Believe in Ohio: 1 *Free* University Graduate Credit Hour for HS teachers, or *Free* 7 Contact hours of professional development credit.

Teachers register through the Believe in Ohio website: <u>http://believeinohio.org</u> /**Teacher PD** for graduate credit offered through Ashland University and Kent State University. Alternately teachers can opt for 7 contact hours of professional development credit awarded through The Ohio Academy of Science.

Teachers **work online** to fulfill course requirements through the Believe in Ohio Google Classroom of their choice *STEM Business Classroom* for business and economics teachers and *STEM Commercialization Classroom* for science and STEM/STEAM teachers.

Teachers get a first-hand look at the Believe in Ohio STEM Entrepreneurship curriculum for high school students. This program provides teacher grants to implement the program in the classroom, and local awards students earn by completing STEM entrepreneurship plans. <u>It is totally free.</u>

Believe in Ohio provides the program curriculum in a Google Classroom for teachers. This workshop will familiarize teachers with the concepts of entrepreneurship and design-thinking ideation by engaging teachers in the very resources that they can utilize with their students to develop a STEM business or commercialization plan.

Through the process of engagement, this workshop will provide instruction and activities to increase teachers' conceptual knowledge of the entrepreneurial mindset, design-thinking, and the relationship between STEM and innovation.

Please note: When the required work in the Google Classroom is successfully completed and submitted to the instructor, the teacher will be notified that it was accepted. The process for reimbursement for the cost of the course will be sent to the teacher once the grades are posted at the university at the end of the semester. Reimbursed through the Ohio Academy of Science.

Believe in Ohio Statewide STEM Scholarship Program

Ohio high school students who are juniors or seniors during the 2020-2021 school year, and who meet the qualifications noted on the scholarship application, are invited to apply for a \$1,000 Believe in Ohio STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Scholarship.

The scholarship program recognizes students throughout Ohio for their contributions to STEM innovation and entrepreneurship. To ensure students from across the state receive recognition, at least one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of Ohio's 99 State House of Representative districts and 33 State Senate districts.

Applications are being accepted until March 31. Please check out **Believe in Ohio** for more information.



Please contact me, your regional STEM Advocate for additional information.

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