



Tuition & Scholarships Information Session

8/10/2023

What is EdChoice?

- EdChoice a state-funded scholarship granted to every K-12 student in the state of Ohio.
- EdChoice **Traditional** – This scholarship is awarded to families who live in a qualifying school district. This is not new to the state of Ohio and has been available since 2005. Note: Students entering grades K-6 who would be assigned to EdChoice public school buildings regardless of where they attended school the previous year.
- EdChoice **Expansion** – Any Family that does not live in a qualifying school district is now eligible for an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. This was signed on July 3, 2023 by Governor Mike DeWine and makes the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship universally available to every Ohio student.
- Maximum scholarship for students in grades K-8 is currently \$6,165.00

Who is eligible?- **ALL OHIO FAMILIES ARE NOW ELIGIBLE**

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2023-2024 EdChoice Eligibility & Awards

Household 2022 Adjusted Gross Income (Line 11 of Form 1040)								
Household Size	450% FPL	500% FPL	550% FPL	600% FPL	650% FPL	700% FPL	750% FPL	Above 750% FPL
2	\$88,740	\$98,600	\$108,460	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900	\$147,900 +
3	\$111,870	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450	\$186,450 +
4	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000	\$225,000 +
5	\$158,130	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550	\$263,550 +
6	\$181,260	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,960	\$302,100	\$302,100 +
7	\$204,390	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650	\$340,650 +
8	\$227,520	\$252,800	\$278,080	\$303,360	\$328,640	\$353,920	\$379,200	\$379,200 +
Per Child Award Amount	K-8: \$6,165 9-12: \$8,407	K-8: \$5,200 9-12: \$7,050	K-8: \$3,650 9-12: \$5,000	K-8: \$2,600 9-12: \$3,550	K-8: \$1,850 9-12: \$2,500	K-8: \$1,300 9-12: \$1,750	K-8: \$900 9-12: \$1,250	K-8: \$650 9-12: \$950

*Percentages based on 2023 Federal Poverty Levels (FPL)

Eligibility is based on assigned public school building/grade (Traditional) OR income level (Expansion). We will help you determine which program your family qualifies for.

What does this mean for St. Sebastian families?

- Students whose family income is at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or about \$135,000 for a family of 4, are eligible to receive the full scholarship amount **or** families living in a qualifying underperforming school grades K-6.
- A student whose family income is above 450% FPL is eligible for a scholarship which decreases on a sliding scale. For example, a family of four with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$180,000 could receive \$2,600 per child.
- A significant percentage of our current students are eligible for a full scholarship to attend St. Sebastian.
- Every student is eligible for a minimum amount of \$650.

Why is St. Sebastian now accepting EdChoice?

- Because we believe families are our foundation. The scholarship makes St. Sebastian Parish School affordable for all families who desire a Catholic education.
- Joining 98% of Diocesan Schools by becoming a Designated Provider school.
- This program will put significant money back in our parents' pockets this school year.
- Allows us to reinvest resources/funds to where they are needed most within the school and church budget.
- This law also sets minimum salary standards for teachers which will help us start to close the gap between our tremendous staff and their public-school counterparts.

How will this impact the number of students at St. Sebastian?

- We will only accept students if we have available seats in their grade level.
- We consider ourselves full at 18 students per class with a capacity of 22 students.
- Improved and comprehensive admissions and screening policy
 - Rigorous academic standards
 - Behavioral standards
 - Families are required to meet with Mr. Rohr
 - Grade-specific testing
 - Prospective students also take part in a shadow day where they interact with our staff and students.

How does this affect my tuition for the 2023-2024 school year?

Fr. Valencheck, Mr. Rohr, and Milissa Smith, in consultation with the Diocese, and Finance Council, have agreed on the following tuition changes for the 2023-2024 school year to reflect the true cost to educate.

- The new base tuition rate for students in grades K-8 will be \$7,000. This is an increase of \$500.
- With the recommendations of the Diocese, we are moving from a discount model to a scholarship model.
- Preschool tuition rates are not impacted by these changes.
- **Parent financial commitments will not increase.**

If tuition is going up, how do you ensure we aren't paying more?

- We are committed that no family pays more for 2023-2024 tuition than was initially communicated in the policy in February. In order for tuition savings to occur, every family is encouraged to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship and/or the Angel Scholarship.
- Angel Scholarship funds will be used to cover siblings in Catholic schools, and unusual family circumstances and consider the best interest of the children of those who applied.
- Additional scholarships may be awarded on an as needed basis.

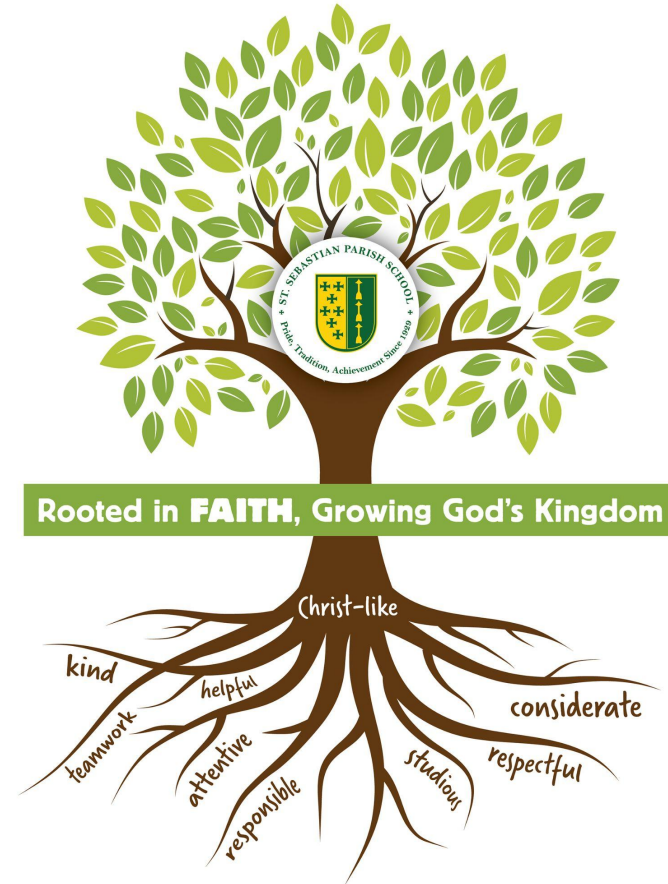
What does this mean for our school?

- Maintain faith-based, academically excellent school
- This program will put significant money back in our parents' pockets this school year and future years.
- This allows our school to access increased funding to support our cost to educate per student, which is well below the public school.
- Increased funding allows us to continue to invest in our school, our teachers, and our future.
- Increased number of families who apply for EdChoice will let the State know this is an important program for our school and others, and help provide support for further opportunities and continued sustainability.

Next Steps

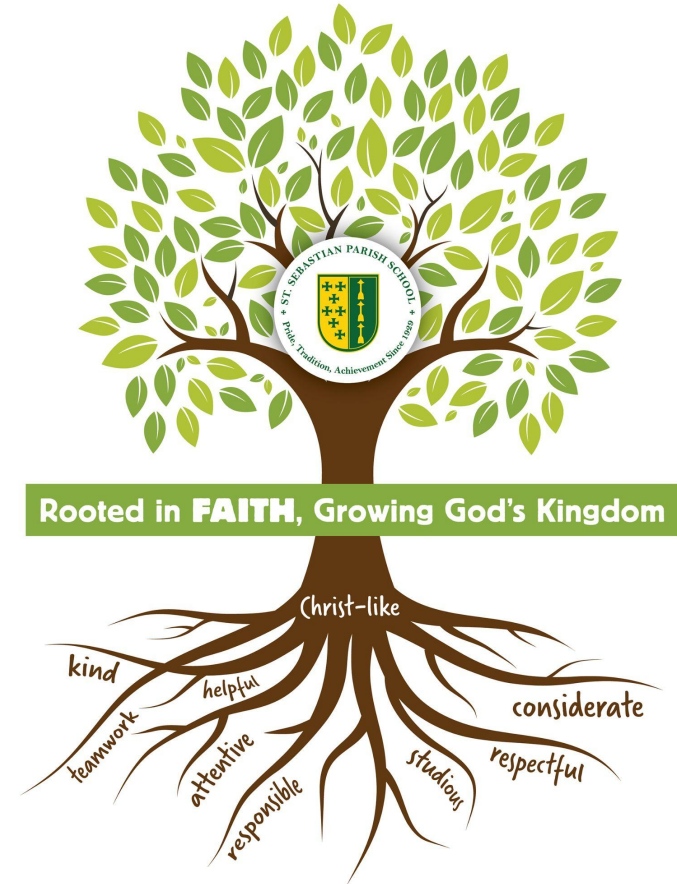
The [EdChoice Scholarship application window](#) is open now for the 2023-2024 school year through October 14, 2023. Anyone can apply for the EdChoice Scholarship by taking the following steps:

- Submit the **Scholarship Request Form**, as well as a copy of the student's **birth certificate** and current **proof of residency** to the school office for submission via the online application system. The school must enter each application for EdChoice on behalf of the student. You may also email Diana McGee the form and supporting documents at mcgeed@stsebastian.org.
- Submit an **Income Verification Form** to the State of Ohio (**not St. Sebastian**). Instructions can be found on the School Choice Scholarship page as well as in your folder. Complete the income verification process only if you are applying for the School Choice Expansion Scholarship.



Next Steps

- Complete the **Angel Scholarship Application** if you haven't previously completed this application.
- All forms can be dropped off at the school office between 9am and 2pm. Office hours will be available on Thursday, August 17 from 5pm to 6:30pm if you need assistance or have questions. Feel free to call the office at 330-836-9107 with any questions.





Q&A