

# EdChoice Scholarship Application

Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School participate in the Ohio Department of Education EdChoice Scholarship Program.

**EdChoice Expansion Scholarships are available to qualifying families with students entering grades kindergarten through 12 in the 2021-22 school year.**

**This packet includes the application for the EdChoice Expansion Program.**

*The EdChoice Expansion Program is an income-based scholarship. For example, a family of four with a household income of \$66,250 or less is eligible for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. **The application period for the Expansion Scholarship is now open!** In many cases, qualifying families receive scholarships that pay the entire cost of tuition.*

An application form for the Expansion Scholarship is included in this packet. It's two parts:

1. **The Scholarship Request Form** – complete and return this form to the school office along with a copy of a utility bill as proof of residency. The packet includes a description of acceptable forms of address proof. Please review it carefully! A copy of the child's birth certificate is also required. The application form, proof of residency, and birth certificate should be returned to the school office.
2. **The Income Verification Form** – To apply for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, complete this form and mail it to the Ohio Department of Education along with proof of income such as your 2020 W-2 form. This form should be mailed to the address listed on the form. If you like, we can mail it for you. The packet includes more information about the documents needed to verify your income.

If you do not qualify for an EdChoice Scholarship, we also offer scholarships through the diocese, school, and church. There are no income guidelines and all families are encouraged to apply. To apply for assistance from the diocese, school, and church you must complete a FACTS Grant and Aid Application. Log in to your FACTS account to complete the application. If you don't have a FACTS account, use the link on the school website to create an account. Your 2020 W2 form and 2019 or 2020 tax return are required.

**IN ALL CASES, WE CAN HELP YOU COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORMS. PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE!**

### EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021-2022 REQUEST FORM

\*\*\*Student Data Must Match Birth Certificate\*\*\*

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ LAST FOUR DIGITS SS# \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER:  FEMALE  MALE

MOTHER MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NATIVE LANGUAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ ETHNICITY: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2020-2021 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2021-2022 \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING KINDERGARTENER?  YES  NO

HAS THIS STUDENT EVER ATTENDED ANY OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL? (Must Answer)  YES  NO IF YES, WHERE: (Answer Below)

IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING HIGH SCHOOLER?  YES  NO

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Guardian Signing Scholarship Checks

I AM CHECK ONE

Natural Parent       Residential Parent       Legal Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds (court documents required)

Adoptive Parent       Student is at least eighteen years of age

**PARENT/GUARDIAN**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST FOUR DIGITS SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST FOUR OF SS# \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*ATTENTION EXPANSION APPLICANTS: INCOME VERIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO APPLY FOR THE EDCHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIP.\*\*\*

**INCOME**

By checking below, you are indicating you will complete the income verification process. Please obtain the Income Verification Form from the school OR from the EdChoice website: [www.education.ohio.gov/edchoice](http://www.education.ohio.gov/edchoice).

Yes I believe that I qualify for low income status. I will submit a completed Income Verification Form and supporting documents to the EdChoice Office listed on the form.

No I am not interested in applying for low income status. I either: 1) do not qualify for low income status or 2) do not want my income verified by the program.

RETURN TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND UTILITY BILL SHOWING SERVICE & MAILING ADDRESS.

**EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021-2022 REQUEST FORM**

Information below **MUST** be completed to determine eligibility. My student is **CURRENTLY** attending a (check **ONLY** one and enter the school name).

<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Charter/Community School: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private School: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Schooled (Never Attended an Ohio School)
	<input type="checkbox"/> New to Ohio
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-School: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Name of public school district you live in (e.g. Elyria City, Mansfield City, etc.): _____
Name of public school building the student would be assigned to for the 2021-2022 school year: _____	

<b>ADDRESS VERIFICATION</b>	Proof of residency is required of all first-year and renewal applicants and must be submitted to the school with the application. Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the school with a current (less than 3 months old) utility bill. The utility bill <b>MUST SHOW MATCHING SERVICE AND MAILING ADDRESS</b> in the name of the Parent/Guardian. Post office boxes and Cell Phone Bills have no Service Address and therefore are not accepted.
	<i>Acceptable Utilities</i> (must show matching service and mailing address): Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, Cable/Internet. <i>Other Acceptable Documents</i> : Monthly mortgage statement and Lease/rental agreement (signed) and one (1) other official document with parent's name and address. Additional information can be found on the scholarship webpage.

**2021-2022 EDCHOICE PARENT AGREEMENT**

I \_\_\_\_\_ AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:  
(Parent Name)

- \* The information provided in this application is true and correct.
- \* I have supplied the chartered nonpublic school with a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, copies of all custody/guardianship documentation for the student, and proof of my address.
- \* I have submitted only one EdChoice application for this student.
- \* The scholarship amount shall only be applied to the tuition of the enrolling school and I may be required to pay other fees and costs as prescribed by the policies of the school.
- \* I will sign all scholarship checks received by the private school for my student in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to endorse the scholarship checks to the school, I will be responsible for paying the student's tuition.
- \* If I transfer my scholarship to another participating chartered nonpublic school, I will notify the school of my intent to withdraw and I will return to the original school to sign any remaining checks.
- \* I will apply for any and all financial aid or tuition discounts and adjustments made regularly available to the students attending the school in which the student is accepted for enrollment.
- \* I will abide by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) dispute resolution process outlined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-11-14.
- \* If I am not a low income parent or did not complete the income verification process, I will be responsible for paying any difference between the scholarship amount and the tuition of the chartered nonpublic school.
- \* I must inform ODE and the chartered nonpublic school of any change in the student's residential address or custody status.
- \* I will not be able to renew my child's scholarship if; our family has moved to another city school district and our new neighborhood public school is not a designated EdChoice school, my child fails to take each state achievement test required for his/her grade/level, my child has more than twenty unexcused absences during the school year, or I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child has received an EdChoice Expansion scholarship I must maintain Ohio residency and verify my income annually.
- \* I have received and understand the policy handbook of the chartered nonpublic school and will abide by its provisions.
- \* I understand that if my child's scholarship has been awarded in error, it will be terminated immediately and I would then be responsible for paying the tuition if I decide to keep my child at the private school.

I designate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Private School)

to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program through the Ohio Department of Education electronic application system. **BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Legal Guardian Signing the Tuition Check

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

**RETURN TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND UTILITY BILL SHOWING SERVICE MAILING ADDRESS.**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
2021-2022 INCOME VERIFICATION FORM**

Income Verification is one step in the scholarship application process. Your child must also be enrolled at a participating school. The Income Verification Process is important for some families to determine if they meet low income requirements of the scholarship program. If you are a new applicant of the Scholarship and you qualify for low income status, you will not have to pay tuition above the amount of the scholarship. If you are a new or renewal applicant of the EdChoice Scholarship, you must complete the income process every year to receive a scholarship award.

Helpful tools can be found on the scholarship website at <http://edchoice.education.ohio.gov> or <http://cstp.education.ohio.gov>. If you have more than one child applying for a scholarship, only one income verification form is needed. The scholarship office is not able to return original documents to you; please send only copies. **This form and copies of income documents must be mailed to the address ON BACK OF THIS FORM.**

**#1**

**PRIMARY PARENT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: F  M  LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ OHIO ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVES INCOME: Y  N

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Private school where your child is enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

**MARITAL STATUS REQUIRED**

**LIST ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD** including scholarship students. Make a copy of this page if more space is needed.

**#2**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: F  M  LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW:  RENEWAL:  NA:  RECEIVES INCOME: Y  N

**#3**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: F  M  LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW:  RENEWAL:  NA:  RECEIVES INCOME: Y  N

**#4**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: F  M  LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW:  RENEWAL:  NA:  RECEIVES INCOME: Y  N

**#5**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: F  M  LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW:  RENEWAL:  NA:  RECEIVES INCOME: Y  N

**EdChoice & Cleveland Scholarship Program  
2021-2022 Income Verification Form**

2021 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES  
Source: Office of the Asst. Sec. for Planning & Eval/US Dept. of HHS.

Traditional EdChoice and Cleveland Scholarship applicants qualify for low income status if income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. **Note that EdChoice-Expansion applicants qualify if income is at or below 250% of poverty.** This chart will help you determine if you may qualify.

Income status determines priority for awarding scholarships. It also determines if your family will be responsible for paying any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.

Based on the number of people in your household, you may qualify for low income status if your gross annual income is the amount listed on the chart or less.

Household size is determined by the following: the scholarship student, the birth mother or the legal guardian of the scholarship student, the spouse (also includes birth father of any child in the household), all children under the age of 18 which the legal guardian or spouse also has legal custody.

Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (200%)	Gross Annual Amount (250%)
1	\$25,760	\$32,200
2	\$34,840	\$43,550
3	\$43,920	\$54,900
4	\$53,000	\$66,250
5	\$62,080	\$77,600
6	\$71,160	\$88,950
7	\$80,240	\$100,300
8	\$89,320	\$111,650
For each additional person add:	\$9,080	\$11,350

You must provide documentation for all sources of income in your home. The documents must represent their current income. Do not send original documents, as they cannot be returned. Block the first 5 digits of all social security numbers in all documents leaving only the last 4 digits to be seen. See page 3 for acceptable income documents.

List each person that has earned or unearned income. If someone has more than one source of income, use multiple lines.

INCOME INFORMATION	First and Last Name	Name of Employer or Income Source	Gross Amount Before Taxes	How Often Received
	Example: John Smith Example: Jane Smith	Employment - Kroger Child Support	\$1200 \$475	Bi-Weekly Monthly

X

SIGNATURE OF PRIMARY LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED

DATE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ALL INCOME DOCUMENT COPIES TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

Must Be Submitted to:

Ohio Department of Education, Scholarship Program Office  
25 S. Front Street, Mail Stop 309 Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183

FAXES NOT ACCEPTED.



## How to Complete the Income Verification Process

1. Obtain the Income Verification Form on our website at: <http://education.ohio.gov/edchoice> or <http://education.ohio.gov/clevelandscholarship> or the nonpublic school where you have applied for or renewed a scholarship. (Page 1 and 2 of this document.)
2. Complete the parent/guardian information on page 1, filling in all lines. This should be the same information you have provided on the scholarship application/renewal form.
3. List household members (i.e. spouse, children) on page 1 and provide all the information requested.
4. Write your sources of income on page 2 and provide copies of acceptable, supporting documentation.
5. Sign at the bottom of page 2. Do not return page 3.
6. Based on your household, determine from the list below which one fits your status. For example: If your status is (a) of the choices below, you only have to submit the documents for that option, not all of them.
  - a) If you are currently employed, and have the same job you had all of last year, send either 4 current pay stubs for each job, your W-2 forms, your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return forms or your 2020 Federal Income Tax transcripts which may be obtained at either: WWW.IRS.GOV or by mailing the 4506-T form to the IRS.
  - b) If you are currently employed but did not work your current job for all of last year, send 4 current pay stubs for each job.
  - c) If you are self-employed, send a copy of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return forms, including all schedules or your 2020 Federal Income Tax transcript.
  - d) If you receive other income sources such as food stamps/OWF, child support, unemployment, Social Security, etc., then you must send copies of official documentation which show how much you receive from each source. Example: If you currently work and receive food stamps and child support, you must submit four current pay stubs, official documentation that shows how much you receive in food stamps, and official documentation that shows how much you receive in child support.
  - e) If you have no income or you do not have pay stubs or W-2's, provide your 2020 Federal tax transcript from the IRS. Go to WWW.IRS.GOV. Please mail the request form to the IRS and once you receive your transcript ,please mail a copy of that form to our office with the Income Verification form.

DO NOT send original documents. Make copies (ex. W-2, check stubs, etc.) to send to our office and block the first 5 digits of all social security numbers on all documents only leaving the last 4 digits to be seen. Submit only one (1) form per family. (Ex. A family with 3 students in the program only needs to send the form one time per school year.) Keep a copy for your records.

Mail the Income Verification form and supporting income documentation to the Ohio Department of Education, Scholarship Program Office 25 S. Front Street, Mail Stop 309, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183.

Parents are responsible for mailing in the Income Verification documents. The private school is not responsible.

Contact Scholarship Program at 614-728-2743, or by email at [Edchoice@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Edchoice@education.ohio.gov) or [Cleveland.scholarship@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Cleveland.scholarship@education.ohio.gov), if you have any questions.

**2021-2022 Income Eligibility Requirements for EdChoice-Expansion**

Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (250%)	Gross Annual Amount (300%)	Gross Annual Amount (400%)
1	\$32,200	\$38,640	\$51,520
2	\$43,550	\$52,260	\$69,680
3	\$54,900	\$65,880	\$87,840
4	\$66,250	\$79,500	\$106,000
5	\$77,600	\$93,120	\$124,160
6	\$88,950	\$106,740	\$142,320
7	\$100,300	\$120,360	\$160,480
8	\$111,650	\$133,980	\$178,640
<b>For each additional person add:</b>	\$11,350	\$13,620	\$18,160

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation/US Dept of HHS

**All families applying for an EdChoice-Expansion scholarship must have their income verified by the EdChoice Office.** When applying for an EdChoice-Expansion scholarship for the first time, the total household income must be at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines (see chart above). All new EdChoice-Expansion applicants must have a household income of 250% or lower to be awarded a scholarship.

Families renewing their child's EdChoice-Expansion Scholarship for the next school year will be awarded an amount based on where their family's household income falls on the federal poverty guidelines:

- **0% - 250%** = full scholarship = maximum award of \$4,650 K-8, \$6,000 9-12
- **251% - 300%** = 75% of the scholarship = maximum award of \$3487.50 K-8, \$4,500 9-12
- **301% - 400%** = 50% of the scholarship = maximum award of \$2,325 K-8, \$3,000 9-12
- **Over 400%** = cannot renew the scholarship

Expansion families with a household income of 250% or lower qualify for low income status. This means that the private school cannot charge these families for any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.

Expansion families with a household income of 251% or higher are responsible for paying any tuition difference not covered by the scholarship.