



Commonly Asked Questions about the Ohio Vax-a-Million

What is Ohio Vax-a-Million?

Ohio Vax-a-Million is a public outreach campaign consisting of a series of statewide drawings to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and provide incentives to Ohioans to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

Ohioans 12 to 17 years of age, who have received at least their first dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination may enter for a chance to win one of five four-year full-ride scholarships including room and board, tuition, and books, to any Ohio state college or university.

Ohioans 18 years of age and older who have received at least their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination if receiving the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose if receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, have a chance to win one of five, \$1 million prizes.

Is a parent or legal guardian required to enter the drawing on behalf of their minor child?

No, however, any information submitted by or for a minor child or an adult under a guardianship must be validated by a parent or legal guardian prior to award of a prize. The entry form for Ohioans 12 to 17 years old must include a parent or legal guardian's information, including their name, address, phone number and email address.

How do I enter the Ohio Vax-a-Million drawing?

Entry must be completed through www.ohiovaxamillion.com.

If you do not have access to the internet, the Ohio Lottery is partnering with the Ohio Department of Health to assist you with submitting an entry by phone. The call center is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

How will the Department of Health know if I have been vaccinated?

By submitting an entry for Vax-a-Million, you agree to allow the Ohio Department of Health to access your vaccination records to verify that you have received a vaccination. You may also be asked to provide your vaccination card for verification. Additional information is available in the Official Rules.

How long will Ohio Vax-a-Million run?

The drawing entry period runs Tuesday, May 18, 2021 through June 20, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m. The last winner(s) will be announced on June 23, 2021

When is the deadline to enter for Ohio Vax-a-Million?

Your entry must be received by June 20, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m. to be eligible for at least one drawing.

When will the Ohio Vax-a-Million drawing be conducted? When will the winners be announced?

The drawing announcement schedule can be found below.

ENTRY END DATE	DRAWING DATE	ANNOUNCEMENT DATE
May 23, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.	May 24, 2021	May 26, 2021 at ~7:30 p.m.
May 30, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.	May 31, 2021	June 2, 2021 at ~7:30 p.m.
June 6, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.	June 7, 2021	June 9, 2021 at ~7:30 p.m.
June 13, 2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.	June 14, 2021	June 16, 2021 at ~7:30 p.m.
June 20, 2021 at 11:59:59pm	June 21, 2021	June 23, 2021 at ~7:30 p.m.

Where will the winners be announced?

The winners will be announced each Wednesday evening around 7:29 p.m. A listing of TV stations where the announcement will be available is below. The winners will also be posted on ohiovoxamillion.com after the announcement.

Cincinnati WCPO ABC - Channel 9	Cleveland WEWS ABC - Channel 5	Columbus WTTE FOX - Channel 28 WSYX ABC - Channel 6
Dayton WHIO CBS - Channel 7	Huntington, WV WSAZ NBC - Channel 3	Lima ELIO FOX - Channel 9 EOHL CBS - Channel 11

		WOHL ABC - Channel 12
Steubenville WTRF CBS - Channel 7	Toledo WTVG ABC - Channel 13	Youngstown WFMJ NBC - Channel 21
Zanesville WHIZ NBC - Channel 18		

What are the prizes for each Ohio Vax-a-Million drawing?

Ohio Vax-a-Million Drawing – Ohioans Age 18 and Over
One (1) \$1 million per drawing.

Ohio Vax-a-Million Drawing – Ohioans Ages 12 - 17

One (1) full scholarship to an Ohio state college or university per drawing. The scholarship funds are in the amount of the qualifying expenses for in-state tuition, books, and room-and-board for a four-year program, two-year program, community college program, or technical or trade school. See Official Rules for further details.

Am I responsible for any taxes on these prizes?

For the drawing for Ohioans ages 18 and over, the winner will be responsible for any taxes associated with this prize. An IRS Form 1099 will be issued to each applicable winner. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.

For the drawing for Ohioans ages 12 to 17, the funds will be distributed by the Ohio Department of Health to the CollegeAdvantage Direct 529 Savings Plan to manage the scholarship fund for the recipient, who becomes the beneficiary. While there is no tax liability for the beneficiary on qualified tuition and related expenses, there may be tax liability for room and board expenses (if applicable). More information is available in the Official Rules.

Can I enter the drawing more than one time?

Only one entry per person will be accepted and all duplicate entries will be removed prior to the drawing being held.

Questions about Winners

How will I be notified if I win the prize?

If your entry is selected, you will be contacted via the contact information provided on your entry form.

Eligibility

Who is eligible for the Ohio Vax-a-Million?

Permanent Ohio residents who are 12 years of age and older and have received at least their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine if receiving the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose if receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Once I enter, will I be eligible for all of the drawings?

Yes. Once you enter, your entry will be carried over through all the Vax-a-Million drawings. All winners will be removed from the eligible draw list for subsequent drawings.

How will I know if I have been entered into the drawing?

An entry confirmation will be displayed immediately after a successful entry.

I owe child support or a debt to the State of Ohio. Will it be taken out of my winnings?

Yes, the drawing prize may be reduced by monies owed to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Taxation and/or the Attorney General's Office.

Can I still enter if I am an Ohio resident but was vaccinated in another state?

Yes, you will need to present proof of vaccination.

Do I have to be vaccinated before I submit my entry or before the drawing takes place?

You must be vaccinated prior to the end of the entry period. For example, for the first drawing, you must be vaccinated before and have submitted your entry prior to May 23, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Thereafter, you must be vaccinated and have your entry submitted by the dates listed on the schedule above.

I attend college in Ohio and received my shot in Ohio, but my permanent residence is in another state, am I eligible?

No, you must be an Ohio resident to be eligible for the drawings.

Is anyone not eligible?

Certain individuals are not eligible for the drawing. To be eligible, an individual must be a living Ohio resident, U.S. citizen, ages 12 or over, and not incarcerated for a felony. Additionally, employees and officers of the Ohio Governor's Office, Ohio Department of Health, and Ohio Lottery Commission, or any blood relative or spouse of such an employee or officer living as a member of the employee's or officer's household, are not eligible.. Please see the Official Drawing Rules for more information.

Who is responsible for the Ohio Vax-a-Million?

The Ohio Department of Health is sponsoring the drawings and the Ohio Lottery is providing technical support and conducting the drawings.

Where will the money for the prizes come from?

The Ohio Department of Health is using a portion of its Coronavirus Relief Funds to fund this innovative public outreach campaign and initiative. The U.S. Treasury, under the direction of Presidents Trump and Biden, have authorized funds for broad COVID-19 response purposes. Ohio is using a portion of its unspent funds to share information about the availability and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, and to encourage additional Ohioans to become vaccinated to stop the disease and boost our public health and continued economic recovery.

How to Get Help

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