

Traditional EdChoice Scholarship Application Packet

1. Complete the enclosed application form.
2. Provide proof of address. Acceptable types of proof of address are described in the enclosed flyer.
3. Provide a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Submit your application to the school as soon as possible. Return it via email, drop it off at the St. Joseph Church for Immaculate Conception Church office (9:00 am to 3:00 pm M-F), or email mritzert@cducation.org to schedule an appointment. We will schedule meetings with parents Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 30 to assist with the application process. See the information below for more information about eligibility.

EdChoice Scholarship is available to **new** students entering grades K through 8 who would otherwise attend school at an "EdChoice Designated School" regardless of family income. The Traditional EdChoice Scholarship is also available to new AND current students entering grades 9-12 who would otherwise attend a school at an "EdChoice Designated School" regardless of family income. Please see below the list of designated schools in our area. If your student attends (or would attend) one of these schools, you should qualify for an EdChoice Scholarship that could pay nearly the entire cost of tuition! ***ALL incoming kindergarten students are considered new students and are eligible for the scholarship if the family lives within the attendance area of a designated school***

Brown Local

Malvern Middle School (6-8)

Malvern High School (9-12)

Carrollton Exempted Village

Carrollton High School (9-12)

Claymont City School District:

Claymont Primary School (grades K-1)

Claymont Elementary School (grades 2-3)

Claymont Middle School (grades 6-8)

Dover City School District:

South Elementary School (grades K-1)

Garaway Local School District:

Baltic Elementary School (grades K-6)

Dundee Elementary School (grades K-6)

New Philadelphia City School District:

East Elementary School (K-5)

South Elementary School (K-5)

West Elementary School (K-5)

New Phila High School (9-12)

Newcomerstown Exempted Village School District

West Elementary School (K-5)

Newcomerstown Middle School (6-8)

Newcomerstown High School (9-12)

Sandy Valley Local

Sandy Valley Elementary (K-5)

Sandy Valley High School (9-12)

Strasburg Local School District

Strasburg Elementary School (K-5)

Tuscarawas Valley Local School District

Tusky Valley Primary School (K-1)

Tusky Valley High School (9-12)

EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021 REQUEST FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION	***Student Data Must Match Birth Certificate***		
	NAME: _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)		
	DATE OF BIRTH _____	LAST FOUR DIGITS SS# _____	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE
	MOTHER MAIDEN NAME _____	NATIVE LANGUAGE _____	ETHNICITY: _____
	CITY OF BIRTH _____	GRADE LEVEL FOR 2019-2020 _____	GRADE LEVEL FOR 2020-2021 _____
	IS YOUR CHILD AN INCOMING KINDERGARTENER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	HAS THIS CHILD EVER ATTENDED OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL? IF SO, WHERE: District _____	
	IS YOUR CHILD AN INCOMING HIGH SCHOOLER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	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.edchoice.ohio.gov	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF April 15 2020

EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021 REQUEST FORM

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION	<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 your child would be assigned to for the 2020-2021 School Year:	

ADDRESS VERIFICATION	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 MUST SHOW MATCHING SERVICE AND MAILING ADDRESS 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 Mailing and Service 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.

2020-2021 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:

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Cleveland and EdChoice Scholarship Programs Acceptable Forms of Address Proof

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 **MUST SHOW MATCHING SERVICE AND MAILING ADDRESS** in the name of the Parent/Guardian. Post office boxes and Cell Phone Bills have no Service Address and therefore are not accepted.

Acceptable Utilities (Must show matching Mailing and Service Address): Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, Cable/Internet.

Other Acceptable Documents: Monthly mortgage statement and Lease/rental agreement (signed) and one (1) other official document (like a pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc) with parent's name and address. Additional information can be found on the scholarship webpage.

If the student's parent/guardian has no utilities in his/her name, then the parent/guardian must provide the following:

1. A signed and notarized statement from the person (i.e., third party) with whom the parent/guardian and the student live or from whom they rent that confirms that they reside at the address. This letter must be from the third party, not the parent/guardian.
2. A copy of a current utility bill in the name of that third party, AND
3. A copy of a piece of current business type mail in the name of the parent/guardian.
 - a. Business mail would be things such as pay stubs, car notes, car insurance, monthly bank statements, and official document from a government agency. It must be a business with which the parent/guardian is currently doing regular business.
 - b. NO credit card solicitations or service set-up work orders. NOTHING HAND WRITTEN.
4. Following is an example of how this alternative works: Ms. Smith's daughter has an EdChoice scholarship. She and her daughter reside with her uncle, Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown will need to write or type a statement and have it notarized, which should include him signing the statement in front of a notary. He will also need to provide a copy of a current utility bill in his name, since he owns or rents the property. Ms. Smith must provide a copy of last month's bank statement. Compiled together, this alternative will suffice as proof of residence for the student regarding the current school year. She must do this annually. If she should move and obtain utilities in her name, then this alternative method is no longer her option and she must comply with the required utility bill requirement instead.
5. Another example of how this alternative works is the following: Mr. Johnson's son has an EdChoice scholarship. Mr. Johnson and his son live in an apartment. All of the utilities are included in the price of the rent, so Mr. Johnson does not receive any utility bills in his name. Mr. Johnson will need to obtain a notarized letter from the rental office confirming that he and his son live in the apartment. Mr. Johnson will also need to provide another form of address proof, such as a current pay stub or bank statement.

Unacceptable proof of address includes **cell phone bills**, tax forms, junk mail, and driver's licenses. Old and outdated (more than 3 months) address proof is also unacceptable.

Parents/guardians must remember to keep the school informed of any address changes that occur and to submit the required documentation to ensure continued program eligibility.

The Ohio Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, nationality, age, disability, or ethnic background.