



EdChoice FAQs

What is the EdChoice Scholarship?

Through Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship program, parents can use a portion of the tax money that is designated for their child's education to choose the school that is best suited to their child's needs.

With the recent expansion of the Ohio EdChoice Expansion Program, school choice scholarships are now available for EVERY family.

A student in the Diocese of Youngstown is only eligible for one of four state scholarships: Traditional EdChoice, EdChoice Expansion, Jon Peterson Special Needs, or Autism. Students qualifying for Jon Peterson or the Autism scholarships should contact the local Diocesan school to see if these are accommodated there.

What is a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship?

The EdChoice Traditional Scholarship Program provides opportunities for Ohio students who are assigned to underperforming schools to attend a participating private school with significant financial assistance. This aid is not need-based. The EdChoice Traditional Scholarship amount is \$6,166 for K-8 students or \$8,408 for students in 9-12. See the list of eligible school districts here: <https://reports.education.ohio.gov/report/nonpublic-data-current-ed-choice-designated-list>

Note: Families over 200% of the federal poverty level may be billed for any tuition not covered by the full EdChoice Traditional Scholarship. There is an option to submit financial information with this application to show if a family's income may be 200% or below the federal poverty level.

More information can be found at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/OtherResources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship/EdChoice-Resources>

What is the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship?

ALL Ohio students not currently receiving Traditional EdChoice, Jon Peterson, or Autism Scholarships are eligible for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. Scholarships for 2024-2025 are on a sliding scale based on each family's size and the related percentage of each family's adjusted gross income (AGI) to the Federal Poverty Level. Scholarships for students in grades K-8 range from \$6,166 and decrease to \$616.60. Students in grades 9-12 qualify for scholarships

beginning at \$8,408 and decrease to \$840.80. [2024-2025 EdChoice Expansion Award Amounts by Federal Poverty Level](#) provided by the Ohio Department of Education may be used for reference purposes to estimate your potential award. Please note that the State of Ohio determines family size and verifies income.

More information can be obtained at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Expansion/EdChoice-Expansion-Resources>

Will the EdChoice Scholarship cover any fees beyond tuition charged by the school?

No. The Scholarship only covers tuition costs.

Which EdChoice Scholarship should my family apply for?

A family who lives in the attendance area of a low-performing public school may choose to apply for either the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship OR the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. Examine both options and determine what fits best for your family.

How does a first time family apply for the EdChoice Scholarship?

The application period for both EdChoice Scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year runs from February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

A family must first be granted admission into the school. Once a family receives acceptance for the fall of 2024, the school will enter scholarship applications for students through the secure online application system. The school will inform the parents or guardians about their responsibility in this process. For timely awarding of the scholarships, parents must complete their responsibilities.

What is the process for renewal of an EdChoice Scholarship?

The application period for both EdChoice Scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year runs from February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It is expected that renewal families will complete the renewal requirements promptly, preferably by March 15th.

A family who received an Expansion EdChoice Scholarship in 2023-2024 does NOT need to submit income verification again unless they choose. Please note that the awarding of scholarship funds for 2024-2025 is related directly to a family's actual percentage of the Federal Poverty Level, and not in ranges as in 2023-2024. Check [2024-2025 EdChoice Expansion Award Amounts by Federal Poverty Level](#) to get an idea as to where you may fall. Some families will receive a little more and some a little less due to the awarding process for 2024-2025 as designated by law.

A family who is renewing a scholarship may choose between the Expansion Scholarship and the Traditional Scholarship IF the family qualifies for the Traditional Scholarship.

[2024-2025 Traditional EdChoice Fact Sheet](#)
[2024-2025 EdChoice Expansion Fact Sheet](#)

Is any other tuition assistance available to my family?

It is hoped that all families will take advantage of the opportunity Ohio EdChoice Scholarships provide, as they are funded by our Ohio taxes.

Additional opportunities for tuition assistance include:

- **Diocese of Youngstown Foundation Tuition Assistance Fund**
Information at: <https://doy.org/schools/parents/>
Apply at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>
Note: If an award is made from this fund, \$35.00 will be added to that award to cover the cost of application through FACTS Aid.
- **Good Samaritan Scholarship Fund:** The Diocese of Youngstown Scholarship Granting Organization.
Information at: <https://doy.org/giving>
Apply at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>
Donations to this fund have been designated to either general Diocesan student need OR to individual schools for use there.
- **Local Parish and School Aid Opportunities**
Apply locally or at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

The schools in the Diocese of Youngstown admit students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.