



SACRED HEART
OF JESUS | PARISH &
SCHOOL

2023-2024 TUITION & EDCHOICE INFORMATION

We are excited for you to take advantage of the changes made to the EdChoice Scholarship!

Every family is asked to apply, as each family will be qualified at one of the levels defined by the state for the upcoming school year. This will make tuition more affordable for every family!

As a part of these adjustments, knowing that tuition levels and financial aid arrangements are inextricably linked, the law provides nonpublic schools an additional window to revise their published tuition.

Our goal is to fully leverage scholarship opportunities to **keep tuition affordable to families**, while setting an appropriate tuition rate to more accurately reflect our true cost to educate.

To accomplish this we will be increasing our tuition for the upcoming school year and updating our tuition model from a discount model to a scholarship model, introducing a new scholarship application process.

Rest assured that, following all adjustments, your parental commitment (the amount you have agreed to pay for 23-24) **WILL NOT** increase and our goal is that it will be lower.

To ensure that tuition is more affordable for every family, **we request that each family apply for the EdChoice scholarship** this includes families that have been awarded an Angel Scholarship.

See the following pages for information on applying for the EdChoice Scholarship.

Instructions for completing the EdChoice Expansion Application

Steps to Apply:

1. Complete a **Scholarship Request Form**, along with proof of your current address and your child's birth certificate. For a list of the acceptable proof of address documents please see the attached **Acceptable Proof of Address Sheet**.
2. Turn the Scholarship Request Form proof of address document and birth certificate into the school or parish office. The school will then submit these forms to the State.
3. Review the **EdChoice Expansion Income Eligibility Requirements Sheet** to determine what amount of scholarship you will receive based on the income requirements for your household size. [Note: In addition to turning in the above forms to the school, new EdChoice Expansion applicants will need to complete the *income verification process online*. Renewing EdChoice Expansion families will not need to complete the income verification process each year, unless they would like to have their household income recalculated for their award amount.
4. Complete the Online Income Verification Process. See the **Income Verification Portal Quick Guide** for specific directions.
5. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will mail notifications regarding all scholarship decisions.
6. Scholarships will be applied and your final parent commitment amount will be communicated to you in a revised tuition agreement.

The reference documents mentioned above have been attached in an email from the school for your convenience. Links to these documents can also be found on the ODE website.

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>



FAQ

Who should apply for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship?

Every school family is asked to apply for the scholarship as every family will receive an award. This includes families that have been awarded and Angel Scholarship. Families who have already applied for EdChoice do not need to reapply. Families who already receive the Jon Peterson Scholarship do not need to apply.

Am I required to apply for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship?

While families are not required to take advantage of this new scholarship opportunity we strongly urge every family to apply as every family will benefit from this program.

Is there a deadline for applying?

Applications will be accepted by the State through June 2024 but any applications submitted after October 14th will receive a prorated amount based on how much of the school year remains. Also, the sooner you submit your materials the sooner we will be able to apply your scholarship to the new tuition agreement.

Where do I turn in my scholarship application and proof of residency?

You may drop these documents off at the parish office Monday - Friday from 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00 or at the school office beginning August 14th between 9:00 - 3:00.

In the case of separation or divorce which income should be used?

The custodial parent's information will be used during the application process. In the case of joint or shared custody the primary parent who enrolled the student at Sacred Heart should be the one to complete the application.

What if I have questions or need assistance with applying?

Contact the school front office with any questions you may have.

For additional information visit the State of Ohio website

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