

2017-2018 Cleveland Scholarship Program Fact Sheet

WHAT IS OHIO'S CLEVELAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

The Cleveland Scholarship Program (CSP) provides educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade, which gives students the opportunity to attend private schools in Cleveland. The State will provide reimbursement for tuition to help pay the cost of attending these schools. Even if your child already attends one of these schools, you may be eligible to apply for the program.

WHEN WILL CLEVELAND APPLICATIONS BE ACCEPTED?

The application opens February 1, 2017 and closes April 30, 2017. The Ohio Department of Education will open the Cleveland Scholarship Application through its secure, Web-based system. Staff members of the participating private schools have access to the system and will help parents/guardians apply for the scholarship by entering information into the online system. For a list of private schools go to: <https://scholarship.ode.state.oh.us/provider>.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE CLEVELAND SCHOLARSHIP?

Students who reside within the boundaries of the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) and will be entering kindergarten through twelfth grade in the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to apply. Awards are made based on several criteria as written Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.975b. The law requires students from low income families be given award priority. If necessary, a wait list of applicants is maintained based on the date an application is received, and income level.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The maximum amount of the scholarship for K-8 is currently \$4,250.00 and high school is \$5,700.00. Each school has different tuition amounts. Depending on the amount of the school's tuition, the state will pay up to the designated amount. If the tuition is more than the scholarship amounts, the parent may be responsible for the difference.

WILL PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAVE TO PAY ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY?

If the family's income is above 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines or if the student is in grades 9-12, the family may have to pay the difference or participate in volunteer service activities as payment in lieu of cash. Parents/guardians are also responsible for registration fees, materials fees and other related expenses. The scholarship amount only covers school tuition.

ONCE THE STUDENT RECEIVES THE SCHOLARSHIP, HOW LONG CAN THEY CONTINUE TO ATTEND THE PRIVATE SCHOOL?

Once a student receives a Cleveland Scholarship, he or she must renew each school year through 12th grade. Parents/guardians must verify their residence remains in the Cleveland Municipal School District to remain eligible for the program.