

Completing the EdChoice Application

Section 1 – Student Information



EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUEST FORM 2023-2024

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student data MUST match the Birth Certificate

NAME:			
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)
DATE OF BIRTH:		LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN:	GENDER: ☐ FEMALE ☐ MALE
MOTHER'S MAIDEN LAST NAME:		NATIVE LANGUAGE:	ETHNICITY:
CITY OF BIRTH:		GRADE LEVEL FOR 2022-2023:	GRADE LEVEL FOR 2023-2024:
IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING KINDERGARTENER?	HAS THE STUDENT EVER ATTENDED ANY OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL?		
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☐ NO IF YES, WHERE?: (ANSWER BELOW)		
IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING HIGH SCHOOLER?			
☐ YES ☐ NO	DISTRICT:	BUILDING:	YEAR:

Be sure the student's name listed on the application EXACTLY matches the name on the birth certificate!

Section 2 – Parent/Guardian Information

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS

I AM THE (CHECK ONE) ☐ Natural Parent ☐ Residential Parent ☐ Adoptive Parent ☐ Student who is at least eighteen years of age
☐ Legal Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds (court documents or Affidavit of Eligibility required)

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN	NAME:
	(First) (Middle) (Last)
	DATE OF BIRTH: LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN:
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
	CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: COUNTY:
	PHONE NUMBER: EMAIL ADDRESS:
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT:	
SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN	NAME:
	(First) (Middle) (Last)
	DATE OF BIRTH: LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN:
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
	CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: COUNTY:
	PHONE NUMBER: EMAIL ADDRESS:
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT:	

Be sure the address matches the information provided on the proof of residency documentation

Section 3 – School Information

SCHOOL INFORMATION	***Information MUST be completed to determine eligibility.***	
	My student is currently (Check only <u>one</u> box):	
	☐ Attending a public school	☐ Attending a charter/community school
	☐ Attending a private school	☐ Homeschooled (Never attended an Ohio school)
	☐ New to Ohio	☐ Attending Pre-school
	☐ Other:	
	Name of School the student is currently attending:	
	Name of public school district you live in:	
	Name of public school building the student would be assigned to for the 2023-2024 school year:	
Return to the private school with student's birth certificate and a current utility bill showing <u>matching</u> service and mailing addresses.		

Section 4 – Income Information

***ATTENTION: Income verification is required for New Expansion Scholarship applicants. Income verification is not required to apply for a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship. Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship.	
INCOME	***Check below to indicate your intent to complete the income verification process.*** ☐ Yes , I believe that I qualify for low-income status. To complete the Income Verification process, parents may submit online using the secure Income Verification system or click here to complete and mail the paper form. Emailing documents is not permitted. ☐ 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.

This section has caused some confusion. This section is asking parents to confirm that their income may be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Families who believe that they may fall under this category should select the 'Yes' button.

Otherwise, families should select the 'No' button

Section 5 – Parent Acknowledgement and Signature

2023-2024 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: 1) my family moves to another public school district unless my child would be assigned to an EdChoice designated public school in the new district (applicable only to students who were initially awarded a scholarship based on an EdChoice designated building); 2) my child does not complete all required assessments; 3) my child has more than 20 unexcused absences for the school year; or 4) I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child received an EdChoice Expansion scholarship, I must maintain Ohio residency.
- 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 _____ to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program

(Name of Private School)

through the Ohio Department of Education's electronic application system. By signing below, I agree to the above statements.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian signing the tuition check

Date Signed

Return to the private school with student's birth certificate and a current utility bill showing matching service and mailing addresses.

Parent should submit the completed application to the school, who will submit the application into the secure online application system on behalf of the student

HOW WILL PARENTS/GUARDIANS BE NOTIFIED OF THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION?

Conditional approval for EdChoice applications is provided within five days of the application being submitted in the online scholarship application system by the private school.

The conditional approval letter will be generated and provided to parent/guardian by the private school.

Conditional Approval is the preliminary review of an application to determine if the student is eligible for a scholarship. This is not final approval of the application.

The application information will be reviewed within 14 days. The private school will be notified within 14 days if errors or deficiencies have been identified. Scholarship awards will be made on a regular schedule and an award letter and acceptance form are mailed to the parents/guardian.

Please contact the private school regarding any questions about the application.