



OUR LADY
Queen of Heaven
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LA GATOR SCHOLARSHIP FAMILY ELIGIBILITY AND GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday February 26, 2025

2pm FLCC Activity Room

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Scholarship Team



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Governor Landry's Initiative and Funding Plan for School Choice

- 2024-25 the state legislature allocated \$1.25 million to establish the framework to lay the foundation for the LA GATOR program.
- The state legislature contracted ODYSSEY to build the infrastructure to administer the program.
- The state legislature also tasked BESE to find the money in the state education budget to fund the program and implement administration of the program.

- The first \$46 million will be used to migrate the students who currently participate in the Louisiana Scholarship program (LSP.)
- Will ask the legislature to approve his appropriation of an additional \$50 million to fund Phase 1 of the program in his **2025-26 executive budget.**
- This will be time for action on all our parts! This is legislative work.
- This is not guaranteed yet and we will not know if it is a reality until the end of the legislative session in July.
- However, **applications will open on March 1st.** This is during the Mardi Gras break.
- Applications will be time stamped for prioritization purposes.

Switch to LA GATOR slide deck.

Funding Levels for Students

If funding is approved, the state government will set up education savings accounts for participating families to use for tuition and other education related expenses.

Beyond tuition and fees, purchases will need to be made through approved vendors.

Tentatively!

- All students entering Kindergarten: Estimated \$5500.
- Students with financial need: Estimated \$7600.
- Students with exceptionalities under IDEA: Estimated \$15,000.

2025 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in family/ household Federal poverty guideline 250% poverty guideline for eligibility purposes.

• 1	\$15,650	\$39,125
• 2	\$21,150	\$52,875
• 3	\$26,650	\$66,625
• 4	\$32,150	\$80,375
• 5	\$37,650	\$94,125
• 6	\$43,150	\$107,875
• 7	\$48,650	\$121,625
• 8	\$54,150	\$135,375



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New Support Resources

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Webpage: lagator.la.gov

Call Center: 225-422-1538

Email: help.la@withodyssey.com

Student applications open by March 1, 2025



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