Applying to the Cutler Scholars Program: Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Apply

How do I know if I am eligible for a Cutler Scholar Award?

Candidates must attend one of the eligible high schools or apply to an eligible academic discipline. The list of eligible high schools and academic disciplines can be found here - [http://cutlerscholars.org/become-a-cutler-scholar/scholarships-and-awards](http://cutlerscholars.org/become-a-cutler-scholar/scholarships-and-awards)

**Geographic Awards**
A student must attend or hold a degree from one of the eligible high schools.

**Discipline Awards**
A student must apply to one of the eligible academic disciplines at OHIO. Selection for a Cutler Scholar Award is contingent on admission to an eligible program of study.

Do you have minimum academic criteria? What ACT score do I need to apply?

We encourage any eligible student with strong intellectual curiosity and a demonstrated commitment to community engagement to apply. We do not consider standardized test scores and there is no minimum GPA required to apply. Successful applicants historically have possessed a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

I'm from out of state. Can I apply for a Cutler Scholar Award?

Most Cutler Scholar Awards are available only to Ohio residents. Out-of-state students are eligible for the Russ Legacy Cutler Scholar Award (for engineering majors) or the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Award (for students from Olean, New York).

Can I apply if I have taken time off before entering college?

Yes, as long as you meet eligibility criteria and are applying as a freshman applicant to OHIO.

Are HTC majors eligible?

Yes. Students applying to HTC programs of study in eligible academic fields will be considered for Cutler discipline awards. Students eligible for geographic awards may apply to any college at Ohio University, including HTC.

Can transfer students or current OHIO students apply for a Cutler Scholar Award?

Unfortunately, only freshman applicants to Ohio University can apply for Cutler Scholar Awards. Please contact OHIO’s [Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships](http://cutlerscholars.org/become-a-cutler-scholar/scholarships-and-awards) to learn about other financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
I’m an international student. Can I apply for a Cutler Scholar Award?
Unfortunately, most Cutler Scholar Awards are available only to residents of Ohio. However, students from the country of Macedonia are eligible for the Gusterov Cutler Scholar Award if they attend one of three high schools: Kosta Susinov High School in Radovish, Jane Sandansk High School in Strumica, or Rade-Jovcheski Korchagin High School in Skopje.

How to Apply

Does the Cutler Scholars Program have a separate application?
No. Students can apply for the Cutler Scholars Program through the Common App. In the academics section of the Common App, students will have the option to check a box that says, “Yes, I would like to be considered for the Cutler Scholars Program.” Students can submit all the required supplementary materials through the Common App.

What happens if I already submitted my Common App application? Am I still eligible to apply?
Yes. Students who learned about the Cutler Scholars Program after submitting the Common App should visit the Undergraduate Admissions website for alternative Cutler Scholars Program application instructions.

What does the application require?
The Cutler Scholars Program application requires students to complete the Ohio University Application for Admission and Scholarships via the Common App. Students also need to submit the Common App activity list or resume, one letter of recommendation, a short answer question regarding your community engagement, and an additional response to either the Common App essay prompts or the Ohio University optional essay. If you are a student from Macedonia, you must also submit evidence of English proficiency at the time of application. Click here to learn about options for satisfying the University’s English proficiency requirements.

When is the application due?
Students must apply to both Ohio University and the Cutler Scholars Program by December 1st.

What kind of essay should I submit?
A list of the Common App essay prompts is available on our website. You should submit an essay that offers insight into your experiences and interests or shares information you would like us to know. If you are having trouble selecting an essay topic, we encourage you to review the four pillars of the Cutler Scholars Program and submit an essay that speaks to your strengths in one or more of these areas.

Contact Us

How can I contact the Cutler Scholars Program if I have questions?
Please call us at 740-593-4266 or email us at cutlerscholars@ohio.edu.