabilities; OR what unique life experiences and ideas do you have that will attract and keep more Ohioans in the science field?
Please thoroughly complete this application form and the science activities pages for full consideration for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship (COFS) for natural science concentration middle childhood majors who have at a 3.0 GPA in their natural science concentration.

**General Information:**

Name ___________________________   Student I.D. ______________________

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________   State _____   Zip ________

County ___________________________   Best phone number to reach you ______________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

**Intended semester enrollment and full/part-time status (check ALL that apply):**

___ Summer    ___ Autumn    ___ Spring

Undergraduate:   ____Full time (12 + hrs.)   ____¾ time (9-11 hrs.)
                ____1/2 time (6-8 hrs.)   ____Less than ½ time

**Rank at end of spring semester 2014:**   ___Freshman   ___Sophomore   ___Junior   ___Senior

**Academic Standing (regarding your current academic program):**

Cumulative GPA _____________   # Credit hours completed at OSU ________   Total earned hours _____

Major at OSU ____________________________________________   (MC should list both concentrations)

Cumulative GPA in Natural Science courses*________

List your natural science courses completed by the end of Spring Semester 2014 and grades earned:

1._____________   2._____________   3._____________
4._____________   5._____________   6._____________

* Grades from natural science course work completed at another university will be calculated into the cumulative science GPA

Availability of Choose Ohio First Scholarship fund and amount of award is subject to change, as determined by the State of Ohio and availability of funds. By signing this scholarship application, you are verifying that you are not receiving Choose Ohio First Scholarship funds from any other university in the State of Ohio.

Signature ___________________________________________   Date _______________
Science Activities Information page

Choose Ohio First Scholarship recipients must become involved in science related activities. Please indicate your previous engagement in science-related activities and science courses. Attach your responses to this page.

A. Previous engagement in science activities.

If you have been involved in any science or science related activities, regardless of when it might have occurred, please list or write a paragraph describing your experience. These are activities in addition to completing natural science courses.

B. Experience in science courses.

Please share your experiences in college natural science courses, especially those for the natural science area of concentration, and why you feel these courses hold value as a future middle school teacher.

NOTE: If selected for this scholarship, students are required to complete science related activities in consultation with or approved by a science faculty member.

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Remember: Application is due June 30, 2014