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## Statewide STEM Scholarship Program Seeks to Recognize Ohio High School Students for Their Contributions to STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Columbus (January 19, 2022) <u>Believe in Ohio</u> a program of The Ohio Academy of Science today announced a statewide scholarship program to recognize Ohio high school students for their contributions to innovation and entrepreneurship in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Ohio high school students who are juniors or seniors during the 2021-2022 school year, and who meet the qualifications noted on the scholarship application, are invited to apply for a \$1,000 <u>Believe in Ohio</u> STEM Scholarship. Forty-six students were awarded a total of \$46,000 in scholarships during the 2020-2021 school year.

To ensure that students from all parts of Ohio receive recognition, we would like to award at least one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of Ohio's ninety-nine State House of Representative districts, and thirty-three Ohio State Senate districts. Click here to review the Scholarship Application.

"In these challenging times, it is more important than ever to support Ohio's high school students and introduce them to scholarship opportunities that can help them continue their education in Ohio and develop into the innovators needed to maintain our state's prosperity," said Michael Woytek, Executive Director, The Ohio Academy of Science. "We are pleased to have the support of Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Ohio General Assembly, without which this important program would not exist."

The <u>Believe in Ohio</u> program was collaboratively developed by the Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) and Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio (EEO). It is funded by the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Higher Education. <u>Believe in Ohio</u> seeks to create a "Culture of Innovation" in Ohio high schools, and to encourage students to continue their education and career in Ohio by providing scholarships to Ohio colleges and universities.

## **About The Ohio Academy of Science:**

Founded in 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science (OAS) is a membership-based, volunteer-driven, non-profit (501 c 3), organization. Through a membership network and a volunteer base of more than 1,500 professionals, the OAS operates a cadre of pre-college student programs that promote STEM research and entrepreneurship. The OAS also conducts an Annual Meeting which brings together educators, industry practitioners, and students from all disciplines and publishes an international, multidisciplinary, scientific journal. www.ohiosci.org

## **About Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio:**

Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio (EEO) is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation formed for the educational and charitable purpose of promoting student and community awareness as to the challenges and opportunities the changing regional, national and global economies present for the future. It provides educational instruction, curriculum, mentoring and other information that help develop the entrepreneurial, economic, business, and scientific literacy of students and the community that will be needed for the 21st Century. www.EEOhio.org