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Important Dates to Remember—

February 1, 2014—Student application and income verification process for the 2014-2015 school year begins
May 9, 2014—Student application and income verification process ends
July 2014—Scholarships awarded. Students and schools notified of scholarship awards
August/September 2014— School year begins. Cleveland Scholarship students begin attending participating private schools

Cleveland Scholarship Program

F A C T S H E E T

What is Ohio's Cleveland Scholarship Program (CSP)?

The CSP provides educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Which gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

When will Cleveland applications be accepted?

On February 1, 2014, the Ohio Department of Education will open the Cleveland Scholarship Application through its secure, Web-based system. Staff members of the participating private schools have access to the system and will help students apply for the scholarship by entering information into the online system. For a list of private schools go to: https://scholarship.ode.state.oh.us/provider. All scholarship applications must be submitted by May 9, 2014.

Who is eligible to apply for Cleveland Scholarship?

Students who reside within the boundaries of the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) and will be entering kindergarten through twelfth grade in the 2014-2015 school year are eligible to apply. Awards are made based on several criteria as written Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.975b. The law requires students from low income families be given award priority and at least half of all scholarships be awarded to public school students. If necessary, a wait list of applicants is maintained based on the date an application is received, noting public/non-public enrollment and income level.

What is the value of the scholarship?

The maximum amount of the scholarship for K-8 is currently $4,250.00 and high school is $5,700.00. Each school has different tuition amounts. Depending on the amount of the school's tuition, the state will pay up to the designated amount above. If the tuition is more than the amounts above, the parent is responsible for the difference.

Will parents/guardians have to pay any amount of money?

If the family's income is above 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines or if the student is in grades 9-12, the family may have to pay the difference, participate in volunteer service activities as payment in lieu of cash. Parents/guardians are also responsible for registration fees, materials fees and other related expenses. The scholarship amount only covers school tuition.

Once the student receives the scholarship, how long can they continue to attend the private school?

Once a student receives a Cleveland Scholarship, he or she must renew each school year through 12th grade. Parents/guardians must verify their residence remains in the Cleveland Municipal School District to remain eligible for the program.