



NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION			DUE DATE
			MARCH 1
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	NAME OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
WEBPAGE	EMAIL ADDRESS		

INSTRUCTIONS

Read and review each assurance and check the box if the scholarship granting organization can assure the activity identified will occur. All assurance statements must be signed by the Executive Director.

Complete the form and submit to:

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Division of Learning Services
PO Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Fax: 573-526-4404 / Email: bryceslaw@dese.mo.gov

INTENTIONS

Date recognized as a scholarship granting organization	
The above organization intends to provide scholarships starting (enter date)	

The scholarships will be awarded to (check all that apply):

- eligible children as set forth in section 161.825, RSMo, and/or
- eligible students as set forth in section 161.825, RSMo

ASSURANCES

The above scholarship granting organization assures the following for the upcoming school year:

- At least ninety percent (90%) of revenue from donations will be spent on educational scholarships;
- All revenues from interest or investment will be spent on educational scholarships;
- Scholarships provided will not exceed an average of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per eligible student;
- Scholarships provided will not exceed an average of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per eligible child;
- Scholarships awarded to eligible students are portable and can be used at any qualified school that accepts the student;
- Scholarships awarded to eligible children are portable and can be used for any qualified service provider;
- Every donor will be provided with a receipt documenting their donation;

Continue with assurances on the following page...

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ASSURANCES (continued)

- Parents will be informed that accepting a scholarship releases the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) and the local school district from the obligation to provide the student with a free appropriate public education for that school year;
- Parents will be surveyed about satisfaction with the scholarship program;
- Data will be collected from schools, service providers, parents, and students on bullying, harassment, class size, and behavior issues with scholarship recipients;
- Criminal background checks have been conducted for all employees and board of directors' members; and;
- Prior to making a scholarship award payable to any school or service provider accepting scholarship funds from the scholarship granting organization, the school or service provider must agree:
 - To comply with all health and safety laws and codes that apply to nonpublic schools or service provider;
 - To hold a valid occupancy permit if required by the municipality where located;
 - To provide academic accountability to parents by reporting at least quarterly to parents on the student's or child's progress;
 - To adhere to the recommendations of the Missouri Autism Guideline Initiative when serving a student or child with a diagnosis of autism or an individualized education program (IEP) based on autism spectrum disorder;
 - To not use any interventions with a student or child with a diagnosis of autism or an individualized education program based on autism spectrum disorder that have been found ineffective by the commission on Medicare;
 - To provide documentation in the student's or child's record of the rationale for using any intervention that is categorized as unestablished, insufficient evidence, or level 3 by the Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative Guide to Evidence-based Interventions;
 - When providing education services or behavior strategies to a scholarship recipient with a diagnosis of Down syndrome, Angelman syndrome, cerebral palsy or dyslexia, to use student, teacher, teaching, and school influences that rank in the zone of desired effects as evaluated by John Hattie or document to the scholarship granting organization why it used a method not in the zone of desired effects; and
 - When providing education services or behavior strategies to a scholarship recipient with a individualized family services program based on Down syndrome, Angelman syndrome, cerebral palsy or dyslexia, use the teaching methods that rank in the zone of desired effects as evaluated by John Hattie or document to the scholarship granting organization why it used a method not in the zone of desired effects.
- Documentation to support all of the above assurances will be made available to the Department upon request.

CERTIFICATIONS

By signing this assurance statement, I am indicating that the scholarship granting organization assures that all the statements set forth above have been or will be completed in accordance with section 161.825, RSMo.

SIGNATURE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE