How do I get started?

1. Apply for admission or be admitted at The University of Akron www.uakron.edu/admissions/undergraduate/admission_procedures/index.dot

2. Once admitted, contact Adam Smith, UA director of COFSP, at SmithA@Uakron.edu or 330-972-7856 with your contact information.

3. We will send you an application and the date when you can begin to apply.

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To learn more, visit: www.uakron.edu/provost/choose-ohio-first.
What is STEM?
College majors like:
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Pre-Med
• Pre-Pharmacy
• Mathematics
• Engineering (any field)
• Education in a STEM field
• Computer Sciences and more

Why STEM?
Careers in STEM fields often have the greatest chance for quality, long-term jobs upon graduation from college. These careers include: engineers, physical therapists, pharmacists, computer programming and repair, doctors, dentists, veterinarians and teachers of biology, chemistry and mathematics.

Is the scholarship renewable?
Yes, STEM Scholars can receive their scholarship for up to four years of undergraduate education at UA.

Who is eligible for the Choose Ohio First STEM Scholarship Program?
Any UA undergraduate student pursuing a degree in a STEM field that is full-time and in good academic standing.

What do I need to be eligible for the Choose Ohio First STEM Scholarship?
1. Intend to pursue a bachelor’s degree in a STEM field at UA.
   • Biological sciences
   • Physical sciences, including physics, chemistry, astronomy and materials science;
   • Mathematical sciences;
   • Computer and information sciences;
   • Geosciences;
   • Engineering;
   • Technology areas associated with the preceding fields (for example, biotechnology, chemical technology, engineering technology, information technology, etc.)
   • Teacher education/preparation in one of the above fields.
2. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and resident of Ohio.
3. Maintain full-time student enrollment status, make continued progress toward achieving a degree in a STEM field of study and remain in good academic standing.

What is expected of me if I am selected as a UA STEM Scholar?
The Choose Ohio First STEM Scholarship Program is designed to support students through their study at UA. This includes participation in mandatory advising. Scholars also are selected in groups called “cohorts.” They are required to participate in cohort activities that provide peer-to-peer support. These activities range from community service to social events. Some scholars will be required to work with their adviser more often, complete Monthly Grade Reports and make Weekly E-Contact with their adviser.