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EDCHOICE/CLEVELAND TRAINING SESSION

Welcome! During our time together, please:

1. Refer to the 2024-2025 Fact Sheets
2. Microphones and video cameras are disabled
3. Use chat feature to ask questions



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SESSION TOPICS

- ***SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY***
 - Cleveland
 - EdChoice - Traditional
 - EdChoice - Expansion
- ***STUDENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION BEST PRACTICES***
- ***QUESTIONS***

CLEVELAND SCHOLARSHIP

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students residing in Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD)
- Students entering any grades K-12
- *NOTE:* Students meeting these eligibility requirements are not eligible for EdChoice

REQUIREMENTS TO RENEW:

- Continue residing in CMSD
- Complete required assessments

More information about the [Cleveland Scholarship](#), including the Fact Sheet can be found on the Department's website

CLEVELAND SCHOLARSHIP

Recent Changes

- Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, chartered nonpublic schools anywhere in the state are eligible to become Cleveland Scholarship providers.
- The value of the scholarship is tied to the school district base cost; the scholarship amount changes when the base cost changes

EDCHOICE-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students assigned to a designated building based on residency
- Students meeting sibling criteria
- Students meeting foster or kinship care criteria

REQUIREMENTS TO RENEW:

- If meeting designated building criteria, reside in same district or move where assigned to another designated building
- Complete required assessments
- No more than 20 unexcused absences

More information and resources about the [EdChoice Traditional Scholarship](#) can be found on the Department's website

EDCHOICE-EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIPS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- New student applicants must have family income verified
- Award amounts based on family federal poverty level (FPL)

REQUIREMENTS TO RENEW

- Complete required assessments
- No more than 20 unexcused absences

More information and resources about the [EdChoice Expansion Scholarship](#) can be found on the Department's website



IMPORTANT: EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP



Income: The scholarship application **MUST** be completed **and submitted by** the school **before** the income verification is **submitted** by the parent. Please communicate this to your families.



This allows the income to link automatically to the scholarship application.

RECENT CHANGES FOR EDCHOICE PROGRAMS

STARTING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:	STARTING IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families eligible for both EdChoice-Traditional and EdChoice-Expansion may choose their program (previously required to choose Traditional)• All families residing in Ohio are eligible for some amount of the Expansion Scholarship• Income Affidavit available to families not required to file taxes• Sibling criteria eliminated from Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Award amounts more specific based on family income• Income Affidavit available to families with no income of any kind• Fewer Traditional program criteria

STUDENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- ***All student applications are submitted by the school***
 1. You must be a principal or a nominator ([Link to directions for assigning roles in OEDS](#))
 2. All applications must have the following uploaded to the Docs tab:
 - Scanned application form
 - Birth Certificate
 - Proof of Address
 3. Many also require custody documents

STUDENT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Best Practices for Submitting Student Applications:

- Information in system
- Proof of Address
- Proof of Custody

INFORMATION IN SYSTEM

- **Student Tab:**

- Information must match birth certificate
- Information that does not match may delay review completion and the SSID process
- Student middle names do not always save. Always verify the student tab is accurate and add the middle name if necessary (uncheck box)

*Middle Name

Student has no middle name

- **Application Tab:**

- In Traditional, when qualifying based on assigned building, confirm district and school with the [School Assignment Area Tool for Designated Schools](#)

PROOF OF ADDRESS REMINDERS

1

Must contain both
billing and service
addresses

*A utility bill typically
includes both*

2

Documents that do
not include both the
billing and service
addresses are not
accepted

3

If submitting a
mortgage or lease
statement, it must be
accompanied by a
piece of business mail

PROOF OF CUSTODY

- Under Ohio law, custody defaults to the birth mother
- If a father applies without listing the birth mother as residing in the household, documentation of custody is required
- Fathers and other guardians may supply:
 - Court documents signed by a judge or magistrate naming them as the residential parent for school purposes OR
 - [2024-2025 Affidavit of Eligibility for a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship](#)
 - May only be used in EdChoice-Traditional
 - Fathers may select option “D”



WHERE TO FIND STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

Step-by-step directions on how to submit a student application are in the ***Student Application Manual***. This document is in the scholarship system under the User Manuals and Forms tab as shown below.



HELPFUL LINKS

[Cleveland Scholarship Resources](#)

[EdChoice Traditional Resources](#)

[EdChoice Expansion Resources](#)

[How to Assign Roles in OEDS](#)



QUESTIONS?

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