



Financial Aid and Scholarships Checklist for Parents of Incoming High School Students at Benedictine High School

General Preparation

- **Research Financial Aid Options:** Understand the various financial aid and scholarship programs available, including EdChoice, The Cleveland Scholarship, EdChoice Expansion, and Jon Peterson.
- **Review Benedictine's Financial Aid Information:** Visit the Benedictine High School website to learn about school-specific scholarships and financial aid opportunities.
- **Understand Eligibility Requirements:** Ensure your child meets the criteria for each scholarship or financial aid program.
- **Documentation:** Gather necessary documents such as proof of residency, income statements, academic records, and any specific forms required by Benedictine High School.

Specific Scholarships and Financial Aid Programs

EdChoice Scholarship

1. **Eligibility Check**
 - Verify if Benedictine High School is listed as an EdChoice participating school.
 - Check family income guidelines for eligibility.
2. **Application Preparation**
 - Gather required documents (birth certificate, proof of residency, parent/guardian ID).
 - Collect your child's academic records and standardized test scores.
3. **Application Process**
 - Complete the EdChoice Scholarship application form.
 - Submit the application to Benedictine High School or the Ohio Department of Education.
4. **Follow-Up**
 - Monitor the application status.
 - Respond promptly to any requests for additional information or documentation.

The Cleveland Scholarship

1. **Eligibility Check**
 - Confirm residency in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.
 - Ensure your child is enrolled or planning to enroll at Benedictine High School.
2. **Application Preparation**

- Gather necessary documents, including proof of residency and school enrollment confirmation.

3. Application Process

- Complete The Cleveland Scholarship application.
- Submit the application through Benedictine High School.

4. Follow-Up

- Check the status of your application regularly.
- Provide any additional information if requested.

EdChoice Expansion

1. Eligibility Check

- Verify income eligibility against the EdChoice Expansion guidelines.
- Confirm the grade level eligibility (typically for kindergarten through 12th grade).

2. Application Preparation

- Collect required documents, such as income verification and proof of residency.

3. Application Process

- Fill out the EdChoice Expansion application form.
- Submit the application along with the required documents to Benedictine High School.

4. Follow-Up

- Track the application progress.
- Ensure all additional requirements are met promptly.

Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship

1. Eligibility Check

- Determine if your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Verify that your child meets the criteria for the Jon Peterson Scholarship.

2. Application Preparation

- Obtain a copy of your child's IEP.
- Gather other necessary documents like proof of residency and identification.

3. Application Process

- Complete the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship application.
- Submit the application through the Ohio Department of Education or Benedictine High School.

4. Follow-Up

- Regularly check the application status.
- Provide additional documentation if requested.

Benedictine High School Specific Steps



- **Contact the Admissions Office:** Schedule a meeting with Benedictine's admissions office for personalized assistance.
- **Attend Financial Aid Workshops:** Participate in workshops or information sessions offered by Benedictine High School.
- **Submit School-Specific Forms:** Complete and submit any additional forms required by Benedictine High School for financial aid consideration.

General Tips for Parents

- **Stay Organized:** Use a calendar to keep track of deadlines and required documents for each scholarship or aid program.
- **Maintain Records:** Create a dedicated folder for each application, keeping copies of all submitted forms and correspondence.
- **Seek Guidance:** Work with your child's school counselor or a financial aid advisor for assistance with the application processes.
- **Stay Informed:** Regularly visit the websites of the Ohio Department of Education and Benedictine High School for updates and changes in requirements or deadlines.
- **Apply Early:** Start the application process as early as possible to avoid missing deadlines and to ensure all required documents are submitted on time.

Useful Resources

- **Benedictine High School Admissions Office:** Contact the office directly for assistance and information on school-specific aid.
- **Ohio Department of Education Website:** Ohio Department of Education
- **School Counselor:** Schedule regular meetings for guidance and support.
- **Community Organizations:** Look for local workshops or seminars on financial aid and scholarships.