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## Income-Based (EdChoice Expansion) Scholarship Program Steps to Apply

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**Eligibility:** Your child is eligible for an EdChoice Income-Based scholarship if they are entering grades K-5 and your family income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

2018 Federal Guidelines	
Household Size	200 Percent
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760

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**Select a participating private school:** Review the list of participating private schools, visit the ones that interest you and select the one you would like your child to attend. Be sure to always have a back-up school in mind, as classrooms have limited seating.

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**Apply to a participating private school:** Complete the admissions process at the private school. Once your child is enrolled, the school can apply for the scholarship on your child's behalf. **Private schools have limited seats. Apply as soon as possible!**

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**Scholarship Deadline:** The private school must submit the scholarship application on your child's behalf during the application window.

**Application Period: February 1 – April 30**

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**Mail Income Verification Form:** You must submit the Income Verification Form directly to the Ohio Department of Education before the **Deadline**.

Ohio Department of Education  
25 S Front St. MS 309  
Columbus, OH 43215

**NOTE:** Notifications are mailed out by the Ohio Department of Education in August/September.

**We're here to Help.**

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Learn How to Give Your Child a Brighter Future...

## Ohio's Income-Based Scholarship Program



Children entering grades K-5 from low and middle-income families can receive a scholarship worth up to **\$4,650** a year for tuition at participating private schools across Ohio.

### Eligibility Requirements:

Families who earn less than the guidelines below are eligible to apply.

#### Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines

Household Size	Family Income
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
Each Person Add:	\$8,640



Have questions? Want more information?

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## Parent Checklist When Visiting Schools

Choosing a school for your child is a difficult and important decision. During your visit, it is important that you have all of the information that you need to make that decision. Make copies of this checklist to take to each school that you visit. Please ask about the following:

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### School Policies

Admission Requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline? \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Expectations? \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance? \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

Number of Students? \_\_\_\_\_ Average class size? \_\_\_\_\_

### Do You Offer....

Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Financial Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$

Before/After Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Clubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Field Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$

### Other Costs

Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Books/Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____
Uniforms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$ _____

**The EdChoice scholarship can only be used to pay tuition. All other costs are the responsibility of the parent.**

You should be prepared to provide the following information to the private school: birth certificate, proof of your address (copy of recent utility bill), report cards and/or test records from your child's previous school. A scholarship request form and income verification forms can be obtained from the private school or from the EdChoice web site at <http://education.ohio.gov/edchoice>. Please keep copies of all documents provided to the private school.



Income Verification is one step in the scholarship application process. Your child must also be enrolled at a participating school. The Income Verification Process is important for some families to determine if they meet low income requirements of the scholarship program. If you are a new or renewal applicant of the Scholarship and you qualify for low income status, you will not have to pay tuition above the amount of the scholarship. If you are a new or renewal applicant of the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship, you must complete the income process every year to receive a scholarship award.

Helpful tools can be found on the scholarship website at: <http://education.ohio.gov/edchoice>. If you have more than one child applying for a scholarship, only one income verification form is needed. The scholarship office is not able to return original documents to you; please send only copies. The form and copies of income documents must be mailed to the address below by the deadline April 30, 2018:

**Ohio Department of Education, Scholarship Program Office  
25 S. Front Street, Mail Stop 309 Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**#1**

**PRIMARY PARENT**

NAME: FIRST MIDDLE LAST MARITAL STATUS

DATE OF BIRTH: GENDER: F M LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#:

ADDRESS:

CITY: OHIO ZIP CODE: RECEIVES INCOME: Y N

PHONE: E-MAIL:

Name of Private school where your child is enrolled

**LIST ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD** Please make a copy of this page if more space is needed.

**#2**

NAME: FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: GENDER: F M LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#:

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW: RENEWAL: NA: RECEIVES INCOME: Y N

**#3**

NAME: FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: GENDER: F M LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#:

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW: RENEWAL: NA: RECEIVES INCOME: Y N

**#4**

NAME: FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: GENDER: F M LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#:

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW: RENEWAL: NA: RECEIVES INCOME: Y N

**#5**

NAME: FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: GENDER: F M LAST FOUR DIGIT SS#:

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU:

SCHOLARSHIP STATUS (CHECK ONE): NEW: RENEWAL: NA: RECEIVES INCOME: Y N

2018 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES  
Source: *Off of the Asst. Sec. for Planning & Eval/US Dept. of HHS.*

EdChoice families qualify for low income status if income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This chart will help you determine if you may qualify.

- o Income status determines priority for awarding scholarships. It also determines if you family will be responsible for paying any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.
- o Based on the number of people in your household, if your gross annual income is the amount listed on the chart or less, you may qualify for low income status.
- o Household size is determined by the following: the scholarship student, the legal guardian of the scholarship student, the spouse of the legal guardian or birth father of any child under the age of 18 which the legal guardian also has custody.
- o Based on your household, determine from the list below which one fits your status. For example: If your status is #1 AND #4, submit the documents for both.

Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (200%)
1	\$24,280
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760
For each additional person add:	\$8,640

You must provide documentation for all sources of income in your household. Documents should representative your CURRENT income. Please do not send original documents as they cannot be returned to you.

- 1) If you are currently employed (and have the same job you had all of last year): Send 4 current pay stubs for each job or your W-2s.
- 2) If you are currently employed (but did not work your current job for all of last year): Send 4 current pay stubs for each job.
- 3) If you are self-employed: Send a copy of your 2017 income tax forms, including Schedule C (the Profit and Loss statement).
- 4) If you receive other income sources: (eg., food stamps/OWF, child support, unemployment, Social Security, etc.): Send copies of official documentation that shows how much you receive from each one.

Example: If you currently work and receive food stamps and child support, you need to send in four current pay stubs, official documentation that shows how much you receive in food stamps, and official documentation that shows how much you receive in child support.

**List each person that has earned or unearned income. If someone has more than one source of income, use multiple lines.**

**INCOME INFORMATION**

First and Last Name	Name of Employer or Income Source	Gross Amount Before Taxes	How Often Received
Example: John Smith	Employment-Kroger	\$1200	Bi-Weekly
Example: Jane Smith	Child Support	\$475	Monthly

Signature of Primary Legal Guardian Required

Date

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ALL INCOME DOCUMENT COPIES TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW**



# How to: Provider Search



**Step 1:** Go to School Choice Ohio's Website:

[www.schoio.org](http://www.schoio.org)

**Step 2:** Scroll down (below the videos) and select the **"Scholarship"** box

**Step 3:** From the list displayed, select the Scholarship you are interested in

## For Cleveland, EdChoice & Income-Based Programs:

- a) Scroll down to the section titled: **"What private school can my child attend?"**
- b) Click on the link: **"Click here"** to access dashboard
- c) Click on **"Select Program"** on the top left hand corner – Select a program
- d) Within the Search Engine
  1. Verify your application period
  2. Specify the county you wish to run your search for
  3. Click on the Search button
  4. List is organized alphabetically by provider name

## For Autism & Jon Peterson Special Needs:

- a) Scroll down to the section titled **"What can we use the scholarship for?"**
- b) Click on the link: **"Click here"** to access dashboard
- c) Click on **"Select Program"** on the top left hand corner – Select a Program
- d) Within the Search Engine
  1. Verify your application period
  2. Specify the county you wish to run your search for
  3. Click on the Search button
  4. List is organized alphabetically by provider name
- e) Click on the **"Details"** magnifying glass on the far right-hand column to see contact details and list of services for that provider

