

EdChoice: Empowering Parents Today for the Future

The Ohio Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program provides students throughout the State of Ohio the opportunity to attend participating private schools for **little or no cost**. Enacted in 2005 to serve families living in underperforming school districts, the program has since expanded to provide **increased opportunities** to **ALL** Ohio families with scholarships up to \$6,166 for K-8 and \$8,408 for grades 9-12.

Due to the recent changes in the state's biennial budget, families 450% or below of the Federal Poverty Guideline are eligible for the full EdChoice scholarship amount. Families above 450% will be eligible for a portion of the scholarship, dependent on their income and family size.

MAX SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

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9-12: \$8,408/student

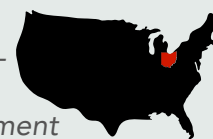
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What are Federal Poverty Guidelines?

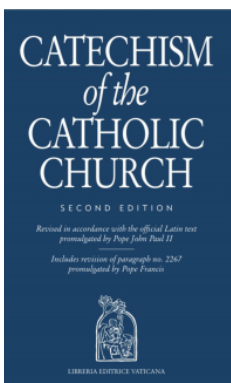
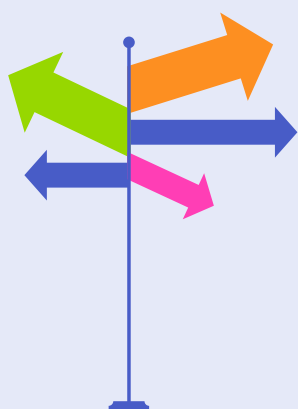
The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the statistical thresholds used by U.S. Census Bureau for calculating the number of people in poverty. Poverty guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to **determine financial eligibility** for certain programs and vary by family size. In 2023, a family of four (4) at 450% of the Federal Poverty Guideline has a **gross income of \$135,000/year**.



School Choice is NOT a New Concept!

There are over **75 educational choice programs** in 32 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, including **8 right here in Ohio!**

- ☒ EdChoice Scholarship
- ☒ Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship
- ☒ Ohio Tax Credit Scholarship (SGO)
- ☒ Autism Scholarship



The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states, "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children," and, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. The right is fundamental."

Making a high-quality, unapologetically Catholic education affordable for families is one of the foremost priorities for the Diocese of Columbus.

Scan the QR code to learn more about EdChoice and all of the scholarship opportunities available!



"Too often Catholic Americans fail to appreciate that they have a right to subsidies for their schools because these institutions provide a service to society."

-The Holy See

Why EdChoice?

Simply, the EdChoice scholarship provides parents with the opportunity to **choose the school** that is best-suited for their child(ren) based on the **factors most important** to them.

TOP FACTORS WHY PARENTS CHOOSE A PRIVATE EDUCATION*

40.8%

Academic Quality or Reputation

29.6%

Safe Environment

28.7%

Morals/Character/Values Instruction

27.3%

Structure/Discipline

*Source: EdChoice, 2022 Schooling in America Survey (conducted April 7–May 16, 2022)