

## What's changing for Ohio EdChoice (OEC) Expansion Scholarships?

### SUBMITTING INCOME VERIFICATION THIS YEAR MAY REDUCE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) only require Income Verification to be submitted once per family. **If you submitted income verification for 2023-2024 or prior, you do NOT need to submit income verification for 2024-2025.\*** This gives you the flexibility to maximize your OEC scholarship by choosing whether or not to submit income verification:

- If you believe your federal poverty level (FPL) will increase (i.e., your income has increased and/or the number of members in your household decreased), you can choose **NOT** to submit income verification. DEW will automatically carry over your currently assigned FPL to the new school year.
- If you believe your FPL will decrease, you can submit income verification and be assigned a new FPL.

**CAUTION: If you submit income verification, it will permanently override your pre-existing FPL.** You should NOT submit income verification unless you are confident your FPL will decrease. If you submit income verification and your FPL increases, the new FPL will permanently override your family's old FPL. **This cannot be undone!** You would need to wait until the following school year to submit income again – which would only be helpful if your income is going to decline.

- **Do I need to submit income verification if I'm adding a new student?**  
Only if this is your first student applying for OEC for the first time. If you already have a child receiving OEC, you are NOT required to submit income verification.\*
- **Do I need to tell DEW that I'm not submitting income verification?**  
No. Your FPL from the current school year will automatically carry over to the next school year.
- **If I submit income verification this year and my FPL was increased, can I choose to go back to my old FPL?**  
No. Once you submit income verification, it will override the old FPL, which was going to be carried forward.
- **How do I calculate my FPL?**  
The EdChoice Scholarship Chart on our [website](#) can help you estimate the range of your FPL.

**\*The exception?** Low-income status (LIS) families who wish to requalify as LIS will need to submit income verification every year. If your family was LIS for 2023-2024, but you don't believe you'll qualify again for 2024-2025, please contact Matt Comrie at [mcomrie@cvcaroyals.org](mailto:mcomrie@cvcaroyals.org) to evaluate your situation.

### YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT MAY CHANGE, EVEN IF YOUR FPL STAYS THE SAME.

OEC Scholarship amounts for 2024-2025 will be awarded on a sliding scale based on your FPL.

Families with income at or below 450% of the federal poverty level (FPL) receive the full scholarship (\$8,408 for high school or \$6,166 for middle school). **The scholarship amount for families in those categories is not changing.**

Families with income between 450% to 783% will have their scholarship amount calculated differently. In 2023-2024, these families were grouped into one of six buckets, with each income group receiving an increasingly smaller scholarship. For 2024-2025, these scholarship amounts will be determined on a sliding scale, as shown [HERE](#). **Your scholarship amount may increase or decrease by up to \$1,100.**

Families with income at or above 783% FPL receive the minimum scholarship (\$840 for high school and \$616 for middle school).

To determine how this would impact your family:

- Find your current FPL % in your Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) portal. Log in [HERE](#) and open the Income Verification app.
- Once you have the FPL, look on the scale [HERE](#) to find your estimated scholarship amount for 2024-2025.
- You can find your 2023-2024 OEC scholarship amount by logging into your FACTS tuition account.

If you have any questions or need assistance in evaluating your situation, please contact Matt Comrie at [mcomrie@cvcaroyals.org](mailto:mcomrie@cvcaroyals.org).