

## 2021-2022 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Is my child eligible?** If you live within the boundaries of the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) and your child will be entering grades kindergarten through twelfth in the 2021-2022 school year, you are eligible to apply.

**What if my child has special education needs?** Mainstreamed children are eligible to apply. If your child requires separate education needs, eligibility will be based upon the admissions policy of the nonpublic schools.

**From which schools may I choose?** Visit our approved provider list:

<https://education.ohio.gov/clevelandscholarship>

**How will the State award scholarships?** Complete applications, with verification of income and residence, must be returned as soon as possible. Low-income applicants are given priority. Scholarships will be awarded by lottery drawings.

**What is the scholarship amount?** Scholarship awards depend upon tuition at participating schools. Students in grades K-8 are eligible for \$4,650 and \$6,000 for those in grades 9-12. The maximum scholarship value will be no more than the legislated amount or the school's tuition, whichever is less.

**Who pays the rest?** Parents/guardians must arrange to pay the private school any difference due in tuition that is not paid by the state. Low-income families may request to work/volunteer at the school, as payment-in-lieu of cash toward the non-State portion of tuition.

**Do I have to reapply each year?** In order to keep scholarship awards from one year to the next, parents/guardians must renew them each school year. As long as your child continues to attend a participating school and meets all other program requirements, the scholarship is renewable through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What if my child is not awarded a scholarship?** Applicants not awarded a scholarship must submit a new application each year until one is awarded.

**How will payments be made?** Checks are mailed to schools for parents/guardians to sign. The program only pays for tuition (instruction). This excludes fees (i.e. application, registration), after-school care, daycare or latchkey programs, etc.

**What if my child transfers to a different school?** Students may transfer to any school that participates with the program.

**Who provides transportation?** Transportation is available via CMSD. Parents/Guardians are required by law to contact CMSD for arrangements and eligibility requirements for transportation.