



**Ross Education Holding, Inc.
Public Testimony – OCOG**

The Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) is a state-funded program that provides financial assistance to Ohio residents demonstrating significant financial need, and is administered by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Ross College students in the state of Ohio have benefited from this program, and have subsequently lowered student debt as a result of the OCOG grant.

Overall, over 380 Ross students have benefited from the OCOG grant since July 1st, 2024.

Specifically, Ross students in the following programs have benefited from the OCOG grant:

- Nursing Associate of Science (Offered in North Canton, Elyria, Niles, Cincinnati, Fairborn, Sylvania)
 - Demographics: 95% identify as female with 59% of those students described as African American or two or more races.
 - Placement Rate: 79% graduates employed in the most recently completed reporting year
 - Key Employers: Cleveland Clinic, Absolute Heath Services, Akron Children's Hospital
- Veterinary Technology Associate Degree (Offered in North Canton)
 - Demographics: 88% identify as female with 60% of those students described as White
 - Placement Rate: 75% graduates employed in the most recently completed reporting year
 - Key Employers: Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital, Banfield Veterinary Hospital, Barberton Veterinary Hospital

The OCOG Grant is a program of vital importance to the students coming from lower income backgrounds. These students, with the help of this state grant, have the opportunity to not only positively impact themselves... but their family and their local community through higher education. These students have demonstrated success in the field, once afforded the opportunity through the financial support of the OCOG grant.

We thank you the state house, local legislators and the Chancellor for this program, and ask that additional dollars be allocated to ensure future students continue have these career opportunities.

Sincerely,

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