

Important Ohio EdChoice Income Verification Information

SUBMITTING INCOME VERIFICATION THIS YEAR MAY REDUCE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) only requires Income Verification to be submitted once per family. **If you submitted income verification for any prior school year, you do NOT need to submit income verification for 2025-2026.*** You should only submit income verification if you believe your FPL is going to decrease. You can calculate your FPL using the [EdChoice Calculator](#).

CAUTION: If you submit income verification, it will permanently override your current FPL. You should NOT submit income verification unless you are confident your FPL will decrease. If you submit income verification and your FPL increases, the new FPL will permanently override your family's current FPL. **This cannot be undone!**

***The exception:** Low-income status (LIS) families who wish to requalify as LIS will need to submit income verification every year. If your family was LIS for 2024-2025, but you don't believe you'll qualify again for 2025-2026, please contact Sarah Kuznicki at skuznicki@cvcroyals.org to evaluate your situation.

FURTHER FPL INFORMATION

- OEC Scholarship amounts for 2025-2026 will be awarded on a sliding scale based on your Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Families with an FPL at or below 450% will receive the full scholarship (\$8,408 for high school or \$6,166 for middle school).
- Families with an FPL between 450% to 783% will have their scholarship amount calculated differently. Please use the [EdChoice Calculator](#) to determine your FPL percentage.
- Families with an FPL at or above 783% will receive the minimum scholarship (\$840 for high school and \$616 for middle school).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ***Do I need to submit income verification if I'm adding a new student?***
Only if this is your first student applying for OEC for the first time. If you already have a child receiving OEC, you are NOT required to submit income verification.*
- ***Do I need to tell DEW that I'm not submitting income verification?***
No. Your FPL from the current school year will automatically carry over to the next school year.
- ***If I submit income verification this year and my FPL was increased, can I choose to go back to my previous FPL?***
No. Once you submit income verification, it will override the current FPL.
- ***How do I calculate my FPL?***
Please use the [EdChoice Calculator](#) to calculate your FPL.

If you have any questions or need assistance in evaluating your situation, please contact Sarah Kuznicki at skuznicki@cvcroyals.org.