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### *For Immediate Release*

## **OSU Young Scholars Program Seeks Youngstown City School Sixth Grade Students for Program**

*YOUNGSTOWN*—In January, The Ohio State University Young Scholars Program will distribute nomination and application packets to Youngstown City School principals, guidance counselors, and teachers to nominate qualified sixth graders to fill ten openings. School staff is required to submit report cards and test scores while parents will need to provide proof of income along with completed applications. Nominations will be accepted from January through March. A committee will review the candidates' information and interviews will be conducted by the program coordinator.

Students will need to be first-generation college graduates, enrolled in a Youngstown City School, meet income guidelines, have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above, and follow a college preparatory curriculum in high school. Students participate in the program until graduation from high school. Young scholars who successfully complete the requirements and graduate from high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher are guaranteed admittance to The Ohio State University and offered a need-based financial aid package in the form of the Young Scholars Scholarship.

The Young Scholars Program was established in 1988 as a state-wide model to increase the number of first-generation, economically challenged, and underrepresented students attending The Ohio State University. By working with students early in their educational careers, the Young Scholars Program nurtures students in middle schools and high schools through after school academic, personal, cultural, and career development initiatives.

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