



July 10, 2023

Dear Families,

On July 3, 2023, Ohio Governor DeWine signed the biennial budget bill. In it, there are many provisions that affect our Catholic schools. One of these includes expanding the educational options for all Ohio families. Effective for the 2023-2024 school year, every family in Ohio will be eligible to receive some type of scholarship to attend a participating private school. The scholarship award amount is based on a family’s gross adjusted income (found on line 11 of one’s 1040 tax form). Families who make 450% or less of the Federal Poverty guidelines are eligible for the full scholarship; families who make more than 450% are eligible for a partial scholarship. The scholarship amount gradually decreases as income increases. However, there is **no cut off of household income level** to receive a scholarship.

Please review the income chart below to gauge your eligibility level.

2023-2024 Federal Poverty Level Percentages for Annual Income								
Number in Household	200%	450%	500%	550%	600%	650%	700%	750%
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	\$ 70,280	\$ 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	\$ 204,390	\$ 227,100	\$ 249,810	\$ 272,520	\$ 295,230	\$ 317,940	\$ 340,650
8	\$ 101,120	\$ 227,520	\$ 252,800	\$ 278,080	\$ 303,360	\$ 328,640	\$ 353,920	\$ 379,200
9	\$ 111,400	\$ 250,650	\$ 278,500	\$ 306,350	\$ 334,200	\$ 362,050	\$ 389,900	\$ 417,750
10	\$ 121,680	\$ 273,780	\$ 304,200	\$ 334,620	\$ 365,040	\$ 395,460	\$ 425,880	\$ 456,300
For Each Additional Person Add:	\$ 10,280	\$ 23,130	\$ 25,700	\$ 28,270	\$ 30,840	\$ 33,410	\$ 35,980	\$ 38,550

Please see the chart below to determine the scholarship award amount based on the poverty level:

Scholarship Award Amounts by Poverty Level								
	450% or less	451-500%	501-550%	551-600%	601-650%	651-700%	701-750%	751% or greater
Elementary K-8	\$ 6,165	\$ 5,200	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,300	\$ 900	\$ 650
High School 9-12	\$ 8,407	\$ 7,050	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,250	\$ 950

CURRENT EDCHOICE RECIPIENTS PLEASE NOTE: This legislation has no impact on families already receiving EdChoice, and those who have completed an EdChoice application for 2023-2024 **need take no further action.**

The process for **NEW FAMILIES** to apply includes these steps:

- Fill out a two-page application (attached to this email)
- Locate a current **FULL** utility bill **including proof of address on the bill**
- Located the birth certificate of your student
- Verify your income with the state of Ohio by submitting a form through the mail (form and instructions are attached to this email) or, preferably, by creating an account on www.ohid.ohio.gov and uploading an income document online.
- Scan the two-page application, full utility bill, and birth certificate to mswint@lialschool.org, or drop off all three documents to school in an envelope. (You can place the documents in the black mailbox closest to the Primary front doors or in the large blue bin on the front porch.)

Other Important Notes:

1. To qualify for the scholarship the student and parent/guardian must reside in Ohio. There are **no restrictions** based on public school district of residence.
2. To qualify, the Ohio Department of Education must be able to verify your income. As such, documentation provided to ODE must be acceptable and complete.
3. Apply now. It is expected that ODE will receive MANY applications, and they will be reviewed in the order received. Once approved, ODE will notify you of the scholarship award, including the amount.
4. Specific questions can be emailed to Dr. B. at dbloomquist@lialschool.org.

Peace always,

Ms. Cherry