

Autism Scholarship Program

If the needs of your child with Autism are not being met in his or her current public school, the Ohio Autism Scholarship may be the answer.

The Ohio Autism Scholarship:

- *Allows* you to send your child to a private school or service provider
- *Provides* scholarship funding of up to \$20,000 annually
- *Pays* for tuition to cover the services outlined in the child's IEP
- *Requires* service providers to be approved by the Ohio Department of Education
- *Empowers* you, the parent, to guide your child's education

Would your child with Autism be better served by a private school or a specialized private service provider?

For more information about the Ohio Autism Scholarship Program, which can provide scholarships up to \$20,000, or to receive a list of the private schools and providers in your area, please contact School Choice Ohio:

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School-Aged and Preschool Student Eligibility

Students with Autism from age 3 through grade 12 (or up to age 21) who have a current agreed-upon Individual Education Program (IEP) from their resident public school district are eligible for the Autism Scholarship. A child with "pervasive developmental disorder – not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS)" may also be eligible for the scholarship.

Inclusion of preschool students in the scholarship program is designed to encourage early intervention. Many current Autism scholarship recipients are preschool students.

A Growing Program

Participation in the Autism Scholarship has grown steadily. This year, 1,300 students use the scholarship, making it the largest in the nation for students with autism.



Interested in learning more?

Need help with the application process?

Contact School Choice Ohio today for assistance.

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Eligible Service Providers

The Ohio Department of Education is responsible for approving new private providers. A list of approved registered providers by county, along with a map feature to find providers near you, is listed on the SCO website (www.scoho.org). The approved provider list includes both private schools and private service providers who meet program requirements.

Parents may use more than one approved registered provider to provide the services listed on their child's IEP. However, the scholarship may *not* be used for supplemental services if the child continues to attend their public school of residence.

How To Apply

- Be sure your child is enrolled in their local public school district and has an approved IEP.
- Fill out the Scholarship Application and District Assurance forms. These forms are available online at www.scoho.org.
- Find a private provider(s) like schools, therapists, or agencies to provide the services listed on your child's IEP.

No Application Deadlines

There are generally no application deadlines for the Autism scholarship, so families can begin using the private services at any point during the year.

There is one exception. Families cannot begin using the scholarship in April-June unless they apply by March 31. Families who apply for the scholarship in May or June can begin using services in July of that year.

Applications are not accepted during the month of April.