

2023 - 2024 EdChoice Regular
and
Ed Choice Expansion
(Renewal Application)

To Apply:

- return 2 page application
- birth certificate
- renewal families do not need to do income verification beginning 2023-24 school year.
- proof of address

EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023-2024 RENEWAL FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION	***Student data MUST match the Birth Certificate***	
	NAME _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)	
	DATE OF BIRTH _____	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE
	GRADE STUDENT WAS IN ON JANUARY 1, 2023 _____	
	SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____	
WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN? _____		

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS

I AM THE (CHECK ONE) Natural Parent Residential Parent Adoptive Parent Student who is at least eighteen years of age
 Legal Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds (court documents or Affidavit of Eligibility required)

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN	NAME _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)
	DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____
	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTY _____
	PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN	NAME _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)
	DATE OF BIRTH _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN _____
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS _____
	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTY _____
	PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____

Return to the private school with a copy of current utility bill showing matching service and mailing addresses.

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*****ATTENTION: Income verification is required for all scholarship applicants who want to be considered for low-income status.*****

INCOME	<p>***Check below to indicate your intent to complete the income verification process.***</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I believe that I qualify for low-income status. 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p>
ADDRESS VERIFICATION	<p>***Proof of residency is required of all renewal applicants and must be submitted to the school with the application.***</p> <p>Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the school with a current (less than 90 days old) utility bill. The utility (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet) bill MUST SHOW MATCHING SERVICE AND MAILING ADDRESS in the name of the parent/guardian. Post office boxes (except in rural areas where residents only have a PO Box) and cell phone bills have no service address and therefore are not accepted.</p> <p><i>Other Acceptable Documents:</i> A monthly mortgage statement (less than 90 days old) OR lease/rental agreement (signed by lessee and lessor) AND a piece of current business mail (examples: pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc) with parent/guardian's name and address.</p> <p>***Additional information can be found on the scholarship webpage.***</p>

2023-2024 EDCHOICE PARENT AGREEMENT

I _____ AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:
(Parent Name)

- 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 application for this 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: 1) my family moves to another public school district unless my child would be assigned to an EdChoice designated public school in the new district (applicable only to students who were initially awarded a scholarship based on an EdChoice designated building); 2) my child does not complete all required assessments; 3) my child has more than 20 unexcused absences for the school year; or 4) I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child received an EdChoice Expansion scholarship, I must maintain Ohio residency.
- 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 _____ to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program
(Name of Private School)

through the Ohio Department of Education's electronic application system. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian signing the tuition check

Date Signed

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Office of Nonpublic Educational Options Scholarship Programs

Acceptable Forms of Address Proof

Proof of residency is required of all first year and renewal applicants and must be submitted to the provider with the application. Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the provider with **one (1)** of the following three (3) options. **All documentation must be dated within the 90 days.**

Acceptable Documentation:

Choose only one (1)

1. A current (less than 90 days old) utility bill. The utility (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet) bill **MUST SHOW MATCHING SERVICE AND MAILING ADDRESS** in the name of the parent/guardian. Post office boxes (except in rural areas where residents only have a PO Box) and cell phone bill have no service address and therefore are not accepted.
2. A monthly mortgage statement (less than 90 days old) **OR** lease/rental agreement (signed by lessee and lessor) **AND** a piece of current business mail (examples: pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc) with parent/guardian's name and address.
3. If the student's parent/guardian has no utilities in his/her name, then the parent/guardian must provide **all three (3)** of the following:
 - a. 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 **AND**
 - b. A **copy of a current utility bill** in the name of that third party, **AND**
 - c. A **copy of a piece of current business type mail** in the name of the parent/guardian.
 - Business mail would be items such as pay stubs, car notes, car insurance, monthly bank statements, or official documents from a government agency. It must be a business with which the parent/guardian is currently doing regular business.
 - NO credit card solicitations or service set-up work orders. **NOTHING HANDWRITTEN.**

Third party Proof of Residency Examples:

Example 1: Ms. Smith's daughter has a 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.

Example 2: Mr. Johnson's son has a scholarship. Mr. Johnson and his son live in an apartment. All 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, driver's licenses, and any document more than 90 days old.

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