

# 2026 Microbiology Undergraduate Scholarship Award Application

Application deadline: Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00pm. No Exceptions.

Go to [go.osu.edu/microbioscholarships](https://go.osu.edu/microbioscholarships) to apply!

## Eligibility:

The OSU undergraduate must be:

- A Microbiology Undergraduate Major
  - Exception: The Stent Scholarship, noted below on page 2, is available for all Biological/Life Science majors with a preference given to Microbiology majors.
- Plan to be enrolled as a full-time degree seeking student for the term in which you are applying.
  - This would include Summer 2026, Autumn 2026, and/or Spring 2027 semesters for the current review cycle.
- In good academic standing as per the requirements of each scholarship at the time of application.
  - Note: Some Scholarships may have a set GPA minimum requirement. Please review carefully.
- Be aware, our Scholarships are for tuition & related fee assistance only. We do not provide other, outside assistance with our scholarships.

## Components required in your application packet:

1. Personal Statement: Write a personal statement that tells what Microbiology means to you and how a scholarship in Microbiology will impact you and your future.
  - a. Formatting requirements: PDF format; 2 pages maximum; single-spaced; 1" margins; 11 pt font.
  - b. Please note the Microbiology scholarship(s) for which you are applying at the top of your first page
2. Current Advising Report
3. Resume
4. Document noting previously awarded scholarships
  - a. Include the name of the award, amount provided, and academic term + year
    - i. For Amounts: You can either provide the total amount for an academic year (Autumn – Summer) per award or you can break down the total per term, per award (in the event you receive an annual award.
  - b. Please be aware: It will not be held against an applicant if you have not previously received scholarships! Just be sure to add a document noting “I have not yet received any scholarships”
5. All components should be compiled into a **single PDF file** and uploaded to the survey
  - a. Filename: Lastname\_Firstname\_Micro2026 (Example: A student named Brutus Buckeye would save their file as “Buckeye\_Brutus\_Micro2026”)
6. Optional Letter of Support
  - a. While this is NOT required to be considered, if you would like to provide one letter of reference/support – you are welcome to do so!
    - i. The letter must be from an OSU faculty member, Lecturer, Major Advisor, or current/former supervisor (cannot be from a peer or co-worker).
    - ii. **This letter must be sent directly from the letter writer to the Department Manager, Staci McKinniss, at [mckinniss.17@osu.edu](mailto:mckinniss.17@osu.edu) or it will not be accepted.**
    - iii. Letters of support must be submitted as a second file in PDF form and labeled as follows: StudentLastName\_FacultyLastName\_Micro2026. For Example, if Dr. Ruiz were writing a letter of support for Brutus Buckeye, it would be saved as: Buckeye\_Ruiz\_Micro2026
  - b. We will NOT accept letters from: Graduate Associates, Undergraduate TAs, classmates, roommates, family members, or other individuals who could not adequately- or appropriately- describe your coursework, research, or employment duties.

## Acceptance & Other Awards:

Any student who is to be awarded a Microbiology Scholarship, **must confirm their acceptance via email and disclose any other scholarships/awards** they have been granted at the time at which they are notified of a Department of Microbiology scholarship.

**Questions?** Contact Staci McKinniss at [mckinniss.17@osu.edu](mailto:mckinniss.17@osu.edu)

- **Special note:** We will only speak to and/or answer questions directly with the applicant- no exceptions

## **Microbiology Scholarships Available**

### **Anne H. Baumhofer Scholarship Fund**

This fund is for the benefit of students majoring in microbiology.

### **Kathleen E. Kendrick Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship fund supports undergraduate students majoring in Microbiology.

### **Richard E. Stent Jr. Scholarship Fund**

This fund supports assistance to deserving, need based, students majoring in the biological sciences with a preference to microbiology majors.

#### **Biological Sciences include:**

Biochemistry  
Biology  
Evolution and Ecology  
Microbiology  
Molecular Genetics  
Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology

### **Samuel Schwarm Scholarship Fund**

This fund is used to provide support for undergraduate or graduate students majoring in microbiology who demonstrate financial need. **A minimum GPA of 3.75 is required.**



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