

Thank you for your interest in the Louisiana State Scholarship Program! This Guide is meant to help families through the application process. Applications will be available beginning May 22nd.

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Any student who meets the following criteria may apply:

- Resides in Louisiana;
- Has an income of less than 250% of the federal poverty level (for example, \$57,625 for a family of four). For federal guidelines, please visit http://www.louisianaschools.net/topics/scholarships_income_verification.html.

AND

- Is an incoming Kindergarten student, OR
- Was enrolled in Grades K-12 in a school with a *C*, *D* or *F* letter grade on their latest report card. For school report cards, please visit <http://www.louisianaschools.net/reportcards/>.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

- STEP 1: Fill out the application with your school choices.**

Help: Beginning May 22nd, the application can be found at www.louisianaschools.net.

- STEP 2: Make sure you have proof of income.**

Help: Below is a list of Federal Assistance Programs. If you participate in any one of these programs, you meet the income requirement of the program. When you turn in your application, please bring any one of the following:

- Louisiana Purchase Card
- SNAP Benefits
- Social Security Benefits

If you do not participate in a Federal Assistance program, you will need to provide proof of income for every member of your household. This can consist of any one of the following:

- Federal Tax Return
- W-2s from all employers for the period ended December 31, 2011
- Unemployment compensation statement for the period ended December 31, 2011
- 1099s and/or statements from banks or other institutions showing interest earnings for the period ended December 31, 2011
- Alimony as shown in court decree or agreement
- Social Security benefits statement for the period ended December 31, 2011
- Pension statements for the period ended December 31, 2011

- STEP 3: Make sure you have proof of residency.**

Help: Only Louisiana residents are eligible for the program. When you turn in your application, please bring any one of the following:

- Rental lease or mortgage statement
- Homestead Exemption notice for calendar year 2011
- Property tax notice for calendar year 2011
- Electricity/Gas bill
- Telephone bill
- Cable or internet service bill
- Sewage/water bill

- STEP 4: Turn in your application to the participating school that you want your child to attend.**

Help: A list of participating schools and relevant information can be found at www.louisianaschools.net. Make sure you bring your proof of income and proof of residency, and that's all you will need to apply!