Department of Biological Sciences Scholarships and Awards

Below is a list of scholarships available to undergraduate students in the biological sciences at BGSU. These scholarships represent generous contributions by alumni, parents, and faculty and are designed to recognize excellence in academic scholarship and promote research by undergraduates. Application and selection for these awards occurs each spring. Application forms are available on a table located outside the Department of Biological Sciences office (LSC 217) in the beginning of spring semester as well as on the Biological Sciences website (http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/biology/programs/undergrad/scholarships/index.html).

**Biology Alumni Sophomore Scholarship**
The Biology Alumni Sophomore Scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time biology major who will be a sophomore during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Requirements: 3.0 minimum GPA and demonstrated potential for a successful undergraduate experience at BGSU.

**Jean Pasakarnis Buchanan Scholarship**
The Jean Pasakarnis Buchanan Scholarship is awarded annually to a biology or medical technology major who will be a junior or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Requirements: 3.3 minimum GPA and 30 semester hours completed at BGSU.

**T. Richard Fisher Biology Scholarship**
The T. Richard Fisher Biology Scholarship is awarded annually to a biology major who is interested in ecology or the plant sciences. Requirements: 3.0 minimum GPA and 30 semester hours completed at BGSU.

**James D. Graham Memorial Scholarship**
The James D. Graham Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding biology major who will be a junior or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. The scholarship is non-renewable. Preference will be given to students with an interest in cellular and molecular biology. Requirements: 3.3 minimum GPA and 30 semester hours completed at BGSU.

**McKinney-Whitwer Scholarship**
The McKinney-Whitwer Scholarship is awarded annually to a biology major who will be a junior or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. The recipient shall have demonstrated significant commitment and exhibited promise of future distinction in a career in the biological sciences. Additionally, the recipient shall have demonstrated an understanding of the importance of helping others by a record of involvement in university or community activities.

**Barry R. Morstain Scholarship in Biology**
The Barry R. Morstain Scholarship in Biology is awarded annually to a biology major who will be a junior or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Strong preference will be given to minority students. Requirement: 3.0 minimum GPA.

**Multicultural Student Scholarship**
The Multicultural Student Scholarship is awarded annually to a minority student biology major who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Requirements: 3.0 minimum GPA and evidence of leadership potential through participation in departmental or university activities.

**Myra L. Patchen Biology Scholarship**
The Myra L. Patchen Biology Scholarship is awarded annually to an Ohio resident biology major who will be a sophomore during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Requirements: Overall GPA of 3.7; science GPA of 3.5. Preference given to students participating in research with a biology faculty member. Renewable if all criteria continue to be met.
**Dawson S. and Sylvia A. Patterson Scholarship**
The Patterson Scholarship is awarded annually to a biology or chemistry pre-medicine major who will be a senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used.

**Schedel Scholarship**
The Schedel Biology Scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time biology major who will be a sophomore or junior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Requirements: 3.0 minimum GPA and demonstrated interest in environmental concerns.

**Steven S. Steel Scholarship**
The Steel Scholarship is awarded annually to a biology or chemistry major who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Requirements: sophomores must have a 2.0 minimum GPA; juniors and seniors must have a 2.5 minimum GPA. Recipients must complete an off-campus internship experience; applications must include a description of how the internship will assist the student in his/her academic endeavors. A final report or journal must be submitted upon completion of the internship experience.

**Waldo and Evelyn Steidtmann Scholarship**
The Steidtmann Scholarship is awarded annually to a biology major who will be a junior or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. Preference will be given to students with an interest in the plant sciences or environmental concerns. Requirements: 3.3 minimum GPA and 30 semester hours completed at BGSU.

**Harold E. Tinnappel Scholarship**
The Tinnappel Scholarship is awarded annually to a continuing, full-time student who by an outstanding record has indicated a potential for a high level off success in the sciences. Preference will be given to an applicant who has a vocational interest in conservation, horticulture, or botany. The scholarship is renewable.

**Dennis R. Whitmore Memorial Scholarship**
The Dennis R. Whitmore Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a declared microbiology or biology major who will be a junior or senior during the academic year scholarship funds are used. The award is designed for a student with a commitment to microbiology or molecular biology. Requirements: 3.3 minimum GPA and 30 semester hours completed at BGSU.

**Dr. Suzanne K. Miller Undergraduate Research Assistantships**
Up to ten assistantships are awarded annually to biology majors who will be juniors or seniors during the year the assistantship is completed. Assistants receive $550 compensation for one semester (10 hours/week) as a research apprentice with a faculty member in the department. Requirement: enrollment in BIOL 4010 (Introduction to Research) during the semester of the assistantship (minimum one hour credit).

**Cynthia Collin Stong Marine Biology Scholarship**
The Cynthia Collin Stong Marine Biology Scholarship is awarded annually to up to three marine biology students accepted into an approved summer field program at a marine station. Preference given to students enrolling in the 10-week Gulf Coast Research Laboratory program. Applicants’ academic record and potential to contribute knowledge and experience to others in marine program, as well as financial need, will be considered. A recipient of the scholarship must submit a written final report and must make a formal presentation to current and/or potential BGSU marine biology students about the benefits of the experience.

*The Choose Ohio First Bioinformatics program at BGSU provides scholarship support for Ohio resident undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate an interest in bioinformatics and are majoring in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) discipline. Inquiries about this program can be directed to Dr. Paul Morris, Professor of Biological Sciences, LSC 532A, (pmorris@bgsu.edu).*