Tree of Life
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP EXPANSION PROGRAM - GRADES K-6

Requirements for Enrollment at Tree of Life Christian Schools

Tuition and Fees
The parents of EdChoice recipients are responsible for the following fees:

TUITION
EdChoice allows $4,650.00 for new students who have been approved for the EdChoice Expansion Program. This program requires that the applicant's family must have income at or below 200% of the Federal poverty guidelines to be eligible to apply.

1. As you continue in the program by re-enrolling your child each year the following income requirements will be in place in order for you to be eligible for the scholarship:
   - 0 – 200% - full scholarship (low income status)
   - 201% - 300% - Scholarship reduction of 25%
   - 301% - 400% - Scholarship reduction of 50%
   - Over 400% - Cannot renew scholarship
2. If the family's income changes for the next school year and does not meet the full scholarship requirements, the family will be responsible for the tuition difference.
   - EdChoice families can apply for Tree of Life financial aid (based on need) for up to 50% of the remaining payment.

Please note: The Ohio Department of Education issues checks for your child's tuition twice during the school year. The checks are mailed to the school and are issued in the name of the parent and the school. It is your responsibility to come to the school to endorse the check when you are notified that it has been received.

APPLICATION FEE
($125.00 per student) due at the time the application is submitted.

PSA
Per Student Assessment covers consumables and event-related materials occurring throughout the year, i.e. yearbook, Athletic events, play/musical admission, registration, textbooks and workbooks, class retreats, facility cost, etc. This charge is not covered by the scholarship

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
A supply list will be posted on our website (www.tolcs.org). These items should be sent with your child on the first day of school.

UNIFORMS (GRADES K-12)
Must be purchased from approved companies and be in compliance with the school's dress code policies (see Parent-Student Handbook). Used uniforms may be purchased as long as they are in compliance with our policy. Families who meet income criteria may be eligible for free uniforms through the Charity Newsies organization.

Provision of Special Services
- Breakfast is not provided.
- All students should bring a packed lunch.
- We offer a Before and After School Care program for the Indianola and Dublin Branches. The program is available for students through 5th grade. Please refer to the enrollment package or website for hours of operation and cost.
- Tutoring (all levels) and Enrichment (elementary) programming is available based on determined need by the school.

Transportation
- Applications can be made to Columbus City Schools for bus transportation. If transportation cannot be provided, parents may be given a financial stipend from CCS. Students residing in other school districts should contact that district regarding possible compensation.
- Because there is no guarantee that bus transportation will be provided and because this information will not be made available until shortly before school begins, it is the family's responsibility to have a secondary plan that provides transportation to and from the school each day.

Attendance
- The Ohio Department of Education will not renew EdChoice scholarships if a student has more than 20 <u>unexcused</u> absences during the school year.
- Student absences must be reported to the school office by no later than 8:30 a.m. for the Northridge Branch and by no later than 9:30 a.m. for elementary branches.
- An absence will be considered **excused** if it meets the criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education for the EdChoice Program <u>and</u> if a parental note or email explaining the absence is sent to the attendance office the day following the occurrence.
- Absences for an illness that exceeds 3 consecutive days must be documented by a physician's excuse.

The following documentation is required for submitting an EdChoice Scholarship application:
- Proof of address (copy of recent utility bill in the parent's name, monthly mortgage statement or rental lease agreement) If the parent(s) and child live with another individual, additional documentation will be required.
- Copy of the child's birth certificate
- Custody documentation
- Verification of child's current public school of attendance (copy of last grade card)
- EdChoice Scholarship Program Request Form
- Income verification form submitted directly to Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

I acknowlege that I have read and agree with the above information.

Parent/ Guardian signature _____ Date _____

School Administrator _____ Date _____