

Ohio EdChoice

The State of Ohio created the [EdChoice Scholarship Program](#) to provide students from designated public schools and/or low-income families the opportunity to attend participating private schools. The program provides renewable EdChoice scholarships annually to eligible students. There are two EdChoice programs:

1. **Underperforming Public Schools:** These EdChoice Scholarships are awarded to students who would otherwise attend underperforming public schools. Review the current list of [Designated Public Schools](#) to see if your student might be eligible. (**Note: This list is updated annually in January.**) Scholarships are worth \$5,500 for each year of middle school (grades 6-8) and \$7,500 for each year of high school.
2. **Income-Based:** EdChoice Scholarships are also awarded to students whose custodial parent's household income is below 250% of the federal poverty level. Review this EdChoice [Income Chart](#) to see if your student meets the income criteria. (**Note: Income charts are updated every January.**) The public school building to which the student is assigned is not a factor; this is based solely on income. Parents must complete the required process and have their income verified by the state.

Important Notes about EdChoice:

- EdChoice Scholarship Applications for the 2022-23 school year open February 1, 2022. (To complete the enrollment process and fully participate in CVCA new student activities including class scheduling, all EdChoice applications and supporting materials must be submitted. We recommend applying for admission, CVCA financial aid, and Ohio EdChoice scholarships as soon as possible.)
- EdChoice Scholarship forms and eligibility charts are updated by the state every January. Be sure you are using the correct eligibility charts and forms for the program year in which you intend to apply.
- Ohio EdChoice scholarship funding is limited by the state budget.
- The EdChoice application process must be repeated each year.

How to Apply for an EdChoice Scholarship:

1. [Apply for Admission to CVCA](#). Students must be admitted to a private school prior to applying for an EdChoice Scholarship.
2. Complete CVCA's [Facts Grant & Aid Application](#) to be eligible for any **CVCA-provided** financial aid. This information can also help our Finance Office assist you with EdChoice questions. CVCA is not involved in the decision as to who is awarded EdChoice Scholarships.
3. If you believe your student may be eligible for an EdChoice Scholarship:

Based on an Underperforming Public School:

- Check the [Designated Public Schools List](#) to see if you qualify.
- If you qualify, complete an EdChoice [Scholarship Request Form](#).
- Send the request form, along with proof of current address and your child's birth certificate to mcomrie@cvcaroyals.org. CVCA will file the initial paperwork with the State of Ohio through the online secure application system ONLY available to the school. We encourage you to apply early for the most favorable consideration.

Based on Low-Income Status:

- Review this EdChoice [Income Chart](#) to see if you qualify for an EdChoice "Expansion Scholarship."
 - If you believe you qualify for Low Income Status, you are required by state law to verify the custodial parent's household income using the [Parent Income Verification Portal](#).
 - The CVCA Finance Office can help guide you through this process.
4. The state will review your documents/income and will then award the EdChoice scholarships. Award letters and forms are mailed to the parent(s).
 5. Complete, sign, and return your **EdChoice Scholarship Acceptance Form** to the CVCA Finance Office.
 6. The student must take state mandated achievement tests each year to renew his/her scholarship for the following year. (CVCA gives the PSAT in the Fall and the Terra Nova in the Spring.)
 7. Repeat this process annually to renew your student's scholarship.

HELPFUL LINKS:

[EdChoice Website](#)
[EdChoice Fact Sheet](#)