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Dear Alburuj,

Congratulations on your decision to become a Buckeye! The Ohio House of Science and Engineering would like to offer you a \$4,500 Choose Ohio First Scholarship. This scholarship will be directly applied to your tuition, fees and other expenses in three equal installments during your first year.

The Choose Ohio First Scholarships are funded by the State of Ohio with the objective of increasing the number of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) graduates and retaining them in jobs within the state.

The OHSE-COFS recipients will be asked to contribute to the programming of the Ohio House of Science and Engineering. The goals of the OHSE are to:

1. establish sustainable collaborations between scientists and K-12 school districts in the State of Ohio;
2. facilitate sharing of resources and ideas among existing groups to amplify the outcomes of their efforts in science and engineering outreach;
3. provide a central enterprise where scientists can test their science education ideas without needing to start from scratch.
4. engage active scientists and engineers in the community to participate in K-20 science outreach efforts;
5. serve as a model organizational structure to encourage scientists and engineers in both the academic and private sectors to participate in community engagement.

You are among the fourth class of OHSE-Choose Ohio First Scholarship awardees. All Choose Ohio First Scholarship recipients must be residents of the State of Ohio. As a recipient of an OHSE-Choose Ohio First scholarship, you are expected to contribute forty hours per quarter working within the OHSE. Successful academic performance (GPA \geq 3.0), remaining in a STEM major and positive performance in the OHSE are the criteria used to determine continuation of funding. These scholarships are distributed on the condition of continued support of the COF Scholarship program by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Attached is an acceptance form for the scholarship. Please send that form to me via e-mail (olesik.1@osu.edu) or mail (address provided on the form) with your decision on the scholarship.

Sincerely,

Susan V. Olesik
Dow Professor
Director, Ohio House of Science and Engineering