



## Franklin University Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program Fact Sheet

[The Ohio Board of Regents Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program](#) is a part of a strategic effort to bolster Ohio's economic strength by ensuring a ready workforce for STEMM-related industries. Choose Ohio First was developed to significantly strengthen Ohio's competitiveness within STEMM disciplines and STEMM education. The intention is to recruit and retain more students in STEMM fields. It is hoped that the program will ultimately help to produce substantive improvements to the pipeline of STEMM graduates in Ohio.

The Franklin University Computer Science (CS) and Management Information Sciences (MIS) programs were selected to receive funding under this program, with scholarships to be supported jointly by the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and Franklin University.

### **What are the benefits to a student for receiving the "COF Scholar" designation?**

- Financial support for studies – between \$2500 and \$6200 per academic year. Based on making satisfactory progress in the curriculum for the major and maintaining a strong grade point average (3.0 overall and 3.0 in major courses), the scholarship is renewable from year to year.
- Recognition within the University. Recipients of the scholarship will be announced in University publications.
- Special attention from department faculty. Recipients will receive special advising and mentoring from the faculty.
- Participation in special programs sponsored by OBR for COF Scholars. For example, current COF Scholars have been invited to a [STEMM Scholar Showcase](#) – a wonderful opportunity for networking.
- Can include notation on the resume. The COF Scholar designation will set individuals apart from other students/graduates with the same major.

### **What are the requirements for this scholarship?**

- The applicant must be an Ohio resident (current resident or graduated from an Ohio high school).
- The applicant must be an undergraduate student majoring in Computer Science or Management Information Sciences.
- Preference will be given to students who are the first generation to attend college (this is not a requirement for application, however).
- The scholarship is merit-based.
- The recipient must maintain an overall 3.0 gpa, with a gpa of at least 3.0 in major courses for continued funding.

**What is required to apply for this scholarship?**

- Completion of the [application](#).
- An essay that addresses the following:
  - What are your goals and motivation to pursue this degree?
  - What strengths do you have that would contribute to your success in the program?
  - What is your expected timeline for completing the degree program?
  - Where do you see yourself in the future career wise?
  - How will this scholarship contribute to your education?
- Transcripts – The applicant must submit or have on file at Franklin transcripts from previous academic work, including college and high school transcripts.
- (Optional) A recommendation from someone who can speak to the applicant's likelihood to succeed in the degree program.

**What is the timeline for this scholarship?**

- The application deadline is June 15, 2012.
- Scholarships will be awarded by August 1, 2012.