



## OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP EXPANSION PROGRAM – GRADES K-12

Ohio EdChoice provides students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship opportunities based on their household income level. Families at or below the 200% federal poverty level are eligible for low-income status. Families with low-income status do not pay the difference between the scholarship amount and the LCA tuition amount. See next page for income eligibility requirements and scholarship amounts.

1. Submit EdChoice Scholarship Program 2023-2024 Request Form (one per child on scholarship).
  - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
2. Submit a copy of the student's birth certificate (and any additional proof of custody if needed).
  - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
3. Submit proof of address (one per family).
  - Proof of address must match the name and address on your EdChoice Scholarship Form.
  - Proof of address must show BOTH your mailing and service address.
  - Proof of address must be current (in the last 3 months).
  - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
4. Submit Legacy Christian Academy EdChoice Scholarship Agreement Form (one per family).
  - Turn this form into the LCA main office.
5. Create an OH-ID account and submit your income information online.
  - Important resources for submitting your income online:  
<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>

Please contact Erin Blake with any questions at [eblake@legacyknights.org](mailto:eblake@legacyknights.org) or 937-352-1388.



# EDCHOICE EXPANSION INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023-2024

Federal Poverty Levels with Gross Annual Amounts								
Number in Family/ Household	200%	450%	500%	550%	600%	650%	700%	750%
1	\$29,160	\$65,610	\$72,900	\$80,190	\$87,480	\$94,770	\$102,060	\$109,350
2	\$39,440	\$88,740	\$98,600	\$108,460	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900
3	\$49,720	\$111,870	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450
4	\$60,000	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000
5	\$70,820	\$158,130	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550
6	\$80,560	\$181,260	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,960	\$302,100
7	\$90,840	\$249,809	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650
8	\$101,120	\$278,079	\$252,800	\$278,080	\$303,360	\$328,640	\$353,920	\$379,200
For each additional person add:	\$10,280	\$23,130	\$25,700	\$28,270	\$30,840	\$33,410	\$35,980	\$38,550

Source: Office of the Asst. Secretary for Planning & Eval/US Dept of HHS

All first-time EdChoice Expansion applicants must have their income verified by the Office of Nonpublic Educational Options. Scholarships for EdChoice Expansion are awarded based on the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of a family's household. If a family's household income is at or below 450 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, they will be awarded the maximum scholarship amount. If a family's household income is at or above 451 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, the student's scholarship award will be prorated based on the chart below.

Federal Poverty Level	Award Amount for Grades K-8	Award Amount for Grades 9-12
0 – 450%	\$6,165	\$8,407
451 - 500%	\$5,200	\$7,050
501 - 550%	\$3,650	\$5,000
551 - 600%	\$2,600	\$3,550
601 - 650%	\$1,850	\$2,500
651 - 700%	\$1,300	\$1,750
701 - 750%	\$900	\$1,250
751% or higher	\$650	\$950

*NOTE: Any application submitted after October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will be awarded at a prorated amount based on how much of the school year remains after the date of the student's enrollment in the private school.*

The scholarship can only be used to pay tuition. Parents and/or guardians may have to pay registration fees, material fees and other similar types of fees. Families who qualify for low-income status (at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines) do not have to pay any tuition beyond the amount of the scholarship. If the private school's tuition is higher than the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship amount and the family does not qualify for low-income status, the family may have to pay the difference.



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### Legacy Christian Academy EdChoice Scholarship Agreement

#### Tuition and Fees

The parents of EdChoice Expansion Scholarship recipients are responsible for the following fees:

#### **TUITION**

EdChoice awards scholarship amounts based on the federal poverty level chart below, based on household size:

Federal Poverty Level	Award Amount for Grades K-8	Award Amount for Grades 9-12
0 – 450%	\$6,165	\$8,407
451 – 500%	\$5,200	\$7,050
501 – 550%	\$3,650	\$5,000
551 – 600%	\$2,600	\$3,550
601 – 650%	\$1,850	\$2,500
651 – 700%	\$1,300	\$1,750
701 – 750%	\$900	\$1,250
751% or higher	\$650	\$950

- The following income requirements are in place for the scholarship:
  - 0 – 200% - Full scholarship (Low Income Status) - parent does not pay remaining tuition
  - 201%-450% - Full scholarship - parent pays remaining tuition
  - 451% and higher- Prorated scholarship - parent pays remaining tuition
  - EdChoice families can apply for LCA Financial Aid (based on need) for up to 50% of the remaining tuition.

**Please note: The Ohio Department of Education issues checks for your child's tuition monthly during the school year. The checks are mailed to the school and issued in the name of the primary parent listed on the application and the school. It is your responsibility to come to the school to endorse the check when you are notified that it has been received. There is a limited Power of Attorney (POA) form available for you to sign if you would like the school to sign the EdChoice checks on your behalf. We have a notary available on site.**

#### **PSA**

Per Student Assessment covers a variety of academic materials, facility costs, and student life events. This charge **is not** covered by the scholarship.

#### **6th-12th GRADE ATHLETIC/DRAMA PARTICIPATION FEES**

The 6th-12th grade athletic participation fee is \$175 per student per sport with a family athletic participation fee cap of \$700. The 6th-12th grade drama participation fee is \$175 per student per production. Participation fee(s) will be added to your FACTS account as a separate line item. Payment can be made directly through your FACTS account, or you can request the fee be added in with your monthly tuition/PSA payment by contacting the Business Office at 937-352-1660.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

A supply list will be posted on our website ([www.legacyknights.org](http://www.legacyknights.org)). These items should be sent with your child to Meet-the-Teacher night or on the first day of school.

#### **UNIFORMS (GRADES K-12)**

Uniform items with the LCA logo must be purchased from an LCA approved vendor (Lands' End or Educational Apparel) and be in compliance with the school's dress code policy (see Parent/Student Handbook).

### Provision of Special Services

- LCA participates in the National School Lunch Program. Students who qualify may receive lunch at no cost or at a reduced rate.
- We do not provide Before and After School Care. Students can arrive no earlier than 7:15 a.m. or be on campus no later than 3:30 p.m. unless participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities.

### Transportation

- Please contact your local school district to inquire about available busing options. If transportation cannot be provided by your school district, parents may be eligible to receive a financial stipend from their respective school district.
- Because there is no guarantee that bus transportation will be provided and because this information will not be made available until shortly before school begins, it is the family's responsibility to have a secondary plan that provides transportation to and from school each day.

### Attendance

- The Ohio Department of Education will not renew EdChoice scholarships if a student has more than 20 unexcused absences during the school year.
- Student absences must be reported to the Main Office no later than 8:30 a.m.
- An absence will be considered excused if it meets the criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education for the EdChoice Program and if a parental note or email explaining the absence is sent to the Main Office.
- Absences for an illness that exceeds 3 consecutive days must be documented by a physician's excuse.

### The following documentation is required for submitting a New EdChoice Scholarship Application:

- Proof of address (copy of recent utility bill in the parent's name). If the parent(s) and child live with another individual, additional documentation will be required.
- Copy of the child's birth certificate
- Custody documentation (if applicable)
- EdChoice Scholarship Program Request Form
- Income Verification submitted online.
- Attach and submit a signed copy of this form with your application to the LCA office.

### The following documentation is required for submitting a Renewal EdChoice Scholarship Application:

- EdChoice Scholarship Program Renewal Form
- Proof of address (copy of recent utility bill in the parent's name). If the parent(s) and child(ren) live with another individual, additional documentation will be required.
- Attach and submit a signed copy of this form with your application to the LCA office.

**I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the above information.**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form applies to the following students (Name/Grade):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUEST FORM 2023-2024

<b>STUDENT INFORMATION</b>	<b>***Student data MUST match the Birth Certificate***</b>		
	NAME: _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)		
	DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____		GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE
	MOTHER'S MAIDEN LAST NAME: _____ NATIVE LANGUAGE: _____ ETHNICITY: _____		
	CITY OF BIRTH: _____ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2022-2023: _____ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2023-2024: _____		
	IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING KINDERGARTENER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO HAS THE STUDENT EVER ATTENDED ANY OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, WHERE?: (ANSWER BELOW) IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING HIGH SCHOOLER? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DISTRICT: _____ BUILDING: _____ YEAR: _____		
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS</b>			
I AM THE (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Student who is at least eighteen years of age <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds (court documents or Affidavit of Eligibility required)			
<b>PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN</b>	NAME: _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)		
	DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____		
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____		
	CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ COUNTY: _____		
	PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____		
	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____		
<b>SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN</b>	NAME: _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)		
	DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____		
	PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____		
	CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ COUNTY: _____		
	PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____		
	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____		
<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>	<b>***Information MUST be completed to determine eligibility.***</b>		
	My student is currently (Check only <u>one</u> box):		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending a public school <input type="checkbox"/> Attending a charter/community school		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attending a private school <input type="checkbox"/> Homeschooled (Never attended an Ohio school)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> New to Ohio <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Pre-school		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Name of School the student is currently attending: _____			
Name of public school district you live in: _____			
Name of public school building the student would be assigned to for the 2023-2024 school year: _____			

Return to the private school with student's birth certificate and a current utility bill showing matching service and mailing addresses.



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<p><b>***ATTENTION:</b> Income verification is required for New Expansion Scholarship applicants. Income verification is not required to apply for a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship. Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship.</p>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<p><b>***Check below to indicate your intent to complete the income verification process.***</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>, I believe that I qualify for low-income status. To complete the Income Verification process, parents may submit online using the <a href="#">secure Income Verification system</a> or <a href="#">click here</a> to complete and mail the paper form. Emailing documents is not permitted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>, I am not interested in applying for low-income status. I either: 1) do not qualify for low-income status; or 2) do not want my income verified by the program.</p>
<b>ADDRESS VERIFICATION</b>	<p><b>***Proof of residency is required of all first year and renewal applicants and must be submitted to the school with the application.***</b></p> <p>Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the school with a current (less than 90 days old) utility bill. The utility (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet) bill <b>must show matching service and mailing address</b> in the name of the parent/guardian. Post office boxes (except in rural areas where residents only have a PO Box) and cell phone bills have no service address and therefore are not accepted.</p> <p><i>Other Acceptable Documents:</i> A monthly mortgage statement (less than 90 days old) <b>or</b> lease/rental agreement (signed by lessee and lessor) <b>and</b> a piece of current business mail (examples: pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc) with parent/guardian's name and address.</p> <p>***Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">scholarship webpage</a>.***</p>

### 2023-2024 EDCHOICE PARENT AGREEMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_ AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:  
(Parent Name)

- The information provided in this application is true and correct.
- I have supplied the chartered nonpublic school with a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, copies of all custody/guardianship documentation for the student, and proof of my address.
- I have submitted only one EdChoice application for this student.
- The scholarship amount shall only be applied to the tuition of the enrolling school, and I may be required to pay other fees and costs as prescribed by the policies of the school.
- I will sign all scholarship checks received by the private school for my student in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to endorse the scholarship checks to the school, I will be responsible for paying the student's tuition.
- If I transfer my scholarship to another participating chartered nonpublic school, I will notify the school of my intent to withdraw and I will return to the original school to sign any remaining checks.
- I will apply for any and all financial aid or tuition discounts and adjustments made regularly available to the students attending the school in which the student is accepted for enrollment.
- I will abide by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) dispute resolution process outlined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-11-14.
- If I am not a low-income parent or did not complete the income verification process, I will be responsible for paying any difference between the scholarship amount and the tuition of the chartered nonpublic school.
- I must inform ODE and the chartered nonpublic school of any change in the student's residential address or custody status.
- I will not be able to renew my child's scholarship if: 1) my family moves to another public school district unless my child would be assigned to an EdChoice designated public school in the new district (applicable only to students who were initially awarded a scholarship based on an EdChoice designated building); 2) my child does not complete all required assessments; 3) my child has more than 20 unexcused absences for the school year; or 4) I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child received an EdChoice Expansion scholarship, I must maintain Ohio residency.
- I have received and understand the policy handbook of the chartered nonpublic school and will abide by its provisions.
- I understand that if my child's scholarship has been awarded in error, it will be terminated immediately, and I would then be responsible for paying the tuition if I decide to keep my child at the private school.

I designate \_\_\_\_\_ to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program  
(Name of Private School)

through the Ohio Department of Education's electronic application system. By signing below, I agree to the above statements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian signing the tuition check

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

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