

# FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2026-2027

## Cleveland & EdChoice Scholarship Programs

### Low-Income Status Qualification

Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified for the scholarship program. Income verification is not required to apply for a Traditional EdChoice or a Cleveland Scholarship.

For the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship, families who qualify for low-income status (at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) do not have to pay any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.

For the Cleveland Scholarship, families who qualify for low-income status, (at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) and have a student in grades K-8, do not have to pay tuition that is not covered by the scholarship. Cleveland Scholarship families with students in grades 9-12 are responsible for the tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.

The scholarship can only be used to pay tuition. Parents and/or guardians may have to pay registration fees, material fees and other similar types of fees.

To complete the Income Verification process, parents may submit their income online using the [secure Income Verification system](#) or obtain the Income Verification Form from the scholarship website and mail the completed form and copies of supporting documents to the address listed on the documentation.

Federal Poverty Level for Low Income Status	
Number in Family/Household	200% FPL
1	\$31,920
2	\$43,280
3	\$54,640
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,360
6	\$88,720
7	\$100,080
8	\$111,440
For each additional person add:	\$11,360

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