

Diocesan Tuition Assistance 2012-2013

January 09, 2012

Private School Aid Service application (PSAS in English/Spanish)) posted on the OCE web site

January 12, 2012

Distribution of DTA packet to the *High School Principals* at Principals' meeting

January 18, 2012

Distribution of DTA packet to the *Elementary School Principals* at Principals' meeting

January 12-27, 2012

Orders for paper copies of PSAS (English Spanish) accepted by OCE. **(See form in DTA packet)**

January 30, 2012

Due to OCE: School Tuition Assistance Request ("**STAR form**") + projected **2012 2013 Tuition Scale**. **(fax 216-696-8646)**

Due to OCE: **List** of Catholic School teachers/assist.principals/ or principals who have submitted a 2012-2013 PSAS form for their children attending Catholic schools. **(See form in DTA packet)**

March 1, 2012

Deadline for Round 1 PSAS applications by families.

Week of

May 7, 2012

Round 1 Enrollment Verification lists to schools.

Round 1 Notification Letters to parents.

May 7-21, 2012

Reconsideration/appeals for Round 1 re viewed *(letters accepted from parents and/ or principals)*



May 28, 2012

Reconsideration lists to schools/notification letters to parents.

June 1, 2012

Deadline for Round 2 PSAS applications by families.

Week of

July 16, 2012

Round 2 Enrollment Verification lists to schools.

Round 2 Notification Letters to parents.

July 19-Aug. 3, 2012

Reconsideration/appeals for Round 1 & 2 reviewed *(letters accepted from parents and/ or principals)*

Week of

August 13, 2012

Reconsideration lists to schools/notification letters to parents.

September 10, 2012

Final Enrollment Verification lists sent to schools.

October 2012

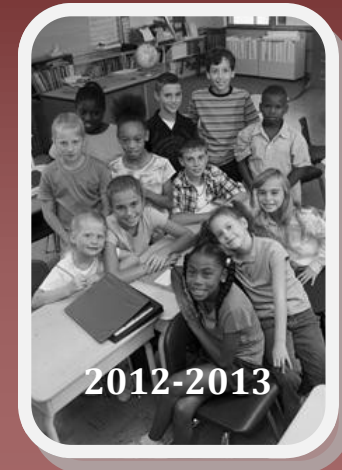
Award Checks sent to schools.



See: <http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/parents/>

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Diocesan and Local Financial Aid & Information Re: Cleveland Scholarship & EdChoice Scholarship



2012-2013

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

What is DTA?

Donors across the Diocese have been generous in their gifts to tuition-assistance funds. These funds are dispersed yearly to needy families through a distribution process that takes into account family and school need, total number of children applying for aid, and total amount of funds available that year. Families must apply each year.

What Parents Need to Know

Who can apply for tuition assistance?

Families with children attending a Catholic elementary or a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Cleveland can apply for Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA). Parents should find out if the school/parish participates in the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program. Ask the principal, pastor or business manager of the school/parish that question.

Some Catholic elementary and Catholic high schools choose not to participate in the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program because they are able to provide tuition assistance at the local level. In this case, parents may still be required to complete an application for tuition assistance but they will not be considered for Diocesan Tuition Assistance.

Note that all DTA awards to children in grades K-12 are based on financial NEED.

How do families apply for tuition assistance?

In January, financial aid applications are available at the school or through the diocese. An independent company, Private School Aid Service (PSAS), is used for the financial review. The funding, however, comes from diocesan donors, *not* from PSAS.

() 9th graders only (and their siblings)** apply for tuition assistance beginning in October-November. The Tuition Assistance Program at the **Diocese of Cleveland** requires **only 1 application per family when a 9th grader is involved**. Parishes may have a different policy regarding their local tuition assistance. Please check with your parish and schools.

Application Period: January 10-June 1, 2012
Private School Aid Service (PSAS) Application
The 2012-2013 Application link

PSAS FORM: <http://www.oce-oces.org>

What is Local Tuition Assistance?

Local assistance comes from the particular school to which families apply. There are often funds available from the school's supporting donor community. Pastors and principals try to accommodate families with a tuition payment program that can fit a family's budget. School leaders recognize the sacrifice parents and relatives make to afford this quality education.



Ohio Scholarship Options

Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program

Description:

This program (CSTP) provides new educational choices for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program 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.

Children residing within the boundaries of the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) entering grades kindergarten through twelve are eligible to apply.

Once the child has been awarded a scholarship, the child retains the Scholarship in grades K-12 as long as the child lives within the CMSD, is enrolled in a participating school located within the Cleveland Municipal School district and continues to meet all other program requirements. Families complete a renewal form and income verification form annually.

Application Period: February 1 – May 31, 2012.
For Complete Details: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>
“School Options” link.

Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program

Description:

The State of Ohio can provide up to 60,000 eligible students with scholarships to attend the participating private school of their choice. Students from schools that have been in Academic Watch or Academic Emergency - the lowest categories on the state's school rating system - for two of the last three school years are eligible to apply. Eligibility is determined by attendance and/or assignment to a public school building which has been rated in “academic emergency” or “academic watch” for two of the past three years. A list of the EdChoice-designated public school buildings can be found on the ODE website.

All students who apply for a scholarship must have been accepted for enrollment at a participating Non-public school. Under current law, students that receive a scholarship can renew it each school year through 12th grade as long as the student: 1) does not move to another public school district, unless the student would be assigned to an EdChoice-designated public school in the student's new district; 2) takes all required Ohio Achievement Assessments; and 3) has good school attendance.

Children currently enrolled in private, nonpublic schools are not eligible for Ohio EdChoice scholarships. When the law for the program was passed, the Ohio legislature limited eligibility to those students currently attending an EdChoice-designated public school, to public school students who will be assigned to an EdChoice-designated school next year, to those students currently enrolled in a publicly-funded community (“charter”) school who would otherwise be assigned to an EdChoice-designated public school, and to new kindergartners who would be assigned to an EdChoice designated public school.

Application Period: February 1 –April 15, 2012

For Complete Details:

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us> “School Options” link.

Questions re: other state scholarship programs
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