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Dear Families,

There are three main types of financial aid for the 2026-2027 school year:

1) Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)

Eligible: Preschool through 8th Grade

The information on how to access the CEF application portal is located on our website (queenofpeacehamilton.org). These grants are needs-based and will include families up to 750% FPL. Families will complete a FACTS Grant and Aid application to be considered for this assistance. **The deadline for applying is February 28th, 2026.**

2) EdChoice

Eligible: Kindergarten through 8th Grade

A) If you are RENEWING an EdChoice Scholarship.....

****First off, you do NOT need to go through the income verification process again. That is a one-time experience UNLESS you *want* the state to reevaluate your income because it has fallen and could place you in a higher scholarship award bracket.****

You can provide your application materials to me as soon as you have them ready. The **best way** to provide the application materials is to send a STAND-ALONE email directly to me with the required materials attached as two separate PDF or JPG files. To be more specific, you should send me the following:

- 1 file with the EdChoice Renewal Form for 2026-2027 (blank form attached)
- 1 file with most recent utility bill

If you have more than one student applicant, send a separate email for each.

Again, please send this information in a stand-alone email (not a reply to this one). The subject line should read "EDCHOICE APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR [insert student name]".

While an email with scans is best, you may also hand-deliver hard copies of the three required pieces of info.

B) If you are REQUESTING an EdChoice Scholarship for a student who did not apply for one in the 2025-2026 request window.....

You can provide your application materials to me as soon as you have them ready. The best way to provide the application materials is to send a STAND-ALONE email directly to me with the required materials attached as three separate PDF or JPG files. To be more specific, you should send me the following:

- 1 file with the EdChoice Request Form for 2026-2027 (blank form attached)**
- 1 file with a recent utility bill**
- 1 file with a copy of birth certificate**

If you have more than one student applicant, send a separate email for each.

Again, please send this information in a stand-alone email (not a reply to this one). The subject line should read "EDCHOICE APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR [insert student name]".

While an email with scans is best, you may also hand-deliver hard copies of the three required pieces of info.

******If your child is assigned to Fairwood Elementary School or Garfield Middle School in the Hamilton City School District, you are eligible for a Traditional EdChoice scholarship and should indicate this on your REQUEST form. If not, you are applying for an EdChoice Expansion (income-based) scholarship.******

For more information on EdChoice Scholarships, go to <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship>

3) St. Stephen Assistance Fund

This assistance is available to K-8 families who do not receive the maximum level of EdChoice Scholarship. This assistance can only be renewed. At this juncture, there are no first-time recipients. We do our best to renew awards at current levels. We will communicate information to eligible recipients on April 15th. There is no application to fill out or formal request to make. If we need info from you, we will request it.

If you have any questions whatsoever about anything related to CEF, EdChoice, St. Stephen, or financial aid in general, please let me know! I want to help you out as best I can!

Sincerely,

Josh Mears

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