Purpose
The Young Scholars Program (YSP) has been preparing scholars for success and contributing to the diversity of Ohio State since 1988 by improving pre-college preparation, college retention, and degree completion among academically gifted first-generation students with financial need.

Each year, YSP works to enhance the academic, career, and personal development of more than 100 students and their families from nine of the largest urban school districts in Ohio: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lorain, Toledo, and Youngstown.

Impact
Collaborating with superintendents, principals, counselors, and the community, YSP strives to significantly improve student performance and district graduation rates, allowing nearly 800 students to become first-generation college graduates.

YSP also encourages parents to become more involved in their children’s education and their own: hundreds of parents and siblings have earned G.E.D.s and college degrees in the process, contributing to the growth of their communities.