

# Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST)

Have you always wished to send your child to a nonpublic school but couldn't afford the tuition? Or perhaps you struggle now to pay for your child's tuition? Your child may be eligible for a new state program that will provide \$5 million in scholarships for low-income K-12 students to attend nonpublic schools starting in the 2016-2017 school year.

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR BOOST?

- Low-income students whose family income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level:
  - Family of 2 (e.g., one adult and one child): \$29,637
  - Family of 3: \$37,296
  - Family of 4: \$44,955
- For additional family size information, visit [www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST](http://www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST)
- Public school students, as well as current nonpublic school students, may apply.
- Visit [www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST) to find a **List of Eligible Schools**. Contact schools directly to be sure they intend to participate in the BOOST program.



## HOW CAN YOU PREPARE TO APPLY?

The Maryland nonpublic schools' coalition, Maryland Council for American Private Education (CAPE), wants your family to be notified as soon as the scholarship application process opens. Take these **TWO** steps in preparation:

1. Visit [www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST](http://www.educationmaryland.org/BOOST) to enter your information so we can notify you **immediately** when the application process is opened, and keep you updated about the program.
2. **APPLY** to the school or schools that your children are interested in attending. Please be sure that your desired school choices are on the **List of Eligible Schools**.

## HOW WILL THE PROGRAM WORK?

- A BOOST Advisory Board appointed by the state legislature will certify the scholarship recipients and determine final scholarship award amounts.
- Scholarships will then be awarded by the State Department of Education to students at the direction of the Advisory Board, and will be available for the 2016-17 school year.
- More information and applications will be available on the Maryland State Department of Education's website at [www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST).

**Questions? Contact CAPE**  
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**ACT NOW SO THAT YOU CAN BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO APPLY FOR THE UPCOMING 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR!**