

School Choice Scholarships

A Voice for CHOICE in Education™

Serving the families and children of Jefferson County, Kentucky

2010-2011 School Year Scholarship Application

Who can apply?

In order to apply for a School Choice Scholarship, a child must be:

- Living and attending school in Jefferson County, Kentucky
 - Entering grades K through 6 in the Fall of 2010
- Eligible for assistance under the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program

What are the SCS program policies?

Students who receive a scholarship, receive financial aid up to \$2,000 of the annual school costs of attending a private, independent, parochial or church-based school in Jefferson County, provided:

- Student remains in good standing with the school during their time in the program
 - Student and family participates in all SCS evaluation projects
 - Family pays their portion of school fees and tuition on time
- Family meets all requirements of the SCS Family Meeting Program

Scholarship payments are paid directly to the school,
in 3 installments over a school year

To see if your family qualifies for a scholarship, please review
the income guidelines on page 3

How are the scholarships awarded?

Scholarships are awarded through a scholarship drawing. Students are placed in this drawing if their eligible application, with ALL supporting documentation is received by the deadline.

Incomplete, late and non-eligible applications are *not* be considered for scholarships.

How much is a scholarship?

The scholarship is up to \$2,000 of the annual school costs.

Does a certain school receive preference?

No. The SCS program is based on a simple concept: give parents the opportunity to *choose* the school they believe best meets the needs of their child.

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What about siblings?

If one child in a family is selected in our May drawing to receive a scholarship, his or her siblings who apply & are entering grades K to 6 in the Fall of 2010, will also receive scholarships.

Once the award year of the scholarship begins in the Fall of 2010, no new siblings are added to the program.

Why not pay the whole tuition?

School Choice seeks to honor and support parents who are sacrificing to give their children greater educational opportunities. We provide a helping hand, not a hand out.

Is the scholarship just for public school students?

Our goal is to reach as many families as possible, who have never felt they had the option of choosing their child's school. Therefore, students who have never attended private school will be given preference for scholarships in the drawing.

What about transportation?

As with most parents who choose educational alternatives, SCS parents are responsible for arranging their child's daily transportation to and from school.

How do I apply?

Families need to complete an application and return it, with all required documentation, to the school their child will be attending in the Fall of 2010.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 16, 2010

Please note: late, incomplete and non-eligible applications are NOT considered for scholarships.

Applications may be requested by:

- 1) Calling the SCS office at 254-7274
- 2) Downloading an application from www.schoolchoiceky.org, under the How Can I Learn More Page
- 3) Contacting the private school you want your child to attend in the Fall of 2010
- 4) Request an application by email: info@schoolchoiceky.org

DEADLINE IS APRIL 16, 2010 FOR THE APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO BE TURNED INTO THE SCHOOL

Applications are then mailed by the schools to the SCS office by April 21, 2010.

Only one application per family is required.

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2010-2011 Income Guidelines

Household Size	Total Annual Income for a Scholarship
2	up to \$26,955
3	up to \$33,874
4	up to \$40,793
5	up to \$47,712
6	up to \$54,631
7	up to \$61,550
8	up to \$68,469

FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER ADD \$6,919

***Income includes but is not limited to:**

- Earnings from ANY & ALL Work including BUT NOT LIMITED TO : wages, salaries and tips; strike benefits; unemployment compensation; workmen's compensation; any & all income from self-owned business, S corporations or limited liability corporations, farms, etc.
- Child Support, Alimony; Welfare Payments, Public Assistance Payments; Disability Payments- FOR ALL ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD & CHILDREN; Kinship Care etc.
- Pensions, Retirement, Veteran Payments, ANY & ALL type of Social Security Income (paid to self, spouse, children etc.)
- Other Income: including interest or dividends; cash withdrawn from savings, including 401K accounts; income from estates, trusts or investments; regular contributions from persons not living in the household; royalties, annuities, rental income, military housing allowance.

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FULLY COMPLETE THIS FORM

INCOMPLETE forms, or forms WITHOUT supporting documentation, are not accepted and will not be considered for a scholarship.

Parent/Guardian Name (List ALL ADULTS in household): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ No phone, but can be reached at: (____) _____

Email: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Name of Employer: _____ Work during these hours: _____

Household Size : Adults: _____ Children: _____

List the names and ages of all ADULT household members :

List the names and ages of all CHILD household members :

Do you OWN your home? YES or NO

IF YES, home's value: _____ If YES, home's mortgage balance: _____

Do you Rent your home? YES or NO

IF YES, give name and address of landlord: _____

Are you a current legal resident of Jefferson County, Kentucky? (circle) YES or NO IF NO, what county? _____

GIVE INFO ON ALL CHILDREN YOU ARE CLAIMING AS LIVING IN YOUR HOME ATTACH SEPARATE PAGE FOR CHILD 7, 8 ETC.	Child's First, Middle & Last NAME	Child's BIRTH DATE Give Month/Day/Year	Child's GENDER Male or Female	Child's Relationship to Guardian	Is this child listed on your tax return? YES OR NO IF NO, GIVE REASON WHY	Child's CURRENT School & Child's CURRENT Grade	<u>FOR THE FALL OF 2010:</u> List Child's School & Child's Grade for the school they are enrolled to attend
CHILD 1							
CHILD 2							
CHILD 3							
CHILD 4							
CHILD 5							
CHILD 6							

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2010-2011 School Year Scholarship Application Financial Information Page

2009 Financial Information:

YOU MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FULLY AND GIVE AMOUNTS FOR EACH

1.) Did you file taxes for the IRS tax year 2009? YES or NO

If YES, What was your household Income from 2009 IRS 1040? \$ _____

If NO, Explain why _____

IF NO, you must include a letter from the IRS on this. Without this letter, your application will NOT BE ACCEPTED

2.) Did you receive any child support payments or alimony in 2009? YES or NO

If YES, list amount \$ _____

If NO, you must have must include letter from the Child Support Office documenting this

3.) Did you receive any type of Social Security income in 2009? YES or NO

If YES, list amount \$ _____

4.) Did you receive any food stamps in 2009? YES or NO

If YES, list amount \$ _____

5.) Did you receive any TANF in 2009? YES or NO

If YES, list amount \$ _____

6.) Did you receive AFDC or ADC in 2009? YES or NO

If YES, list amount \$ _____

7.) Did you receive or earn any other Income not included above in 2009? YES or NO

If YES, list amount \$ _____

Total Household Income for 2009 (add lines 1-7) \$ _____

You must provide supporting documents for all of the above items. See page 5 for details.

FORMS WITHOUT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

ATTACH DOCUMENTATION OF ALL INCOME TO THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION-
PLEASE STAPLE to ensure all information is together

Include *self-addressed stamped postcard or letter*,
if you want to confirm SCS has received your application.

SCS DOES NOT CONFIRM RECEIPT OF ANY APPLICATION OVER THE PHONE

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GUARDIAN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please Read Carefully Before Signing

I agree that I have carefully and entirely read this Terms and Conditions Form. I fully understand that I am voluntarily applying to the SCS program and that noncompliance with the terms will result, if awarded, in my child/ren's scholarship being immediately revoked. I understand each of the conditions that I am agreeing to and consent to fully comply with these conditions, if awarded, of my child/ren's scholarship. I understand I am *only applying* for a SCS scholarship and that there is NO guarantee that my child/ren will be awarded a SCS scholarship.

I certify that my child/children qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program. I certify that my child/en live and attend school within the boundaries of Jefferson County, Kentucky. I certify that all financial information provided with my application is true and complete. If my child/ren are accepted into the SCS program and at anytime this is found to be the contrary, Documentation that is found to be fraudulent or any attempt to falsify documentation and/or information submitted to School Choice Scholarships, Inc. will result in my child's application and/or scholarship being immediately revoked and there will be no other obligations to us. If my child is currently in the SCS program when fraudulent information is found, no further monies will be paid for the scholarship. If our family is removed from the SCS program, we will be financially responsible to my child/ren's school(s) for any and all remaining monies. If I do not file taxes, I certify I do not file taxes and I realize I am responsible for obtaining proof of this fact before applying to the SCS program. I realize this information will be verified with Internal Revenue Service, before my application will be accepted. I realize all information included will be verified with any other applicable agencies. If I receive any type of benefits, all benefit letters have been included with this application and this information will also be verified applicable agencies. I certify that all financial information provided on this form and included with this application is true and complete. Scholarship grant awards are the sole responsibility of School Choice Scholarships, Inc. and all decisions are final and can not be appealed. I agree to release School Choice Scholarships, Inc., its staff, board of directors, donors, schools and volunteers from any and all past, present and future liabilities in its efforts to provide this scholarship and programs. If accepted into the scholarship program, I agree, as requested by SCS, to have my child/children tested as needed in order to measure program success, to allow my child/children's image to be taken and used in marketing materials and to allow SCS access to my child/children's past, current and future school records. I understand that my application and documentation may be shared with outside research groups studies to increase knowledge about School Choice. I understand that I can be required to participate in outside research studies, to increase knowledge about School Choice. If my child is accepted into the SCS program, I agree to attend no fewer than 5 School Choice Scholarships Parent Meetings each year. I realize that must attend 2 events by December 2010, in order to receive any incentives that may be offered. If I fail to attend these meetings, including 3 meetings before February of 2011, no further scholarship payments will be made for my child and my child will be removed immediately from the School Choice program and that my family will not be eligible to apply to the SCS program in any subsequent years. If our family is removed from the SCS program, we will be financially responsible to my child/ren's school(s) for any and all remaining monies due.

Parent One or Guardian One's Printed Name:

Parent One or Guardian One's Signature:

Date: _____

Parent Two or Guardian Two's Printed Name:

Parent Two or Guardian Two's Signature:

Date: _____

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Please make sure you :

- Include each complete and signed copy of 2009 1040 Tax Return for all income earners. All pages of your return must be included. Tax returns must include the names of all individuals claimed as members of your household along with all children you are claiming as household members. Income earners include: married couples, stepparents, unmarried couples living together, who may or may not be the biological parents of any or all children in the household and any other adult members of the household over 21, who do not currently attend school. Married or unmarried couples who are filing separately must send both forms. For a copy of your 1040, please call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040.
- If you are claiming you do not file any taxes, you must have a letter issued in the last 30 days from the IRS documenting this fact for the prior tax year (2008). If you do not include this letter as documentation, your application will NOT be accepted. To request one of these letters for the 2008 tax year, please call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040.
- Include all W-2's issued in 2009 for all income earners in the household. Income earners include: married couples, stepparents, unmarried couples living together, who may or may not be the biological parents of any or all children in the household & any other adult members of the household over 21, who does not currently attend school.
- Include 2 current (within past 60 days) pay stubs for each job, from these same income earners as listed above.
- Documentation of any & all other forms of income, See page 3 for complete list.
- Copy of 2 current, different types of utility bills. Examples: telephone, electric, water, cable (must be within 60 days). These must have the name and address of the adults who are applying for a scholarship. You may use a copy of your lease as 1 bill. No handwritten notes or driver's licenses will be accepted.

Please return your Application with all required documentation, to the school your child will be attending in the Fall of 2010, **NO LATER THAN APRIL 16, 2010.**

The school will fill out page 8 & then will return your application to the SCS office.

*****Only applications sent in by schools are accepted.*****

If your application is incomplete or missing documentation, it will not be accepted, no notice of this fact will be sent to you. To make sure your application will be accepted, only submit complete applications with ALL REQUIRED documentation included.

Include *self-addressed stamped postcard or letter*, if you want to verify SCS received your application. **SCS DOES NOT VERIFY RECEIPT OF ANY APPLICATION OVER THE PHONE.**

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For School's Use Only

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please check each box, completely fill in other requested information and sign this form.

** If more than one child in a family is APPLYING, please just complete new Page 8 for each child.*

STUDENT'S NAME:

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- We certify that this applicant qualifies for the Federal Free Reduced Price Lunch Program as defined on pg. 3
OR School does not participate in the Free Reduced Price Lunch Program.
- We certify that this applicant lives 100% of the time in the boundaries of Jefferson County, Kentucky and attends school in Jefferson County, Kentucky.
- We acknowledge that the parent or guardian must remain current on their portion of all fees and tuition payments to our school. We agree that while this student currently attends our school, the family will remain current on all monies due the school. We agree to monitor and report to the SCS office on the timely tuition payment status of each School Choice Scholarship recipient.
- We agree to provide access in a timely manner, to academic and financial documentation for audit and assessment purposes by School Choice Scholarships, Inc., or its designated representatives, if requested. We agree that School Choice representatives will visit our school, at least two times a year to test and photograph SCS scholarship recipients. We agree to allow School Choice representatives access, as needed, to all school records, past, current and future.
- We agree to inform School Choice of any and all discounts and scholarships a family receives now and in the future during their time in the SCS program; including but not limited to: tuition discounts given by the head of the parish or church, CEF funds, funds given by other scholarship granting organizations and discounts given for multiple children in a household and/or family attending the school, and/or any other discounts given, etc.
- We agree that if this child withdraws from our school, we will inform School CHOICE in writing, within five (5) business days of the child's withdrawal and process any refund due School Choice during this time period. We agree that any outstanding monies due a school by a family will not be deducted from the SCS refund amount.
- We agree to admit the above applicant into the _____ grade in the Fall of 2010.
- CIRCLE ONE: Our school *does OR does not* offer family or member tuition discounts.
 - CIRCLE ONE: This student *will receive OR will not receive* a family discount on tuition.
 - CIRCLE ONE: This student *will receive OR will not receive* a member discount on tuition.
 - CIRCLE ONE: This student *will receive OR will not receive* a staff discount on tuition.

LIST ALL OTHER DISCOUNTS THE CHILD OR FAMILY MAY OR WILL RECEIVE HERE:

Principal's Name

Principal's Signature

School Name