

EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022-2023 RENEWAL FORM

Please use birth certificate for student data.

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME: _____
 FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: MALE FEMALE

GRADE STUDENT WAS IN ON JANUARY 1, 2022: _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING? _____

WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN? _____

WAS YOUR STUDENT ACCEPTED FOR ENROLLMENT? PLEASE CHECK ONE YES NO

ARE THERE ANY SIBLINGS ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL? IF YES, PLEASE LIST HERE:

Guardian Signing Scholarship Checks

I am the (check one)

- Natural Parent
- Adoptive Parent
- Residential Parent

- Legal Custodian (court documents or Affidavit of Eligibility required)
- Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds
- Student is at least eighteen years of age

PRIMARY GUARDIAN

NAME: _____
 FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SSN# LAST FOUR DIGITS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

SECONDARY GUARDIAN

NAME: _____
 FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SSN# LAST FOUR DIGITS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

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ADDRESS VERIFICATION

Proof of residency is required of all first-year and renewal applicants and must be submitted to the school with the application. Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the school with a current (less than 3 months old) utility bill. The utility bill MUST SHOW MATCHING SERVICE AND MAILING ADDRESS in the name of the parent/guardian. Post office boxes and Cell Phone Bills have no Service Address and therefore are not accepted.

Acceptable Utilities (must show matching service and mailing address: Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, Cable/Internet. Other Acceptable Documents: Monthly mortgage statement and signed Lease/rental agreement and one (1) other official document with parent's name and address. Additional information can be found on the scholarship webpage.

INCOME VERIFICATION

ATTENTION EXPANSION APPLICANTS: Income verification MUST be completed for ALL EdChoice-Expansion Scholarship applicants.

Check below to indicate your intent to complete the income verification process.

- Yes I believe that I qualify for low income status. I will submit a completed Income Verification Form and supporting documents to the EdChoice Office listed on the form. To complete the Income Verification process, parents may submit online using the secure Income Verification system or click here to complete and mail the paper form. Emailing documents is not permitted.
No I am not interested in applying for low income status. I either: 1) do not qualify for low income status or 2) do not want my income verified by the program.

2022-2023 EDCHOICE PARENT AGREEMENT

I (parent name) agree to the following:

- The information provided in this application is true and correct.
I have supplied the chartered nonpublic school with a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, copies of all custody/guardianship documentation for the student, and proof of my address.
I have submitted only one EdChoice Scholarship application for the student. The scholarship amount shall only be applied to the tuition of the enrolling school and I may be required to pay other fees and costs as prescribed by the policies of the school.
I will sign all scholarship checks received by the private school for my student in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to endorse the scholarship checks to the school, I will be responsible for paying the student's tuition.
If I transfer my scholarship to another participating chartered nonpublic school, I will notify the school of my intent to withdraw and I will return to the original school to sign any remaining checks.
I will apply for any and all financial aid or tuition discounts and adjustments made regularly available to the students attending the school in which the student is accepted for enrollment.
I will abide by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) dispute resolution process outlined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-11-14.
If I am not a low income parent or did not complete the income verification process, I will be responsible for paying any difference between the scholarship amount and the tuition of the chartered nonpublic school.
I must inform ODE and the chartered nonpublic school of any change in the student's residential address or custody status.
I will not be able to renew my child's scholarship if: our family has moved to another city school district and our new neighborhood public school is not a designated EdChoice school, my child fails to take each state achievement test required for his/her grade level, my child has more than twenty unexcused absences during the school year, or I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child has received an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship I must maintain Ohio residency and verify my income annually.
I have received and understand the policy handbook of the chartered nonpublic school and will abide by its provisions.
I understand that if my child's scholarship has been awarded in error, it will be terminated immediately and I would then be responsible for paying the tuition if I decide to keep my child at the private school.

I designate: (Name of Private School) to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program through the Ohio Department of Education electronic application system. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

Signature of Legal Guardian Signing the Tuition Check Date Signed

Must return this form to the participating private school with a copy of a current utility bill showing service and mailing addresses.

Cleveland and EdChoice Scholarship Programs Acceptable Forms of Address Proof

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Acceptable Utilities (Must show matching Mailing and Service Address): Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, Cable/Internet.
Other Acceptable Documents: Monthly mortgage statement and Lease/rental agreement (signed) and one (1) other official document (like a pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc) with parent's name and address. Additional information can be found on the scholarship webpage.

If the student's parent/guardian has no utilities in his/her name, then the parent/guardian must provide the following:

1. A signed and notarized statement from the person (i.e., third party) with whom the parent/guardian and the student live or from whom they rent that confirms that they reside at the address. This letter must be from the third party, not the parent/guardian.
2. A copy of a current utility bill in the name of that third party, AND
3. A copy of a piece of current business type mail in the name of the parent/guardian.
 - a. Business mail would be things such as pay stubs, car notes, car insurance, monthly bank statements, and official document from a government agency. It must be a business with which the parent/guardian is currently doing regular business.
 - b. NO credit card solicitations or service set-up work orders. NOTHING HAND WRITTEN.
4. Following is an example of how this alternative works: Ms. Smith's daughter has an EdChoice scholarship. She and her daughter reside with her uncle, Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown will need to write or type a statement and have it notarized, which should include him signing the statement in front of a notary. He will also need to provide a copy of a current utility bill in his name, since he owns or rents the property. Ms. Smith must provide a copy of last month's bank statement. Compiled together, this alternative will suffice as proof of residence for the student regarding the current school year. She must do this annually. If she should move and obtain utilities in her name, then this alternative method is no longer her option and she must comply with the required utility bill requirement instead.
5. Another example of how this alternative works is the following: Mr. Johnson's son has an EdChoice scholarship. Mr. Johnson and his son live in an apartment. All of the utilities are included in the price of the rent, so Mr. Johnson does not receive any utility bills in his name. Mr. Johnson will need to obtain a notarized letter from the rental office confirming that he and his son live in the apartment. Mr. Johnson will also need to provide another form of address proof, such as a current pay stub or bank statement.

Unacceptable proof of address includes **cell phone bills**, tax forms, junk mail, and driver's licenses. Old and outdated (more than 3 months) address proof is also unacceptable.

Parents/guardians must remember to keep the school informed of any address changes that occur and to submit the required documentation to ensure continued program eligibility.

The Ohio Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, nationality, age, disability, or ethnic background.