

Choose Ohio First Scholarship

About the Program

The Choose Ohio First Scholarship program is designed to increase the number of Ohio residents completing postsecondary studies in the fields of science (including health professions), technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as teaching degrees or certificates that focus on STEM disciplines.

From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 there were 3,966 participants in Ohio.

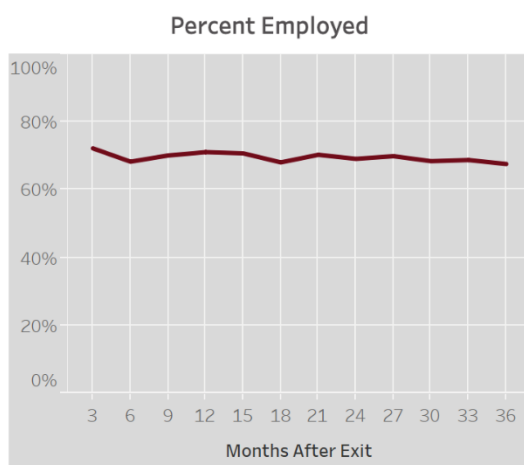
One-Year Outcomes

One year after completion, 71% of Choose Ohio First-funded graduates were employed in Ohio, and 72% were employed with the same employer from six months to one year after graduation. Of those who were employed, median annual earnings were \$43,800. Workers were most commonly employed in the Health Care and Social Assistance, Manufacturing, and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services industries.

Over one-third (37%) of 2020/21 graduates pursued further education at a U.S. college during the year after completing their Choose Ohio First-funded studies. Accounting for overlap between work and school, a total of 83% of graduates were enrolled in a U.S. college and/or working in Ohio one year after graduation.

Employment Over Time

The charts below display employment patterns across a 3 year time period. For Choose Ohio First-funded students who graduated in 2019/20 or 2020/21, employment in Ohio reached 72% 3 months after graduation and gradually declined to a low of 68% 36 months after graduation. Median annual earnings rose from \$28,700 3 months after graduation to \$59,600 36 months after graduation.



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