

How to Complete the Income Verification Process

- 1 Obtain the Income Verification Form on our website at: <http://education.ohio.gov/edchoice> or <http://education.ohio.gov/clevelandscholarship> or the nonpublic school where you have applied for or renewed a scholarship. (Complete pages 1 and 2 of this document.)
2. Complete the parent/guardian information on page 1, filling in all lines. This should be the same information you have provided on the scholarship application/renewal form.
 - List household members (i.e. spouse, children) on page 1 and provide all the information requested.
 - Write your sources of income on page 2 and provide copies of acceptable, supporting documentation.
 - Sign at the bottom of page 2. Do not return page 3.
6. Based on your household, determine from the list below which one fits your status. For example: If your status is (a) of the choices below, you only have to submit the documents for that option, not all of them.
 - a) If you are currently employed, and have the same job you had all of last year, send either 4 current pay stubs for each job, your W-2 forms, your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return forms or your 2021 Federal Income Tax transcripts which may be obtained at either: WWW.IRS.GOV or by mailing the 4506-T form to the IRS.
 - b) If you are currently employed but did not work your current job for all of last year, send 4 current pay stubs for each job.
 - c) If you are self-employed, send a copy of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return forms, including all schedules or your 2021 Federal Income Tax transcript.
 - d) If you receive other income sources such as food stamps/OWF, child support, unemployment, Social Security, etc., then you must send copies of official documentation which show how much you receive from each source. Example: If you currently work and receive food stamps and child support, you must submit four current pay stubs, official documentation that shows how much you receive in food stamps, and official documentation that shows how much you receive in child support.
 - e) If you have no income or you do not have pay stubs or W-2's, provide your 2021 Federal tax transcript from the IRS. Go to WWW.IRS.GOV. Please mail the request form to the IRS and once you receive your transcript, please mail a copy of that form to our office with the Income Verification form.
 - f) If you are recently unemployed, please provide a separation letter from your previous employer stating your last day of employment and your last paycheck stub.

DO NOT send original documents. Make copies (ex. W-2, check stubs, etc.) to send to our office and block the first 5 digits of all social security numbers on all documents only leaving the last 4 digits to be seen. Submit only one (1) form per family. (Ex. A family with 3 students in the program only needs to send the form one time per school year.) Keep a copy for your records.

Mail the Income Verification form and supporting income documentation to the Ohio Department of Education, Scholarship Program Office 25 S. Front Street, Mail Stop 309, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183.

Parents are responsible for mailing in the Income Verification documents. The private school is not responsible.

Contact Scholarship Program at 614-728-2743, or by email at Edchoice@education.ohio.gov or Cleveland.Scholarship@education.ohio.gov, if you have any questions.