

Middle Tennessee Ohio State Club Scholarship Program



General

Starting in 1992, the Middle Tennessee Ohio State Club has each year awarded scholarship assistance to Ohio State freshmen from Middle Tennessee. The first awards were quite modest and provided a first-year payment of \$300 to one entering freshman each fall. We since have worked with the Alumni Association and the University Development Office to greatly expand the club's scholarship program.

Scholarship Award Procedures and Administration

In January, the University sends us a list of Middle Tennessee kids who have been accepted by The Ohio State University Admissions office. Our Scholarship Committee sends a Club Scholarship application to each prospect. These are returned with High School grade transcripts and letters of commendation from guidance counselors and teachers. Each applicant is also interviewed by phone, and the scholarship committee then meets to discuss and rank the applications. This ranked list is returned to the Ohio State Alumni Association who makes the final awards and notifies the kids.

The Stockwell Endowed Scholarship goes to the first applicant on the list, the ASP Scholarship goes to the second applicant, and one or more Scarlet and Gray Scholarships go to the following applicants in sequence. If an applicant decides to not attend Ohio State, the awards are 'bumped down' to the next applicant on the list. The final award determination is made by the University in combination with other financial awards the student may receive. All disbursement of funds to the student's account and monitoring of satisfactory academic performance are administered by the University as well.

The Scarlet and Gray Middle Tennessee Ohio State Club Scholarship

One or more Scarlet and Gray Awards are made each fall. The award is completely funded by the Middle Tennessee Ohio State Club. The award is \$600 for the freshman year.

The Alumni Scholars Program Scholarship

The ASP Scholarship is awarded each fall to an entering freshman. The \$600 award is funded by the Ohio State University Alumni Association, and the Middle Tennessee Ohio State Club funds another \$200 for a total award of \$800 for the freshman year.

The Lynne Murray Stockwell Memorial Scholarship

This Endowed Fund was established at the Ohio State University Development Office in May 2004 with gifts from family members and friends of Lynne Murray Stockwell, and from the Middle Tennessee Ohio State Club. The only purpose of this fund is to provide merit-based scholarships to deserving freshmen students from Tennessee high schools who are in the top 25% of their class. The \$1,000 per-year scholarship is awarded annually and is renewable for three additional years.

The first Stockwell award was made for fall 2004. The endowment has grown to support additional awards for 2005, 2006, and 2007. The fund currently provides the \$4,000 needed each year to fund the four revolving scholarships including 2008 and 2009.

Scholarship Funding Sources

- member donations to the club for one or both scholarships
- donations directly to the Ohio State Development Office designated for the Stockwell Fund #646980 or the Freshman Fund #302056
- club member dues received (80-90% of dues received each year go to the scholarship funds)
- weekly sale or drawings during game watches for the club's two season football tickets. Past club donations to Ohio State has accredited the club as a **President Club Member** eligible to **buy two season tickets each year**
- other silent auctions and sale of donated items during game watches

Scholarship Funding Status.....

When established in May 2004, the goal was for the Endowment to reach a \$100,000 donated balance by June 2009. That was the estimated balance needed to generate the \$4,000 in annual income necessary to fund a rolling series of four \$1,000 scholarships. With much work by dedicated club members, the \$100,000 goal was **attained six months early - by December 31, 2008**. Hats off to all involved with the Scholarship Program.

..... the New Goal – Maintain Presidents Club Status

As many of you know, the University has restructured the requirements necessary to be a qualified member of the Presidents Club. In order to maintain our club's membership, and eligibility to buy two season tickets for fundraising, we committed to raising \$5,350 per year through 2012 for our scholarship program.

Yes, that sounds like a big number, but for the years 2004 - 2007, our club donations to the Development Office has averaged over \$4,500 per year, and we actually did reach the Club goal of \$5,350 for 2008.

So, to meet the club goal of \$5,350 for years 2009 – 2012, **we need a few more scholarship donations** to the club, and **another 50 dues-paying members to join up**. Buckeyes, we can surely do this.

We do have 170 year-after-year stalwart dues-paying Buckeyes who keep the club's financial boat afloat. We also have 12-15 dedicated Buckeyes who do the newsletters, the college fairs & litter pick-up, organize the football trips, do the admin grunt work, and game watches. If you are not yet one of those 170 stalwart Buckeyes, we would love for you to come join us at Embassy Suites on game days and be a part of the group.

How to donate to the Club's Scholarship Program

You can send a donation to either the Ohio State Development office, or send a check to our local club. If you use your employer's Matching Grant Program, your gift must go directly to Ohio State. Otherwise, we would prefer you send it to the club to count against the \$5,350 target we must meet.

Ohio State Development Office
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Columbus, OH 43221

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Brentwood, TN 37027

Thanks for helping us and.....

GO BUCKS !!!

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