



Believe in Ohio

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The Ohio Academy of Science recognizes and awards one hundred twenty-four (124) students with \$124,000 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 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, 124 juniors and seniors from 90 high schools throughout Ohio were recognized for their contributions and earned a **Believe in Ohio STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship**. Each student will receive a \$1,000 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 validated accomplishments in STEM Innovation and entrepreneurship.

“STEM and entrepreneurship are a powerful combination for solving needs-based problems that drive new business formation”, 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 innovators needed to propel 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” in Ohio high schools and pathways to Ohio’s colleges, universities, and technical centers. Believe in Ohio is a program of The Ohio Academy of Science and was developed in collaboration with Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio.

For more information:

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

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The 2022 Believe in Ohio STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship Awardees:

Name	City	High School
Mr. Eleanor Smith	Akron	NIHF STEM High School
Ms. Elizabeth Santa	Alexandria	Homeschool
Ms. Kacy Connolly	Alvordton	Hilltop High School
Ms. Madison Jeffries	Anna	Anna High School
Ms. Marissa Shook	Ansonia	Ansonia High School
Ms. Isabella O'Daniel	Arcanum	Arcanum High School
Ms. Mariah Kreuzsch	Arcanum	Arcanum High School
Ms. Jorie McDermott	Arcanum	Arcanum High School
Ms. Lauren Gower	Arcanum	Arcanum High School
Ms. Carsyn Hagans	Archbold	Archbold High School
Mr. Jacob Reuter	Beavercreek	Carroll High School
Mr. Zoie Van Huffel Gouldlock	Bedford	Bedford High School
Mr. Jack Agnew	Bellbrook	Carroll High School
Mr. Jordan Mason	Blacklick	Gahanna Lincoln High School
Ms. Emma Falgner	Blanchester	Blanchester High School
Ms. Ainsley Whitaker	Blanchester	Blanchester High School
Mr. Aubrey Nyiri	Bowling Green	Bowling Green High School
Ms. Emily Schafer	Bradford	Covington High School
Mr. Mason Lewis	Broadview Heights	Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
Ms. Natalie Stover	Bucyrus	Wynford High School
Mr. Clay Vasko	Cambridge	John Glenn High School
Ms. Sophia Haughn	Canal Winchester	Bloom Carroll High School
Ms. Claire Loeffler	Canal Winchester	Bloom Carroll High School
Ms. Jocelyn Zhao	Canfield	Canfield High School
Ms. Allie Carter	Carroll	Bloom Carroll High School
Mr. Raef Taha	Centerville	The Miami Valley School
Mr. Daniel Brill	Chesterland	Chardon High School
Ms. Elsa Zhou	Cincinnati	Indian Hill High School
Ms. Yatra Patel	Cincinnati	West Clermont High School
Ms. Kiarah Richardson	Columbus	Dublin Scioto High School
Mr. Safiya Bainazar	Columbus	Metro Early College High School
Ms. Richael Saka	Columbus	St. Francis DeSales High School
Ms. Cassidy Lange	Commercial Point	Teays Valley High School
Mr. Caden Coleman	Concord Twp	Mentor High School
Mr. Laszlo Hary	Dayton	Carroll High School
Mr. Kameron Brown	Defiance	Defiance Senior High School
Mr. Adam Fronduti	Delaware	Rutherford B. Hayes High School
Mr. Mohammad Jamal	Dublin	Dublin Coffman High School
Mr. Mihir Vador	Dublin	Dublin Jerome High School
Ms. Ruth Beery	Frankfort	Adena High School
Ms. Leah Boegeman	Goshen	Blanchester High School

Name	City	High School
Ms. Grace Dolin	Grafton	Midview High School
Ms. Carrie Rhoades	Greenville	Ansonia High School
Mr. Andrew Baden	Hamler	Patrick Henry High School
Ms. Jessica Guilfoyle	Harrison	William Henry Harrison High School
Mr. Zane Rex	Harrod	Allen East High School
Ms. Sampurna Sarkar	Highland Heights	Mayfield High School
Ms. Nurah Baseer	Hilliard	Hilliard Bradley High School
Mr. Evan Fender	hillsboro	Hillsboro High School
Ms. Kyla Williams	Ironton	Ironton High School
Ms. Haylee Bachtel	Jackson	Jackson High School
Ms. Kaydee Brown	Jackson	Jackson High School
Ms. Jade Winters	Jackson	Jackson High School
Mr. Cliff Hoffman Jr	Kent	Field High School
Mr. Jeffrey Hoffman	Kent	Field High School/Maplewood Career Center
Ms. Kaylee Adams	Kenton	Kenton Senior High School
Ms. Hannah Saum	Lancaster	Amanda-Clearcreek High School
Ms. Kennedy Brehm	Lancaster	Bloom Carroll High School
Ms. Emma Greve	Marysville	Fairbanks High School/ Tolles Career and Technical Center
Mr. Emir Tali	Mason	William Mason High School
Mr. Johan DeMessie	Mason	William Mason High School
Ms. Snehal Choudhury	Massillon	Jackson High School
Mr. Ava Gibson	Maumee	Maumee High School
Mr. Eloise Voytko	McConnelsville	Morgan High School
Ms. Lauren Olenik	Mentor	Lake Catholic High School
Ms. Grace Chen	Mentor	Mentor High School
Ms. Alysandra Klein	Mentor	Mentor High School
Ms. Maura Murray	Mentor	Mentor High School
Ms. Haniyah Imran	Mentor	Mentor High School
Ms. Neha Pasupuleti	Miamisburg	The Dayton Regional STEM School
Mr. Ashton Beresford	Moreland Hills	Chagrin Falls High School
Ms. M'Kaia Trent	New Albany	Gahanna Lincoln High School
Mr. Varun Chitiveli	New Albany	New Albany High School
Mr. Jay Painter	New Albany	New Albany High School
Ms. Emily Moser	New Holland	Miami Trace High School
Ms. Kaylee Anderson	New Lexington	New Lexington High School
Mr. Julio Sica-Perez	New Philadelphia	Tuscarawas Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School
Ms. Cianna Woltz-Yarnelli	Newark	C-TEC Career & Technology Education Centers of Licking County
Mr. Noah Mylander	Oak Harbor	Oak Harbor High School
Ms. Marissa Maag	Ottawa	Ottawa-Glandorf High School
Mr. Reyan Shariff	Ottawa Hills	Ottawa Hills High School
Mr. Bode Menegay	Paris	East Canton High School

Name	City	High School
Mr. Youssef Erraki	Parma	Normandy High School
Ms. Kaylee Rauch	Parma	Valley Forge High School
Ms. Callie Bower	Parma	Valley Forge High School
Ms. Paige Jones	Paulding	Paulding High School
Mr. Therin Coyne	Payne	Wayne Trace High School
Mr. Cayden Wilson	Plain City	Jonathan Alder High School
Mr. Noah Zimmerman	Port Clinton	Port Clinton High School
Ms. Viviana Wheeler	Portsmouth	Notre Dame High School
Mr. Krishna Choppara	Powell	Olentangy Liberty High School
Mr. Dawson Forbush	Proctorville	Chesapeake High School
Mr. John Shin	Richfield	Hawken Upper School
Ms. Grace Moon	Rock Creek	Geneva High School
Ms. Sita Ramaiya	Shaker Heights	Hawken Upper School
Mr. Isaac Edelmann	Sidney	Anna High School
Ms. Meghan Chamberlin	Sidney	Lehman Catholic High School
Ms. Annamarie Stiver	Sidney	Lehman Catholic High School
Mr. Nathan Snizik	Springboro	Carroll High School
Mr. James Cox	Springfield	Catholic Central High School
Mr. Leonardo Juarez	Springfield	Catholic Central High School
Ms. Rori Copeland	St. Clairsville	St. Clairsville High School
Mr. Krishna Saraiya	Sylvania	Sylvania Northview High School
Mr. Frank Lee	Sylvania	Sylvania Northview High School
Ms. Mia Prisby	Sylvania	Sylvania Southview High School
Mr. Alex Lyall	Tipp City	Bethel High School
Ms. Jianna Nichols	Tipp City	Tippecanoe High School
Ms. Amelia Campbell	Tipp City	Tippecanoe High School
Mr. Raymond Flowers IV	Toledo	Sylvania Northview High School
Ms. Katie Weddle	Troy	Miami East High School
Ms. Jailah Truitt	Uniontown	NIHF STEM High School
Mr. Joshua Reichert	Van Wert	Van Wert High School
Ms. Caroline Varner	Waterville	Anthony Wayne High School
Ms. Kelly Wyse	Wauseon	Pettisville High School
Mr. Zachary Smith	Waynesburg	Sandy Valley High School
Mr. Derrick Andolsek	Wellington	Wellington Senior High School
Mr. Matthew Adkins	West Alexandria	Dixie High School
Ms. Caitlyn Leighty	West Salem	Northwestern High School
Mr. Ryan Walter	West Salem	Northwestern High School
Mr. James Bell IV	West Unity	Hilltop High School
Ms. Brooke Burich	Westlake	Westlake High School
Ms. Serena Kataria	Wheelersburg	Wheelersburg High School
Ms. Grace Braun	Xenia	Carroll High School
Ms. Taylor Greenaway	Youngstown	Boardman High School