

I am writing to you today to explain why the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship has been such a blessing to my family. My family lives in Summit County in the Akron Public School District. My daughter is a recipient of the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. In the 2013-2014 school year my daughter was going into Kindergarten and her Dad and I were recently divorced. My Mom was a teacher in APS for many years and my son who was a 3rd grader at that time attended Mason Elementary School because my Mom was teaching there. During those years as the kids became older there were numerous disciplinary problems with other students and I didn't feel that he was in a situation where he was surrounded by kids who wanted to learn like he did. As a newly divorced Mom I started looking for other options. We looked into Chapel Hill Christian School in Akron and they suggested I try to obtain an EdChoice Scholarship for my daughter. My ex husband has numerous issues and refused to pay child support during the time we were divorcing so I applied for the expansion scholarship and was approved to receive this scholarship. This was a blessing to ME because this scholarship helped me to cover a portion of her tuition at Chapel Hill. It gave me other options that I wouldn't have had otherwise.

My daughter is now in 6th grade. Because of this scholarship she is given the opportunity to be surrounded by children who WANT to learn like she does. She excels in all of her studies and is being given the opportunity to be in classes where she isn't constantly interrupted by kids who don't want to be there. She is surrounded by teachers and mentors who WANT to be there instead of teachers who are only there for a paycheck because the students have become so unruly. I feel that ALL kids should be given the opportunity to excel and this scholarship helps so many of these children who are stuck in these schools with other kids who would rather fool around and get in trouble than learn. We need to show our children that we care about their education and they should ALL have the opportunity to excel when they want to! Parents should also have the opportunity to apply for this scholarship when they are trying to give their children a better life and to show them that there is more out there in the world.

Thank you for your time.

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