



SCHOOL
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OHIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

HELPING KIDS ACROSS THE BUCKEYE STATE

“Parents should have a choice when it comes to their children’s education.” — Shari, parent

Across Ohio, thousands of parents are using state-funded scholarships to send their children to the school they choose. Through Ohio’s three scholarship programs, parents are able to direct a portion of the tax money that is designated for their child’s education. These scholarships save taxpayer money and grow in popularity every year. Around 20,000 students use them to get the education they need to reach their potential.

Private schools that participate in the state’s scholarship programs are screened by the Ohio Department of Education and must adhere to the Ohio Schools Operating Standards.

CLEVELAND · SCHOLARSHIP · AND · TUTORING · PROGRAM

Created in 1995

“We were just waiting on the edge of our seats to see what the Supreme Court would say. After the scholarship was approved, I went right away to sign up my son. The scholarship gives him an advantage in his future – in school, college, and beyond.” — Debra, parent

- Nearly 9,000 Cleveland students receive private school scholarships or tutoring assistance
- All students in grades K-8 that live in the Cleveland School District are eligible; low-income families have first priority
- Families can choose from more than 40 schools citywide
- Scholarship maximum is \$3,105 and parents are required to pay at least 10% of the tuition costs
- Known nationally for its role in a landmark Supreme Court case that ruled vouchers are constitutional, even when used in religious schools.

AUTISM · SCHOLARSHIP

Created in 2003

“The Ohio Autism Scholarship Program allows me to set up my daughter’s education program with the techniques and procedures that I have seen benefit her the most.” — Nancy, parent

- 1,300 students in 50 of Ohio’s 88 counties use the Autism Scholarship
- Any student on the autism spectrum ages 3-22 is eligible to participate
- Families can choose from 200+ private schools, therapists, and agencies
- Worth up to \$20,000 per year – \$10,000 less than public schools receive for the students
- The number of students with autism in Ohio has doubled from 5,000 to 10,000 in the past five years

EDUCATIONAL · CHOICE · SCHOLARSHIP · (EDCHOICE)

Created in 2005

“I wish my old friends could come here and see how much fun learning can really be. Thanks, Ohio EdChoice, for making it possible for me.” — Brandon, 5th grade student

- More than 12,000 students in 39 school districts statewide use the EdChoice Scholarship
- Scholarships are reserved for students in the state’s lowest-rated public schools.
- Families can choose from more than 300 private schools statewide
- Scholarship maximum is \$5,000, half of the statewide average per pupil cost of more than \$10,000
- 80% of African-American parents surveyed by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute in 2009 want EdChoice to continue or be expanded.