

Ohio EdChoice Expansion Window Is Open – 2021-2022

Renewal Scholarships

The **EdChoice Expansion** application window for the **2021-2022** school year is now open and the forms are available below and on the ODE EdChoice website. EdChoice Expansion eligibility was recently changed to 250% of federal poverty guidelines. Please review the income eligibility document below the form links. Please contact Patty Tolloti at ptollot1i@cdeeducation.org with questions.

First Time Applicants

Fill out the application and **return it to the school office** with a current copy of a utility bill that shows BOTH the service address and the billing address. You will also need to send in a copy of your student's birth certificate.

The Income Verification Form must be filled out and returned to school with copies of your W2s or a copy of your 2020 tax return. If you choose to mail your Income Verification Form and documents directly to the Ohio Department of Education, please notify the school office so we know this step has been completed.

How to Renew

Students who are currently receiving an EdChoice scholarship can renew the scholarship for the following school year as long as they meet the financial requirements and they do not have more than 20 unexcused absences for the current school year. Please fill out the renewal application that was sent home with your student and **return it to the school office** with a current copy of a utility bill that shows BOTH the service address and the billing address.

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2021-2022 Income Eligibility Requirements for EdChoice-Expansion

Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (250%)	Gross Annual Amount (300%)	Gross Annual Amount (400%)
1	\$32,200	\$38,640	\$51,520
2	\$43,550	\$52,260	\$69,680
3	\$54,900	\$65,880	\$87,840
4	\$66,250	\$79,500	\$106,000
5	\$77,600	\$93,120	\$124,160
6	\$88,950	\$106,740	\$142,320
7	\$100,300	\$120,360	\$160,480
8	\$111,650	\$133,980	\$178,640
For each additional person add:	\$11,350	\$13,620	\$18,160

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation/US Dept of HHS

All families applying for an EdChoice-Expansion scholarship must have their income verified by the EdChoice Office. When applying for an EdChoice-Expansion scholarship for the first time, the total household income must be at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines (see chart above). All new EdChoice-Expansion applicants must have a household income of 250% or lower to be awarded a scholarship.

Families renewing their child's EdChoice-Expansion Scholarship for the next school year will be awarded an amount based on where their family's household income falls on the federal poverty guidelines:

- **0% - 250%** = full scholarship = maximum award of \$4,650 K-8, \$6,000 9-12
- **251% - 300%** = 75% of the scholarship = maximum award of \$3,487.50 K-8, \$4,500 9-12
- **301% - 400%** = 50% of the scholarship = maximum award of \$2,325 K-8, \$3,000 9-12
- **Over 400%** = cannot renew the scholarship

Expansion families with a household income of 250% or lower qualify for low income status. This means that the private school cannot charge these families for any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.

Expansion families with a household income of 251% or higher are responsible for paying any tuition difference not covered by the scholarship.