

January 4, 2017

Dear Preschool 4-year-old, Kindergarten, First Grade, Second and Third Grade Families,

We wanted to inform you of a scholarship that is available for students entering Kindergarten through Third grade for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Ohio Department of Education's EdChoice Expansion Scholarship is offering families who meet the following criteria, *an opportunity to apply for the scholarship to help pay towards the tuition cost*:

If your child is entering Kindergarten, First, Second or Third grade for the 2017-2018 school year, and your family household income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below, you can apply for the scholarship:

2015 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

Number in Family	Gross Annual Amount (200%)
1	\$23,540
2	\$31,860
3	\$40,180
4	\$48,500
5	\$56,820
6	\$65,140
7	\$73,460
8	\$81,780

For each additional person add: \$8,320

- Based on the number of people in your household, if your gross annual income is the amount listed on the chart above or less, then you might qualify for low income status.
- To determine if you qualify for low income status, you must have your income verified by the scholarship program staff.
- Income status determines priority for awarding scholarships. It also determines if your family will be responsible for paying any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.
- You can obtain the Income Verification Form from either your private school or the EdChoice website. Complete the form and mail it, along with copies of your income documents, to the address listed on the form. The EdChoice expansion scholarship is income-based. Families applying for the expansion scholarship must have their income verified each school year.

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If you meet the criteria listed above, please fill out the following forms found on the ODE website:

1. **Income Verification Request Form**: Please fill the form and send copies of the information requested. ***This form is mailed directly to the Ohio Department of Education at the address listed at the top of the form. Please do not send this form to the school.***

2. **The EdChoice Scholarship Program Request Form**: Please fill out this form and ***return it to the school with a copy of a current utility bill, (to show proof of address), and a copy of the child's birth certificate.***

Please return the scholarship request form as soon as possible. The information will be entered into the Ohio Department of Education's EdChoice Expansion database, and you will be notified by the state with an acceptance letter if you are awarded the scholarship.

If you have any questions, please call the office from 7:30-3:30, Monday through Friday.

Thank you.

Mrs. Oriti
Principal