

Deadline & Mailing Address

All applications for COFSP funding (free summer calculus or precalculus course + academic year funding help) must be completed and postmarked by **1 March** of the senior year and sent to:

COFSP: Funding Application
Associate Dean of the College of STEM (CSTEM)
Moser Hall 2285
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555-3347

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program provides funding for qualified seniors pursuing programs at YSU in the College of STEM (CSTEM). Awardees for each year comprise a cohort which benefits from exposure to academic and industry leaders, a special mentoring program, formation of Project Teams which do research starting their freshman year and make professional presentations both on and off campus, and more. Explore the opportunities made possible by COFSP!

For more information, contact your high school guidance counselor or access Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program information for YSU at <http://stem.ysu.edu/cofsp.php>. Also, information for the Northeast Ohio COFSP consortium is found at http://csuohio.edu/success_in_math/.



Youngstown State University
In collaboration with:
Chaney High School
East High School
Girard High School
Liberty High School
Warren G. Harding High School
Youngstown Early College

**Choose Ohio First
Scholarship Program (COFSP)**

**COFSP Funding Opportunities
for Qualified H. S. Seniors**

YSU College of STEM ~
Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Overview of Program

Purpose The State of Ohio awarded 4.5 million dollars to a consortium consisting of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Kent State University, University of Akron, and Youngstown State University to increase the number of STEM graduates in Northeast Ohio by improving mathematics preparedness for STEM majors. The funding opportunities underwritten by the COFSP grant for matriculated College of STEM (CSTEM) majors, along with matching funds from YSU, form a key piece of the COFSP program at YSU. Funded students are eligible for a free calculus or precalculus course in the Summer following the senior, together with last dollar funding for the following academic year of between \$1,500 and \$4,700, depending on financial need.

Target Students High school seniors who have chosen CSTEM majors at YSU and demonstrated the appropriate mathematical preparation to begin their STEM major without delay. (See next panel for specific requirements.)

Application Process Interested seniors must complete the application process by **1 March** of their senior year. Completed applications include the COFSP Funding Application, a statement of interest, and two high school teacher recommendations.

Application Requirements

Requirements for Senior Students

- Ohio resident
- Successfully passed the Ohio Graduation Test and Algebra II, on track for graduation by end of senior year, and accumulative GPA at least 2.5 by end of Fall of senior year
- **IF** major is computer science, engineering, mathematics, physics, statistics, then by **1 March** of senior year must have one of: ACT math 27; YSU Maths Placement Level 70; COMPASS College Algebra 65, Trigonometry 36
- **IF** major is biology, chemistry, computer information systems, engineering technology, then by **1 March** of senior year must have one of: ACT math 22; YSU Maths Placement Level 40; COMPASS Algebra 65
- Completion by **15 February** of senior year of each of: FAFSA form; YSU Institutional Aid Application; YSU Undergraduate Admissions Application
- Other criteria as required by the YSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions

COFSP FUNDING APPLICATION FORM can be accessed at <http://stem.ysu.edu/cofsp.php>.

YSU INSTITUTIONAL AID APPLICATION can be accessed at www.ysu.edu/finaid.

Awardee Selection Priorities & Cohort Activities

Applications from all qualified seniors for COFSP funding are welcome and given full consideration. There is a special priority for qualified seniors who completed the COFSP Junior-to Senior Summer Bridge Enrichment Program at YSU in the summer between their junior and senior years; and there is also a priority on applications from qualified seniors from our partner high schools and urban and rural districts in the Youngstown-Warren area, and from all qualified seniors with financial need.

COFSP scholarship awardees form a COFSP Cohort and are expected to participate in on campus activities: meetings, research Project Teams, mentoring activities, presentations of their Project Team research, etc. Such activities comprise a significant enrichment of the awardees' formal educational experience.