



## **Environmental Science and Engineering Scholarships Awarded**

Ohio EPA provided environmental science and engineering scholarships to 14 university students in 2012, to encourage them to enter careers as environmental professionals in Ohio. A total of \$46,000 was awarded from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund.

Students in four-year programs who will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year include:

- Christin Anderson, Oberlin College (Biology and Environmental Studies), Anchorage, AK
- Nathan A. Arroyo, Ohio State University (Environmental Engineering), Sandusky, OH
- Rachel Bellis, Baldwin-Wallace University (Biology), Brecksville, OH
- Briana L. Bennington, Ohio State University (Environmental Engineering), Stow, OH
- Megan A. Brown, Heidelberg University (Environmental Science, Water Resources), Galion, OH
- Vincent R. Deem, Youngstown State University (Environmental Studies), Wellsville, OH
- Kristen E. Giesting, Otterbein University (Environmental Science, Biology), Batesville, IN
- Joseph A. Higgins, Cleveland State University (Environmental Science), Middleburg Heights, OH
- Constance Hollo, University of Akron (Civil Engineering), Parma, OH
- Amanda Kriner, Ashland University (Environmental Science and Biology), Medina, OH
- Michelle N. Lazanich, University of Akron (Civil Engineering), Euclid, OH
- Amelia J. Lyons, Cedarville University (Environmental Science), Avonmore, PA
- Alifia Z. Merchant, Ohio State University (Environmental Science), Oak Park, IL
- Bryan J. Nemire, Hiram College (Biology, Environmental Studies), Berlin Heights, OH
- Thomas J. Seiple, University of Cincinnati (Environmental Science), Cincinnati, OH
- Kelly Sullivan, Ashland University (Environmental Science and Biology), Ashland, OH

- Aimee Weidner, Bowling Green State University (Environmental Science), Graytown, OH

Also receiving a \$1,250 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year in a two-year program will be:

- Michael Metheney, Stark State College (Environmental Health and Safety Technology), North Canton, OH
- Jeffrey L. Sams, Stark State College (Environmental Health and Safety Technology), Canton, OH

Receiving a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year in a four-year program will be:

- Erika Brandt, Oberlin College (Biology and Environmental Studies), Knoxville, TN

Students were selected to receive scholarships based on the following criteria:

- an academic record with at least an overall GPA of 3.0;
- original research, scholarship, employment, volunteering, or other unique contributions to environmental science or environmental engineering;
- activity in nonathletic extra-curricular activities and organizations;
- ability to communicate;
- recommendations from education and environmental professionals; and
- a major in environmental science or environmental engineering.

Since the program began in 2000, \$609,500 in scholarships has been awarded statewide to 248 students at 47 Ohio colleges and universities. The scholarship program is administered by the Ohio Academy of Science. The program seeks to motivate students to enter environmental science and engineering fields and reward outstanding undergraduate students based on merit, enhancing their employability in environmental fields.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund receives its money from one-half of the civil penalties collected by the Agency for air and water pollution control violations. Additional information about the scholarship program is available by calling the Ohio Academy of Science at (614) 488-2228 or visiting their Web page at [www.OHIOSCI.org](http://www.OHIOSCI.org). Scholarship applications for the 2013-2014 academic year must be postmarked by May 1, 2013 to the Ohio Academy of Science, 1500 W. Third Avenue, Suite 223, Columbus, Ohio 43212. [View the application. \(PDF file\)](#)

Scholarship Awards by University 2000-2012 [click here](#).