

# Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program

Saint Ignatius School is an Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program participant beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

## Time Sensitive!!

What you need to know to apply! EdChoice applications will be processed by the Ohio Department of Education on a First Come - First Served basis. The following FIVE steps are necessary to apply.

### 1 Determine your eligibility

Visit: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program/> to determine if you are eligible to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship Program.

### 2 Download the application

Download the application from the Saint Ignatius website. Go to [www.https://sainti.org/school/prospective-families/tuition-financial-aid/](http://www.https://sainti.org/school/prospective-families/tuition-financial-aid/) The application is not available until after January 27,

### 3 Complete application and gather required documentation

Complete the application and gather ALL required documentation

#### **EdChoice Traditional**

- Completed and SIGNED EdChoice Application
- Student's Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency (recent utility bill - power, phone, or cable) No more than three months old.
- In the top right hand corner of your application, please list the beginning date of your residency in your public school district.

**The EdChoice Expansion Program** will require all of the above documentation, PLUS an Income Verification form that you will submit to the Ohio Department of Education.

- Income Verification Form - You will mail this to the State of Ohio.

### 4 Turn in application & documentation to Saint Ignatius

Turn in your EdChoice application and documentation to Saint Ignatius School as soon as possible. Saint Ignatius will begin submitting applications on February 1st.

\*IMPORTANT: APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ONCE ALL REQUIRED FORMS ARE RETURNED\*

### 5 Wait for notification from the State of Ohio

The Ohio Department of Education makes the decision as to who is awarded the EdChoice Scholarships based on the application paperwork and will communicate any scholarship information to your family directly.

#### **WHAT IS EDCHOICE?**

The Traditional EdChoice Scholarship Program provides State of Ohio funded scholarships to Ohio students who would otherwise attend underperforming schools. This program is based on the student's residence. In addition, the EdChoice Expansion Program is solely based on a student's family income. This income based program provides scholarships to students whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, regardless of residence. These scholarships are only available to Ohio residents.