

# 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 there were 3,048 participants in Ohio.

## One-Year Outcomes

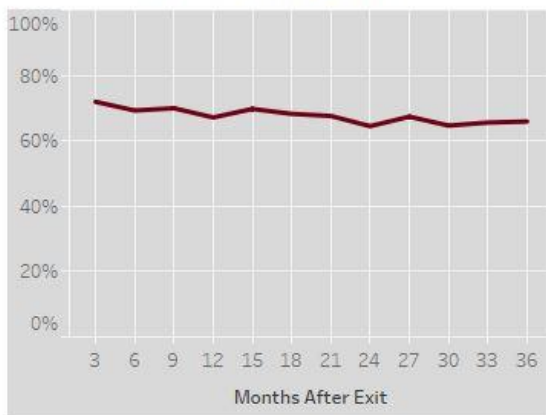
One year after completion, 64% of Choose Ohio First-funded graduates were employed in Ohio, and 68% were employed with the same employer at six months and at one year post-graduation. Of those who were employed, median annual earnings were \$41,300. Workers were most commonly employed in the Education Services, Health Care and Assistance, and Manufacturing industries.

Nearly one-third (30%) of 2018/19 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 78% 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 2017/18 or 2018/19, employment in Ohio reached 72% 3 months after graduation and gradually declined to a low of 64% 24 months after graduation. Median annual earnings rose from \$28,700 3 months after graduation to \$54,000 30 months after graduation. Drops in employment at the 12 month and 24 month points coincide with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic for Choose Ohio First-funded students who graduated in 2018/19 and 2017/18, respectively.

Percent Employed



In the three years after leaving COFS, 64% to 72% of people were employed (Statewide, Overall).

Annual Earnings



In the three years after leaving COFS, employed individuals earned \$28,700 to \$54,000 per year (Statewide, Overall).