

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS: Are there any available to help pay for my tuition? Is there any other type of assistance if I don't qualify for the scholarships?

There are 3 different scholarships currently available for private school students to help pay for tuition. Here is a brief overview of what might be available to your family.

1. ED CHOICE TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice) Program provides students from designated public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR EDCHOICE?

Recent changes enacted by the General Assembly established four groups for Traditional EdChoice Scholarships:

- Eligible students who received scholarships in 2019-2020;

- Students who meet both of the following: (1) did not receive scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year; and (2) are newly enrolled (or would be newly enrolled) in eligible buildings on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 lists;

- Students who were eligible in the 2019-2020 school year and remain eligible in the 2020-2021 school year;

- Students who meet all three of the following: (1) had siblings who received Traditional EdChoice Scholarships in the 2019-2020 school year; (2) were (or would be) enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade in eligible buildings on the 2019-2020 list; and (3) were enrolled in public or nonpublic schools or home-schooled in the 2019-2020 school year or will be enrolled in kindergarten or start home-schooling for the equivalent of kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year. Official verification of student eligibility is completed by the student's resident public school district.

ARE STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

A student enrolled in a private school during the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to apply if:

- The student is entering ninth through 12th grade and would be assigned to a designated building on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 lists; OR The student has a sibling who attended a private school on a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship during the 2019-2020 school year and the student would be assigned to a designated building on the 2019-2020 list.

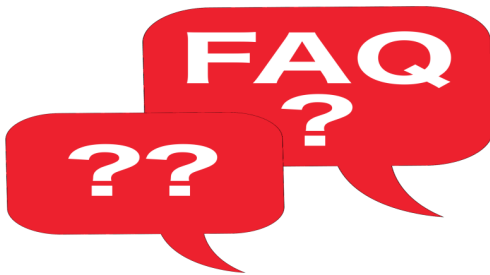
ARE STUDENTS CURRENTLY HOME-SCHOOLED ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

A student who is home-schooled during the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to apply if:

- The student is entering ninth through 12th grade and would be assigned to a designated building on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 lists; OR

- The student is entering an Ohio school for the first time in any grade and would be assigned to a designated building on the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 lists; OR

- The student has a sibling who attended a private school on a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship during the 2019-2020 school year and the student would be assigned to a designated building on the 2019-2020 list.



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WHEN WILL EDCHOICE APPLICATIONS BE ACCEPTED?

The priority application period for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship Program begins on April 1 and ends May 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. The Ohio Department of Education strongly encourages early application submission during the priority period. A second application period begins July 1, 2020, and remains open through June 30, 2021. Families should first contact a participating private school and complete the enrollment/admission process for that school. Once a student has been accepted for enrollment at a participating private school for fall 2020, the participating private school will apply for an EdChoice Scholarship on the student’s behalf. Participating private schools enter scholarship applications for students through the secure online application system.

2. ED CHOICE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The EdChoice Expansion Program is an income-based program. It provides students in grades K – 12 the opportunity to attend a private school for little or no cost whose families meet the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Those guidelines are as follows:

2020-2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines

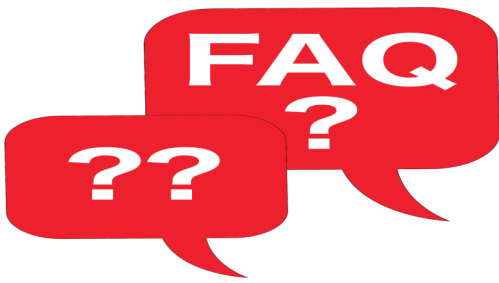
Source: Off. of the Asst. Secretary for Planning & Eval/US Dept of HHS

Number in Family/ Household	Gross Annual Amount (200%)
1	\$25,520
2	\$34,480
3	\$43,440
4	\$52,400
5	\$61,360
6	\$70,320
7	\$79,280
8	\$88,240
For each additional person add:	\$8,960

If your family meets this criteria then you can apply for a scholarship that will cover your child’s tuition in full. There are some fees that are billable to you outside of the tuition costs.

WHEN WILL EDCHOICE APPLICATIONS BE ACCEPTED?

The application period for the traditional EdChoice Traditional Scholarship and EdChoice Expansion Scholarship is now open and will close at 11:59pm on May 30th, 2020. Income Verification documents are due May 30, 2020.



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3. NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarships are available for your children to attend a private school.

Your child may qualify for a scholarship worth up to \$2,000 at the private school of your choice based on your family's annual household income.

- Families who meet the eligibility requirements and reside in one of the participating counties* can apply.

There are several requirements that must be met to qualify for tuition assistance:

☑ Must be a resident in Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood or Wyandot Counties

☑ Children must be entering into the K-8 grade for the 2020-2021 school year

☑ Income and household size must meet requirements (see below)

Income Eligibility for the 2020-2021 School Year

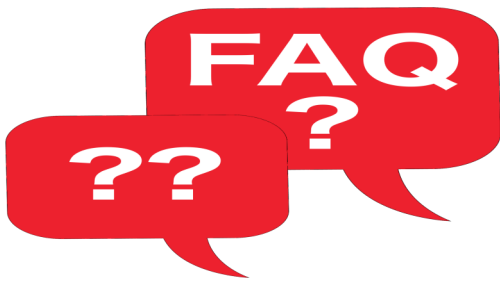
Find your income on this chart, and note the percentage of tuition for which you qualify, according to your household size (includes children and adults in house). The maximum scholarship amount is \$2,000. Please remember that each family must pay at least \$750 towards tuition.

Maximum Income Based on Total Annual 2019 Income

House size	up to 75%	up to 50%	up to 25%
2	Up to \$16,910	\$16,911 - \$31,284	\$31,285 - \$45,657
3	Up to \$21,330	\$21,331 - \$39,461	\$39,462 - \$57,591
4	Up to \$25,750	\$25,751 - \$47,638	\$47,639 - \$69,525
5	Up to \$30,170	\$30,171 - \$55,815	\$55,816 - \$81,459
6	Up to \$34,590	\$34,591 - \$63,992	\$63,993 - \$93,393
7	Up to \$39,010	\$39,011 - \$72,169	\$72,170 - \$105,327
8	Up to \$43,430	\$43,431 - \$80,346	\$80,347 - \$117,261
	For each additional child add \$4,420	For each additional child add \$8,177	For each additional child add \$11,934

IF I DON'T QUALIFY FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE SCHOLARSHIPS IS THERE ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE I CAN GET TOWARDS MY CHILD'S TUITION?

Yes, anyone can apply for tuition assistance through Mansfield Christian School. This can be done through your FACTS account by using the Financial Tab and clicking on FACTS Grant and Aid. You will create an account and fill out an application to ask for assistance with your tuition. There is a \$35 application fee to submit the application. Please let us know if you need help with the application fee, we would be happy to help. You will be asked to upload financial data to show both your income and debt. Based on the FACTS recommendation, the finance team at MCS will award as much tuition assistance as possible per family in order to help as many families as we can. This will not equate to a full tuition scholarship amount.



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HOW ARE TUITION PAYMENTS HANDLED? CAN I COME INTO THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO PAY MY TUITION?

Tuition payments are handled through the FACTS Financial Management Co. All families will need to create a tuition account when you enroll/re-enroll to MCS. You have the option of choosing to pay your tuition in a 1, 2, 4, or 12 month payment plan. FACTS charges a processing fee to handle your online payments. This is not a fee of Mansfield Christian School. You may choose to set up your automatic payments by using a checking account, savings account or credit card. If you choose credit card a 2.85% fee will be assessed to that card.

IF MY STUDENT RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP FOR TUITION WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN UP FOR A TUITION PAYMENT PLAN?

All student tuition and fees are now being processed by FACTS Mgmt. Co. Even if you are a scholarship student, you will still have both CE and Facility Fees due. Those are billed through the Incidental Billing section of FACTS. Your student may also have future fees added to this section, such as Athletic fees, Class Dues, Field Trips, etc. Lunch accounts are also handled by the FACTS Mgmt. Co. This will be very beneficial to all families as payments for these Incidentals can now be paid easily from home by computer/phone. This allows for better financial practices and efficiency for our staff. It also eases the confusion of students losing payments sent to school in back packs, etc.

WHAT ARE THE "FEES" AND WHO HAS TO PAY THEM?

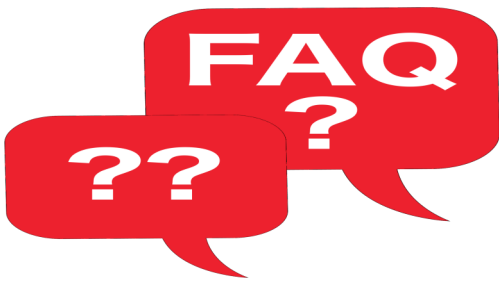
All Pre K - 12th grade students pay both Enrollment and Facility Fees annually. The enrollment fee is \$340 per student with a family max of \$975 for 3 or more students. The Facility Fee varies according to the time spent within the building as it directly takes care of building costs. Full-time, On-campus students have a FF of \$300 ea., Independent Studies students pay \$60 ea for students in K-8th grade and \$150 ea for students in 9-12th grades. Pre K students pay \$100 for 2 Day, \$200 for 3 Day, \$300 for 5 Day classes.

WHERE CAN I SEE ALL OF THE TUITION CHARGES AND FEES IN ONE FORM?

These are displayed on the MCS website (mcsflames.org) by clicking on Admissions at the top of the page and then click on Cost and Aid.

WHEN ARE MY CHILD'S CE FEES AND FACILITY FEES DUE?

CE fees are due by May 22, 2020 and Facility fees are due by May 2021. You may make payments to these fees at any time by going to the Financial Tab on your FACTS account. This will show you a picture of all of your financial accounts for all of your students. Under the Balances Tab you will see both the total of your tuition listed as Payment Plan and the total of your Incidental charges.



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ARE INCIDENTAL CHARGES AUTOMATICALLY DEDUCTED FROM MY BANK/CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT?

They can be automatically paid if you have opted to sign up for the Auto Pay feature. If you did not sign up for the Auto Pay feature then you will be emailed 2 times (on the 1st day of the month and 5 days prior to the due date) to remind you of the invoice and when it needs to be paid. You will need to go in and make a payment to the Incidental Billing account by the invoice due date.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF NEW FEES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO MY INCIDENTAL BILLING ACCOUNT?

You will receive an email explaining any new fees that are being billed to your Incidental Billing account. This could include Athletic fees, Field Trips, Class Dues, etc.

WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO MAKE MY SCHEDULED PAYMENT FOR TUITION/FEES?

Contact Stacy Craner, Admissions Director, by email at craner.stacy@mcsflames.org I will be happy to help you find a solution to your problems. I am representative for all MCS students and my job is to be available to help you. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions.

CAN I CONTACT THE FACTS MGMT. CO. DIRECTLY TO SERVICE MY ACCOUNT?

Yes, you can contact them by calling (866)441-4637. Please have your account number available.