

# PARENT GUIDE



## IMPORTANT DATES

### EdChoice Expansion Scholarship

Begins **February 1, 2021** - Ends **April 30, 2021**

The second application period begins July 1, 2020 and will remain open. However, **parents are encouraged to apply early**, in the first application round.

### Traditional EdChoice Scholarship

Begins **March 2, 2021** - Ends **May 15, 2021**

## STEP 1: WORK WITH YOUR SCHOOL TO APPLY

Families must contact St. Edward School and complete the enrollment process. Once students have been accepted for fall 2021, they may apply for an EdChoice Scholarship or EdChoice Expansion Scholarship through St. Edward School. St. Edward School enters scholarship applications for students through the secure online application system

## **STEP 2: DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY**

**Students may be eligible for the EdChoice "Expansion" scholarship if they meet the following criteria:**

- Family household income is at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**The following students are eligible to apply for an EdChoice scholarship:**

- Those enrolled in and attending EdChoice public school buildings in their districts of residence;
- Students enrolled in and attending community schools who would otherwise be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings;
- Students enrolled in and attending public schools in their districts of residence who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings for the upcoming year;
- Students enrolling in Ohio schools for the first time who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings; or
- Students eligible to enter kindergarten in fall of 2021 (and who will be 5 years old by January 1, 2022) who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings.

Your student may be eligible for an EdChoice Traditional scholarship if your student resides in a district with EdChoice designated public school buildings, or is assigned to an EdChoice designated public school building for 2021-2022. Review the link below:

### Eligibility Charts:

- [Incoming Kindergarten student who turns 5 years old by 1/1/2022](#)
- [Public School Student K-12](#)
- [Student New to Ohio](#)
- [Community School Student](#)
- [Home-Schooled Student](#)
- [Nonpublic School Student](#)
- [EdChoice Expansion \(not traditional EdChoice eligible\)](#)

It has been said that complexity is the barrier to hope - do not be discouraged, ***Catholic schools are Disciples with Hope to Bring!*** We understand this process can be overwhelming, and we are happy to accompany you through the process, including offering support in determining eligibility. ***Parents are encouraged to reach out to the administration of St. Edward School as they begin the scholarship process.***

"Parents who have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children must enjoy true liberty in their choice of schools. Consequently, the public power, which has the obligation to protect and defend the rights of citizens, must see to it, in its concern for distributive justice, that public subsidies are paid out in such a way that parents are truly free to choose according to their conscience the schools they want for their children."

# EdChoice scholarship application documents for parents and schools:

- [2021-2022 EdChoice Fact Sheet](#)
- [EdChoice Request Form / Spanish Version](#)
- [EdChoice Renewal Form / Spanish Version](#)
- [EdChoice Income Verification Form / Spanish Version](#)
- [Federal Poverty Guidelines for Traditional EdChoice](#)
- [EdChoice Expansion Income Guidelines](#)