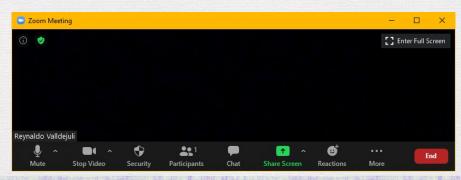
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If you require an interpreter or have other accessibility needs for future LDOE meetings, please contact

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#### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION





# Nonpublic Schools Monthly Call

January 18, 2023

Email contact: studentscholarships@la.gov

#### **Louisiana's Goals and Priorities**

#### SIX CRITICAL GOALS

Students enter kindergarten ready.

Students will achieve mastery on third-grade assessments and enter fourth grade prepared for grade-level content.

Students will achieve mastery on eighth-grade assessments and enter ninth grade prepared for grade-level content.

Students will graduate on time.

Students will graduate with a college and/or career credential.

Students will graduate eligible for a TOPS award.

#### **EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES**

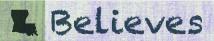
Ensure every student is on track to a professional career, college degree, or service.

Remove barriers and create equitable, inclusive learning experiences for all children.

Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment.

Develop and retain a diverse, highly effective educator workforce.

Cultivate high-impact systems, structures, and partnerships



# Agenda



- 2023-2024 LSP Sanctions
- Louisiana Applications Update
- Louisiana Scholarship Program
- Demand Reports
- Quarterly Reporting (LSP/SCP)
- School Choice Program
  - Application
  - SCP Important Dates
- School Support
- Communications

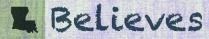


#### **2023-2024 LSP Sanctions**

#### **Sanctions 2023-2024**

- Schools that are being sanctioned for the 2023-24 school year will be notified on Friday, January 20th via telephone and will receive a follow up email with next steps.
  - All schools notified will need to attend a mandatory webinar on Monday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
  - The link to the webinar will be provided on the email sent to sanctioned schools.

If you do not hear anything from our office, then that means your school will not be sanctioned.



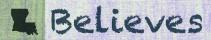
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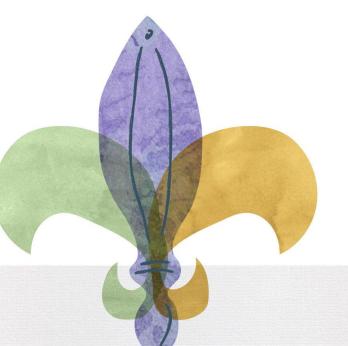


# Scholarship Application Update

# **Louisiana Scholarship Application Timeline**

PROCESS	DEADLINE
Application Cycle Ends	1/27
Last Day for Schools to Mark Eligibility Determination 23-24	1/31
Quarter 3 Enrollment Reporting (LSP and SCP)	2/1 - 2/3
Transfer Window Closes for 2022-23 School Year	2/6
Last Day to Submit Quarter 3 Payment Adjustment Forms	3/6
Main Round Roster Verification (Site Registration Begins)	4/24
Parent Notification Letters	4/24
Site Registration Ends	5/26
Spring Registration Workbook (declined awards for non-registered students)	5/26
Transfer Window Opens	6/12
Transfer Window Closes	7/18





# Louisiana Scholarship Program

## **Updates**

- The Statewide Application is still open till Friday, January 27th
- Families can access the application at using this link: <a href="https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/louisiana-scholarship-program">https://www.louisianabelieves.com/schools/louisiana-scholarship-program</a>
- All Income and Residency Verification is due by January 27th.
- Applications must be verified in LEADs by January 31st.

## **Application Process**

• Schools play a central role in the applicant intake process by verifying eligibility as well as providing direct support to families.

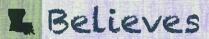
#### **All Parishes**

Online application through the state

(https://webapps.doe.louisiana.gov/publicapps/scholarshipsonlineapp/)

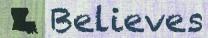
Closes January 27, 2023

- Schools are not allowed to implement admissions criteria for Scholarship applicants and may not discriminate against students with special needs during the admissions process.
- Schools are required to accept the grade of the sending school for all students awarded a Scholarship.
- See the policy requirements as written in <u>Bulletin 133, see Chapter 3</u>



# **Application Process: Income Verification**

- Applicant parent/guardian must produce <u>one</u> of the following documents to verify their annual household income is below 250% of the <u>Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>
  - 2022 Federal Tax Return
  - Most recent unemployment compensation statement
  - DCFS placement form, in the case of foster children
  - Most recent pension statements
  - Most recent Social Security benefits statement
  - SNAP Benefits
  - Louisiana Purchase Card Budget Sheet or Benefits Statement

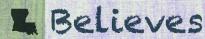


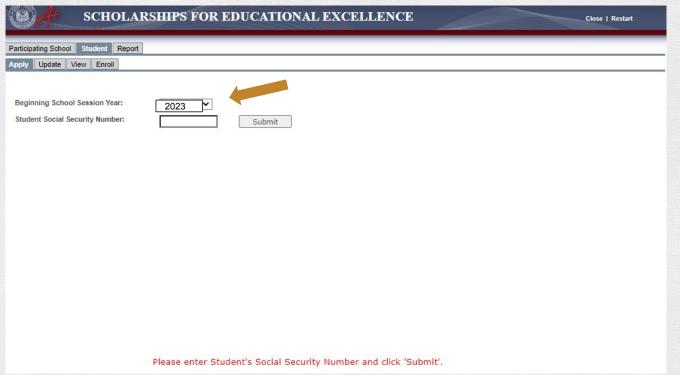
# **Application Process: Residency Verification**

- Applicant parent/guardian must produce <u>one</u> of the following documents to verify their residency
  - Rental lease agreement or mortgage
  - Electricity/Gas Bill
  - Telephone Bill (Must be a landline cellular phone bills will not suffice)
  - Cable/Internet Service Bill
  - Sewerage/Water Bill
  - Current Official Letter from a Government Agency (DSS, DHH)
  - Homestead Exemption Notice
  - Property Tax Notice

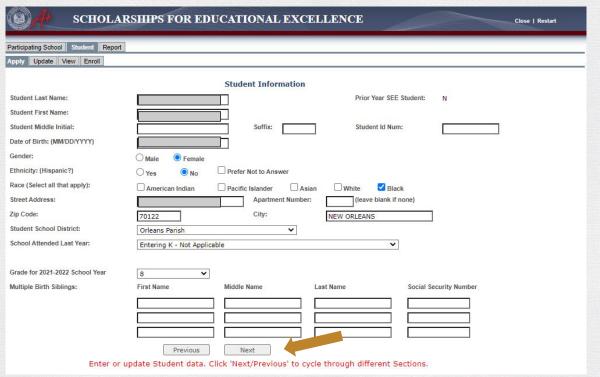


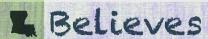
- Applicants must bring this documentation to any participating scholarship school for school staff to verify.
- 1. Login to LEADS (<a href="https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl/">https://leads5.doe.louisiana.gov/ptl/</a>)
- 2. Under the 'Student' tab, select the 'Apply' tab
- 3. Look up student application by SSN
- 4. Select 'Submit'
- 5. Go through the Student Information and Parent Information pages
- 6. On the third page, select the eligibility options
- 7. Select 'Submit'





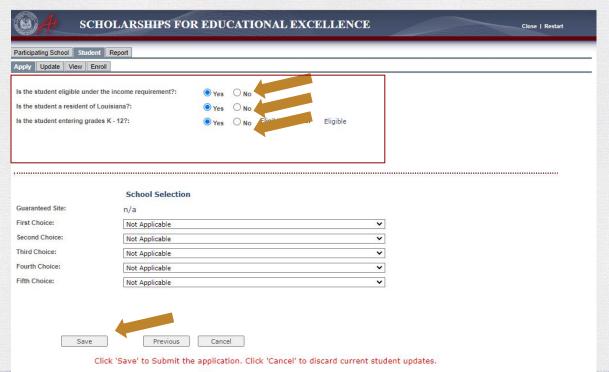




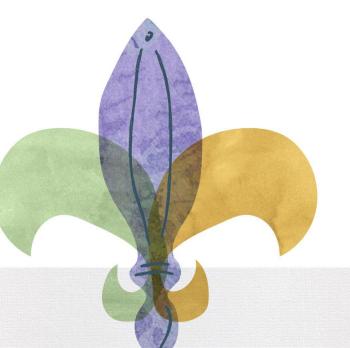


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Mailing Address:		(include Apt.# if applicable)		
Zip Code:		City:		
Home Phone: (999-999-9999)		Cell Phone:	-999-9999)	
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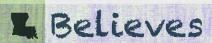


# **Demand Reports**

### **Demand Reports**

- Demand reports can ONLY be found by accessing the FTP.
- You can access the FTP using this link: https://sftp.doe.louisiana.gov/thinclient/Login.aspx?alert=timeout
- To login to the FTP please enter your username and password. <u>It is NOT the same username and</u> <u>password used for LEADS</u>
- Username: [insert your sitecode]@nonpublic
  - Ex. (999999@nonpublic)
  - Enter your password for the FTP(this is password that you should have set yourself or by someone at your school)
- If you are a new school logging into the FTP for the first time, please contact our office at studentscholarships@la.gov



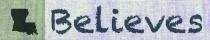


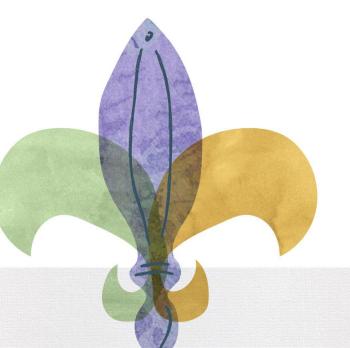
## **Demand Reports**

Demand reports are provided at the beginning of each week during the application cycle. (typically on Tuesdays)

- The report can be found in the "2023-24 LSP" folder
- The report includes the number of students who have applied and listed your school as their first choice
- There is a tab labeled "Incomplete Apps"
  - This is a list of applicants that have applied, but do not have a completed application because they have not provided eligibility documentation and/or have not been marked eligible in LEADs
- Please review demand reports provided by the LDOE weekly and make efforts to contact the families listed.

The demand report does not guarantee that you will be awarded these students once the lottery process is complete





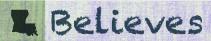
# **Quarterly Reporting**

### **Quarterly Enrollment**

All Quarterly Enrollment Reports must be submitted on time via the LEADS portal during each quarter by the dates listed below in order to receive payments on-time.

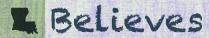
	LSP (SEE Portal)	SCP (SCS Portal)
Quarter 3	February 2-6	February 2-6
Quarter 4	May 1-5	May 1-5

- If the enrollment reports are not submitted on time, it affects your student enrollment counts and delays payments.
- Students must be reported on Q1 and Q3 enrollment report to be considered a roll over student when the upcoming school year awards are granted.
- If a student drops from your school, please follow the drop procedures so that the student can be dropped from your roster.



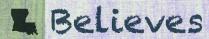
# LSP and SCS Quarter 3 Enrollment Reporting

PROCESS	TIMELINE
Transfer Window Closes for Q3	February 6th*
Quarter 3 enrollment Begins (SEE/LSP only)	February 1st - 6th
Last Day to submit Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 3-SEE/SCS	March 6th



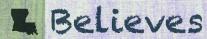
#### LSP and SCP: Quarter 3 Enrollment

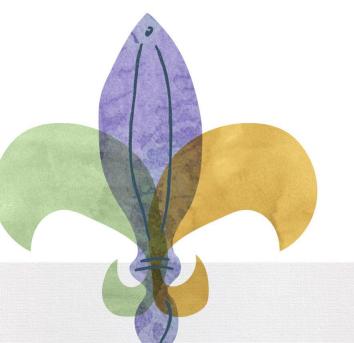
- Schools will have 30 days from the last day of quarterly enrollment reporting period each quarter to report any enrollment issues.
  - All Payment Adjustment Forms for the School Choice Program for Quarter 3 must be submitted by March 6th
  - Any Payment Adjustment Forms for Quarter 3 submitted after <u>March 6th</u> will be considered on an individual basis and <u>must include an explanation of the</u> <u>late submission</u>.
    - Please note that late submissions are not guaranteed payment.



#### Reminders

- LSP Application for 2023-24
  - The application closes on January 27th.
  - All income and residency information must be submitted by January 27th.
  - All applications must be verified in LEADS by January 31st.
- Quarterly Enrollment Reporting
  - Quarter 3 enrollment will open on February 1st and close on February 6th
  - Q1 and Q3 enrollment determines eligibility.
  - If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at <a href="mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov">studentscholarships@la.gov</a> for assistance.

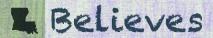




# School Choice Program for Students with Certain Exceptionalities

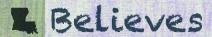
# **School Choice Application Timeline**

PROCESS	DEADLINE
Application Opens	February 1st
Application Closes	March 6th
Schools notified of Awards	May 1st
Parent Notification Letters	May 1st



### **Application**

- The application process will begin on February 1, 2023
- This year we will be launching an electronic application through Jotform to help align the application with the Louisiana Scholarship Program application and to ensure coordination across the programs.
- Families will be able to access the application using this link: https://form.jotform.com/213615278762057
- All applications must be completed by March 6th, 2023



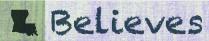
#### **Application**

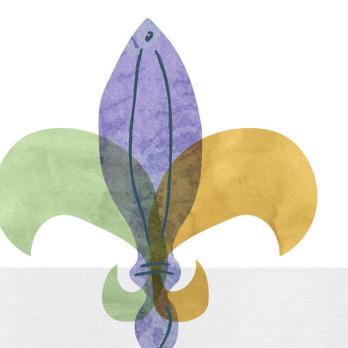
- In order to be eligible for an award, students must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Have an exceptionality of autism, intellectual disability, brain injury, developmental delay, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disability.
  - b. Be evaluated by the local school district and have an IEP or a district-created service plan.
- Families will be required to upload copies of the IEP or district-created service plan along with proof of residency during the completion of the application.
- Continuing students must reapply in order to maintain their award for the upcoming school year.



#### Reminders

- School Choice Application for 2022-23
  - The application opens on <u>February 1st</u>. The application closes on <u>March 6th</u>.
  - New applicants must upload copies of the IEP or district created service plan in the application along with at least one supporting document to verify residency.
  - Continuing students must reapply in order to maintain award for the upcoming school year.
  - Quarterly Enrollment Reporting
    - Quarter 3 enrollment will open on February 1st and close on February 6th
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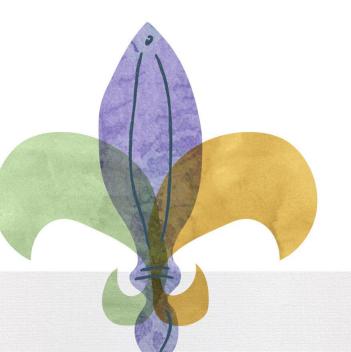


# **SCP Important Dates**

# **School Choice Program for Student with Exceptionalities Important Dates**

Date	Action
January 30th, 2023	School Application Webinar for School Choice Program SY 2023-24
January 31st, 2023	Parent Application Webinar for School Choice Program SY 2023-24
February 1st, 2023	SY 2023-24 School Choice Program application opens
March 6th, 2023	SY 2023-24 School Choice Program application closes

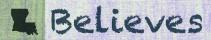




# **School Support**

#### **Strategies for Success**

- We will have check-ins for all new participating schools, new scholarship managers, and those needing additional support. These check-ins will be used to provide additional support and step-by-step training for those that are learning the program.
- You can access the meeting using this link: <a href="https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93717548403">https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/93717548403</a>
- Topics that will be covered in our next check-in will included:
  - How to complete Tuition and Fees / Allowable Fees
  - How to complete the Notice of Intent
  - Upcoming Application Process



#### **Office Hours**

- We are extending office hours to provide one-on-one assistance regarding any questions you may have.
  - Offered each week for school administrators and other school system employees
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Booking: <a href="https://www.picktime.com/LDEnonpublicschools">https://www.picktime.com/LDEnonpublicschools</a>
- In order to make sure that every school gets an opportunity to schedule a call, each call will be limited to 15 minutes.



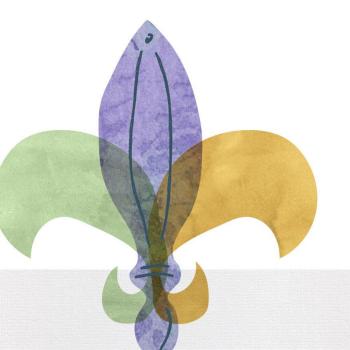
#### **Office Hours**

When booking, include a description of what you'd like to discuss
during the call in the "booking notes" section of the form. This will
ensure that our staff is prepared ahead of the call and can effectively
use the time to address your concerns.

• If you miss your scheduled time, you will need to book a new appointment time. If you have any questions about Office Hours, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov">studentscholarships@la.gov</a> for assistance.

This service is not available to families. Families with questions should submit them to studentscholarships@la.gov





#### **Communications**

#### **Emails**

Emails from <u>studentscholarships@la.gov</u> and program staff are the first source of communication for all participating schools.

- Important links, documents, instructions, and urgent deadlines are communicated via email.
- It is <u>required</u> that all principals and scholarship managers read/review the emails and documents being sent regarding the program.
- Not reading the emails results in incorrect submissions and/or missed deadlines.

If you have any questions about the content of emails, please respond directly to the email or contact us at <a href="mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov">studentscholarships@la.gov</a> for assistance.



#### **Newsletter**

The Nonpublic newsletter goes out every Thursday at 4:30pm.

- The latest information and program updates are always provided in the newsletter. This is an important source of information provided to all participating schools.
- It is important that you review the newsletter for all updates regarding deadlines, program updates, and requirements.
- Please ensure at least one person from your school is accessing the newsletter weekly.

You can sign up for the newsletter using this link <u>here</u>.



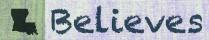
# **Program Calendar**

In order to provide better support for all participating scholarship schools, we have released a program calendar for the 2022-23 school year.

- The annual calendar include all important dates for the upcoming school year.
  - You can access the 2022-23 Nonpublic Annual Reporting Calendar <u>here.</u>
- A monthly version of the calendar will be included in every newsletter.

<u>Please Note</u>: All dates are tentative and may change. Please review future issues of the Nonpublic newsletter for all updates.

If you have questions or any issues accessing the calendar, please contact us at <a href="mailto:studentscholarships@la.gov">studentscholarships@la.gov</a> for assistance.



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#### **Username, Passcodes, and Unlocks**

- If you are having a problem with your account please always include your username and school code in the email
  - Please remember to only send one email request stating problem to <u>studentscholarships@la.gov</u>

#### **Helpful Links**

- LDOE Nonpublic Library
- LDOE School Choice
   Library
- Federal Poverty Guidelines
- <u>Louisiana Scholarship</u>
   <u>Program</u>
- Statewide Scholarship
   Application

#### Thank You For Joining Today's Call.

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