



**Louisiana Scholarship Program
2021-22 Student Placement
Informational Webinar**

Agenda

1. 2021-2022 Placements
2. Future Improvements
3. Common reasons students were not awarded
4. Applying for 2022-23



2021-2022 Placements

Number of seats awarded:

New and Continuing Students	Total Applications
6460	9631 (some students applied through OneApp and the LDOE)

Number of participating schools: 141

Number of requested NEW seats: 5621

Total allocation: \$41,178,680

2021-22 Student Placement Process

For the 2021-2022 school year, the LDOE is maximizing the funding to ensure every possible award is given to students through:

- i) Updating tuition and fees information from schools over the summer to get exact expenditures. If the tuition and fees (after the 1% increase) are lower than budgeted, additional awards will be given.
- ii) A second round of placements has been completed to fill any seats that were not claimed in the registration process.
- iii) Waitlist placements will occur starting in August.
- iv) The LDOE is not taking any administrative fees from the program.

Future Improvements

1. Increased communication from LDOE to parents
 - a. What is required of parents in the application process. For example, how to match siblings and terminal grade applications
 - b. LDOE will be holding informational sessions for parents and ensuring communication is sent regarding processes
 - c. Improved scholarship guides: for participating schools and for families

2. Run lottery process earlier in the spring with the rosters after initial placements completed ideally by May
 - a. Ease of planning for schools
 - b. More timely communication to parents

2021-22 Student Placement Process

Awards were offered based on the priority of the students and any eligible student who was not offered an award will be placed on a waitlist and awards will be granted on a rolling basis.

The priority structure is outlined in the guidance documents:

1. Students transferring from a closing Scholarship school
2. Current Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) students, if applicable. Only applies to students applying to the same school they attended while enrolled in NSECD.
3. Siblings of current Scholarship students (In order to link students as siblings, all siblings must be listed on each application.) Only applies to children that are applying to a Scholarship school which their sibling already attends on a Scholarship
4. Current Scholarship student applicants that are in a terminal grade
5. Applicants attending a D or F public school or students transferring from a sanctioned Scholarship school
6. Applicants attending a C school
7. Applicants residing in the same parish as the school, if school chose to offer a geographic preference
8. Current Scholarship students who wish to attend a different Scholarship school

2021-22 Student Placement Process

Overview of the procedure:

1. All eligible students are given a random number that indicates where they are ranked in the priority category.
2. The LDOE contracts with OneApp to run a match for all eligible students with their school choices and priority.
3. The LDOE awards students from that list in order of priority
4. Students who do not get awards in the summer are placed on a waitlist

Common Reasons Students Were Not Awarded

Unfortunately, not all students received an award. Here are some common reasons:

1. Student was ineligible:
 - a. Income was not verified during the application period
 - b. Student was not found at a public school in 20-21
2. There were no eligible school choices
 - a. Schools may have only requested new students for certain grades
 - b. Some schools are sanctioned due to low test scores and can only accept a limited number of students, or none at all
3. The student's priority category has not been awarded yet or the student does not have any priority

Waitlist Process

Who is on the waitlist?

- All students who were eligible for an award but were not given an award over the summer
- Currently, there are nearly 400 students on the list

How do you get a placement from the waitlist?

- Not all students will get an award from the waitlist
- Awards are limited to funding, so another student must decline their award

2022-23 Application Process

Who is eligible?

Students must meet certain eligibility requirements in order to participate in the Scholarship program:

- ✓ Louisiana resident
- ✓ Household income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines
- ✓ Either entering kindergarten or enrolled in a public school with a C, D, or F grade on both October 1 and February 1 of the current school year or a continuing Scholarship student
 - Eligibility documentation must be submitted to a participating Scholarship school or, if the family is applying to a school in Orleans Parish, the family can virtually verify their child's eligibility
 - Homeschool students and students in grades K-12 who currently attend nonpublic schools are not eligible

2022-23 Application Process

How can I apply for next year?

- Applications are accepted in the school year prior to the year for which the award would be made.
- There are two different application windows based on school location:
 - November- Applications open for schools located in Orleans parish
 - December- Application opens for schools located outside Orleans parish
- Schools are not allowed to implement admissions criteria for Scholarship applicants and may not discriminate against any students – such as students with special needs – during the application and registration processes
- Scholarship awards are made by the Department only. Schools cannot inform families that they have been accepted to their school as a Scholarship student prior to awards being made

2022-23 Application Process

How do I apply?

- Orleans Parish
 - Application opens in November
 - Apply through the OneApp application
 - Parents must bring eligibility documentation to participating school or virtually verify their child's eligibility.
- Outside of Orleans Parish
 - Application opens in December
 - Apply online
 - Parents must bring eligibility documentation to one of the Scholarship schools listed on the student's application.

Thank you for your time!

See the [Family FAQ](#) document for additional information.

Contact studentscholarships@la.gov with any questions.