

OHIO STATE MARION GOBUCK\$ PROGRAM

Purpose

Ohio State Marion's GoBuck\$ program helps the university better encourage Marion County's K-12 students to attend college and, eventually, help the community raise its BA attainment rate from approximately 12% to a figure closer to the national average, approximately 30%.

Impact

Small-dollar (\$25 and \$50) certificates for tuition to Ohio State Marion are awarded quarterly to students who meet attendance and achievement goals in all grades of the Marion City Schools. They are backed by scholarship funds supplied by the George and Dorothy Alber endowment through the Columbus Foundation. The GoBuck\$ program is now being introduced into four Marion County school districts.

The certificates perform several functions, including:

- They are immediate rewards for achieving academic and attendance goals in the K-12 years.
- The certificates turn into real scholarship dollars when students present them as they are admitted to Ohio State Marion.

OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AT MARION

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

MARION CITY SCHOOLS
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