Applying to the Cutler Scholars Program: Frequently Asked Questions

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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; the Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Cutler Scholar Award for students from Olean, New York; or the James E. Daley Cutler Scholar Award for students from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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 to learn about other financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
I’m an international student. Can I apply for a Cutler Scholar Award?

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How to Apply

Does the Cutler Scholars Program have a separate application?

No. Students can apply for the Cutler Scholars Program through the Common Application, making sure to follow the instructions on the OHIO Honors and Scholars section of the Writing Supplement tab. By filling out the OHIO Honors and Scholars section, students will also be considered for the OHIO Honors Program and any OHIO Honors-Designated Programs where eligibility requirements are met. Learn more about honors and scholars opportunities at OHIO by visiting this link.

What does the application require?

Students can apply for the Cutler Scholars Program through the Common Application, making sure to follow the instructions on the OHIO Honors and Scholars section of the Writing Supplement tab. For best consideration, students should submit a full and complete Common Application, including the activities section, one or more letters of recommendation, and at least one personal essay. For the essay, students may respond to the OHIO Honors and Scholars essay prompt in the Ohio University specific writing section of the Common App or to one of the Personal Essay prompts in the Common App Writing section.

When is the application due?

Students must apply to both Ohio University and the Cutler Scholars Program by November 15th.

What kind of essay should I submit?

Whether you submit a Common App Personal Essay or respond to the OHIO Honors and Scholars Essay Prompt in the Ohio University specific writing section of the Common App, 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.

When does it mean to be a Cutler Scholar finalist?

All Cutler Scholars finalists will be invited to Ohio University’s campus to interview either January 24th or January 31st. All Cutler Scholar finalists are admitted into the OHIO Honors Program regardless of whether they receive a Cutler Scholar Award. Read more about the OHIO Honors Program by visiting this link.

OHIO Honors & Scholars Programs

Is the Cutler Scholars Program the only scholars program at OHIO?

No. The Cutler Scholars Program is part of a larger network of honors and scholars opportunities available at Ohio University and is an OHIO Honors-designated program.
What is the OHIO Honors Program and how does it affect the Cutler Scholars Program?

The OHIO Honors Program is a university-wide honors program that empowers students to align their personal interests with academic pursuits through in-class seminars, honors projects, internships, community engagement, hands-on research, and other co-curricular activities. As an OHIO Honors-designated program, Cutler Scholars are automatically admitted into the OHIO Honors Program and have the opportunity to earn honors designation through their Cutler Scholar experiences and be a part of the larger honors community.

How do I apply for the OHIO Honors Program and OHIO Honors-designated programs?

Students can apply for the OHIO Honors Program and OHIO Honors-designated programs using the same Cutler Scholars Program application process via the Common Application. Make sure to follow the instructions on the OHIO Honors and Scholars section of the Writing Supplement tab. For best consideration for the OHIO Honors Program and all OHIO Honors-designated programs, students should complete the Common App by November 15th and follow all instructions on the OHIO Honors and Scholars section of the Writing Supplement tab.

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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.