



The **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship** is offered by the State of Ohio and is limited to those who apply and qualify financially. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) makes these determinations alone. Granville Christian Academy does not have any control over a family's qualification or acceptance into the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship Program.

The ODE stipulates that families who qualify for low-income status at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines do not need to pay tuition to enroll at GCA. The scholarship amount covers tuition ONLY. Parents and/or guardians still may have to pay registration fees, material fees, and other similar types of fees. However, ODE Guidelines state if GCA's tuition is higher than the EdChoice Scholarship amount and the family does not qualify for low-income status, the family may have to pay the difference.

The **EdChoice Traditional Scholarship** is based upon the school of your residence. If your school has failed to meet the Ohio Department of Education's standards for educational excellence, then you are eligible for EdChoice. The Designated School List can be found at education.ohio.gov.

Students must be accepted and fully enrolled at GCA before submitting an application for either scholarship. Families must complete the EdChoice application and income verification each year and submit proper documentation to GCA and ODE to prove they are eligible to receive the scholarship. Current families who do not complete the application process by April 1 may not be able to attend GCA the following year. Families who no longer qualify for EdChoice will follow our published tuition rates. New families must complete the application process by August 1 or tuition will be charged. After the scholarship is applied, all payments made above the amount owed to GCA will be refunded.

All scholarship recipients should have a Durable Limited Power of Attorney for EdChoice on file with GCA. This form is limited specifically to the processing of EdChoice checks from the ODE and cannot be used for anything else. If families choose not to complete this form, they will be charged an additional processing fee each month of \$25 per check.

TUITION POLICY FOR 23-24

EdChoice Expansion

Families between the 200% and 250% poverty threshold will continue to receive the full EdChoice scholarship award. GCA will continue to assist these families to cover the difference in tuition if the family applies for the SGO scholarship.

EdChoice Traditional

GCA reserves the right to make changes to this policy at any time at their own discretion.

Traditional families will continue to have the difference covered by GCA during the 23-24 school year.

TUITION POLICY FOR 24-25

EdChoice Traditional and EdChoice Expansion

Beginning in 24-25, all families with income levels above 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines will be responsible to cover the difference in tuition not covered by either EdChoice Scholarship. Families will be responsible to cover the difference in tuition unless they submit qualifying documentation of their “low income” status.

Families are encouraged to apply for the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Scholarship to help cover these additional costs. Families with financial needs are prioritized in the awarding of the SGO Scholarships. Each year, the first round of SGO Scholarship applications are due based upon the published OCEN guidelines. Typically, applications are due in February, with determinations made in May.

Fees for EdChoice Traditional and EdChoice Expansion Scholarships

EdChoice Application Fee for Current Students

Due March 1	\$350 per student
Applications received after April 1	\$450 per student

EdChoice Application Fee for New Students

Due August 1	\$350 per student
After August 1	\$450 per student

If a family chooses not to have a Durable Limited Power of Attorney for EdChoice Form on file: There is a \$25 fee per check that will be charged to the families FACTS account.

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