

What is the value of the scholarship?

The EdChoice Scholarship amount is currently \$4250 for elementary students (kindergarten through grade 8) and \$5000 for high school students (grades 9 through 12) whichever is lower or the private school's actual tuition amount.

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

The scholarship amount covers tuition ONLY. Parents and guardians still may have to pay registration fees, material fees and other similar types of fees. Families who qualify for low income status do not have to pay any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship. However, if private school's tuition is higher than the EdChoice Scholarship amount and if the family does not qualify for low income status, the family may have to pay the difference or participate in volunteer service activities in lieu of cash payment.

If a student receives an EdChoice Scholarship, how long can he or she continue to attend a private school?

There will be a scholarship renewal process each year. Once a student receives an EdChoice Scholarship, he or she can renew it in future years through 12th grade, as long as the student:

- 1) Does not move to another public school district, unless the student would be assigned to an EdChoice-designated public school in the student's new district;
- 2) Takes all required state achievement tests,
- 3) Has good school attendance. Students cannot have more than 20 unexcused absences in a school year.

Should parents and students apply for an EdChoice Scholarship first, or apply for admission to a private school first?

Parents and students should first apply for admission at the participating private school. Once the student has been accepted for enrollment at the private school/provider, the private school/provider will submit a scholarship application for the student through the secure online application system.

What information is needed to apply for the scholarship?

Parents must provide the private school/provider with a copy of the student's birth certificate (official on from health department), a copy of current proof of address, and the *Scholarship Request Form* to apply for the scholarship. Parents renewing their child's scholarship must provide a copy of a current proof of address and the *Scholarship Renewal Form*.

Are families required to have their income verified to apply for the scholarship?

No, income verification is not required to apply for the EdChoice scholarship. However, families cannot qualify for low income status unless they have their income verified by the EdChoice Program Staff.

NOTE: The expansion scholarship is income-based. Families applying for the EdChoice "expansion" scholarship **MUST** have their income verified; it is not optional.



The Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program still is available for residents of the Cleveland Municipal School District. For more information about the Cleveland program, please visit their Web site at: <http://education.ohio.gov/cleveland>