

EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023-2024 REQUEST FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION	***Student data MUST match the Birth Certificate***		
	NAME: _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)		
	DATE OF BIRTH: _____	LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____	GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE
	MOTHER'S MAIDEN LAST NAME: _____ NATIVE LANGUAGE: _____ ETHNICITY: _____		
	CITY OF BIRTH: _____ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2022-2023: _____ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2023-2024: _____		
	IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING KINDERGARTENER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO HAS THE STUDENT EVER ATTENDED ANY OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, WHERE?: (ANSWER BELOW)		
IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING HIGH SCHOOLER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DISTRICT: _____ BUILDING: _____ YEAR: _____			

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: _____		

SCHOOL INFORMATION	***Information MUST be completed to determine eligibility.***	
	My student is currently (Check only <u>one</u> box):	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending a public school	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending a charter/community school
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending a private school	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled (Never attended an Ohio school)
	<input type="checkbox"/> New to Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Pre-school
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Name of School the student is currently attending: _____		
Name of public school district you live in: _____		
Name of public school building the student would be assigned to for the 2023-2024 school year: _____		

Return to the private school with **student's birth certificate** AND a **current utility bill** showing matching service and mailing addresses.

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<p>***ATTENTION: Income verification is required for:</p> <p>1.) New Expansion Scholarship applicants who are eligible based on the household income criteria, and</p> <p>2.) All Scholarship applicants who want to be considered for low-income status.</p>	
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 first year and 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

Return to the private school with **student's birth certificate** AND a **current utility bill** showing matching service and mailing addresses.

EdChoice/Expansion Scholarship Programs 2023-2024 Acceptance Form

To finalize the acceptance of the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship, return this completed form to your participating private school within 30 days of receipt. Failure to submit this form to your private school may result in the termination of your scholarship.

Student Full Name _____

First-Year Applicant

Renewal Applicant

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Private School Name Open Door Christian Schools

Public School District _____

I accept the EdChoice/Expansion Scholarship. I have read and agree to abide by the regulations governing the Ohio Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice) Program. By accepting this scholarship, I acknowledge that I am declining/terminating any other scholarships that my child is currently receiving from the State of Ohio. I also acknowledge that my child cannot have more than one scholarship from the State of Ohio at any given time. If my child was previously enrolled in public school, community school, or participated in another state scholarship this fiscal year, the final award amount will be adjusted and may be less than the amount listed on the award notification. **The school will contact you when it receives the scholarship checks for you to sign. You will have 30 days to sign the check, failure to sign the check will result in you, the parent/guardian being responsible for paying the tuition.**

I decline the EdChoice/Expansion Scholarship.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PRIVATE SCHOOL. FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOLARSHIP.

*****This form must be maintained in the student file at the private school.*****

Your school has BLANK Acceptance Forms should you need one.

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



Scholarship Check Agreement 2023-2024

I, _____, acknowledge and agree that all EdChoice or
(Parent/Guardian's Name)

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship checks received by Open Door Christian Schools (hence forth referred to as "the school") for my student will be cashed by the school and applied to my student's tuition as long as my student remains enrolled. In the event that my student is officially withdrawn prior to the end of the school year, the school will notify EdChoice and the student's scholarship award will be prorated to the number of days the student was enrolled. My signature below serves as my endorsement of all scholarship checks received by the school for my student(s).

Parent/Guardian Signature*

Date

*Only the parent/guardian listed as the check signer on the scholarship request/renewal form is authorized to sign.