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Important Dates to Remember—

February 1, 2013—Student application and income verification process for the 2012-2013 school year begins
April 19, 2013—Student application and income verification process ends
July 2013—Scholarships awarded. Students and schools notified of scholarship awards
August/September 2013— School year begins. Cleveland Scholarship students begin attending participating private schools

Cleveland Scholarship Program

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What is Ohio's Cleveland Scholarship Program?

This program (CSTP) provides new educati onal choices for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program 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, 2013 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 April 19, 2013.

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 2013-2014 school year are eligible to apply.

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 $5,000.00. Each school has different tuition amounts, depending on the amount of the schools 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 student's family 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 or participate in volunteer service activities in lieu of cash payment. Parents and guardians are also responsible for registration fees, materials fees and other similar types of fees. The scholarship amount covers only 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 can renew it in future years through 12th grade. There will be a scholarship renewal process each year when the parent/guardian must verify their residence remains in the Cleveland Municipal School District. All students who reside in the Cleveland Municipal District and will be entering kindergarten through twelfth grade for the 2013-2014 school year are eligible to apply. Awards are made based on several criteria as written in Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.975b. The law requires students from low income families be given award priority and that half of all new scholarships be awarded to public school students. If necessary, a wait list of applicants is maintained based on receipt date of students' applications and noting public/non-public enrollment and income level.