



# Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Scholarship Program 2023-2024 School Year Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Parents

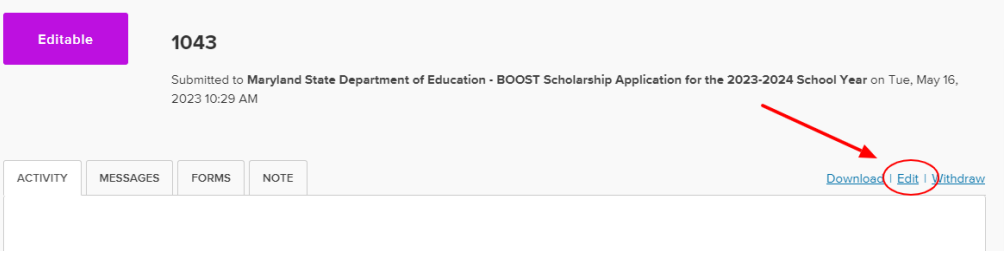
<b>Question #1</b>	My login from last year isn't working! What should I do?
<b>Answer</b>	We have a new online vendor this year, so you must create a new account. <a href="#">Here is a link to the online application.</a>

<b>Question #2</b>	I clicked to reset my password, but I haven't received an email.
<b>Answer</b>	<p>If you are using your login information from last year, it will not work. You have to create a brand new account.</p> <p>Please check your spam folder to see if the reset password email was sent there. You may refer to <a href="#">this guide</a> from Submittable (our application vendor) for more information on this.</p>

<b>Question #3</b>	I need to apply for more than 3 children. How do I do that?
<b>Answer</b>	<p>First, you have to submit the application for your first three children. At the very end of the application, you'll see this question:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px;"><p><b>How many additional children do you need to apply for? *</b></p><p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 1-3</p><p><input type="radio"/> 4-6</p><p><input type="radio"/> 7-9</p><p><small>You will receive an email with a link to the form(s) to enter the additional children.</small></p></div> <p>Indicate how many more children you have to apply for, and you'll receive an email with an additional form.</p>

<b>Question #4</b>	I am a foster parent. Do I still have to upload my federal 1040 tax forms?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes, all applicants must provide evidence of income.

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<b>Question #5</b>	Oops, I made a mistake on my application! Can I edit it?
<b>Answer</b>	<p>Yes. Login to your account and request permission to edit your application. You'll receive a notification once permission is granted.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a purple 'Editable' badge next to the application ID '1043'. Below this, it says 'Submitted to Maryland State Department of Education - BOOST Scholarship Application for the 2023-2024 School Year on Tue, May 16, 2023 10:29 AM'. At the bottom right, there are three links: 'Download', 'Edit', and 'Withdraw'. The 'Edit' link is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the right.</p>

<b>Question #6</b>	My tax forms have 3 pages. Do I upload only the first page, or all pages?
<b>Answer</b>	Upload all pages. Sounds like you'll have to combine these pages into one document to upload them together.

<b>Question #7</b>	I have 2 schedules and earned income credit. Do I submit these, along with my federal 1040 tax forms?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes, upload <u>all</u> related documents that accompanied your federal 1040 tax form.

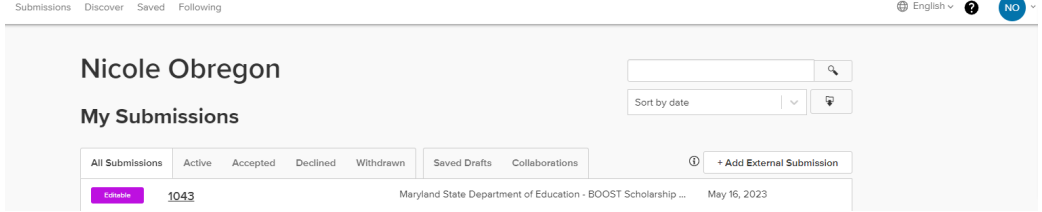
<b>Question #8</b>	The school my child attended last year is not the list. Why?
<b>Answer</b>	Schools have to apply every year. Some schools participate one year, and not the next.

<b>Question #9</b>	What is the minimum a child can be awarded?
<b>Answer</b>	We don't know the value of the awards yet. The BOOST Advisory Board determines award amounts when they convene in July 2023.

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<b>Question #10</b>	Do I have to qualify for free meals?
<b>Answer</b>	No, the student must qualify for free or reduced-price meals. For a breakdown of household income cut-offs for FARMS, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture <a href="#">webpage</a> .

<b>Question #11</b>	Last year, I had to submit a letter from the school stating that my child was enrolled there. Is that still required?
<b>Answer</b>	No.

<b>Question #12</b>	I think I submitted my application, but I'm not sure! How will I know?
<b>Answer</b>	You can check for yourself by logging into your account and viewing your submissions. It should look like this:  <p>The screenshot shows a user interface for 'My Submissions' for Nicole Obregon. It includes a search bar, a 'Sort by date' dropdown, and tabs for 'All Submissions', 'Active', 'Accepted', 'Declined', 'Withdrawn', 'Saved Drafts', and 'Collaborations'. A '+ Add External Submission' button is also visible. The page footer indicates 'Maryland State Department of Education - BOOST Scholarship ... May 16, 2023'.</p>

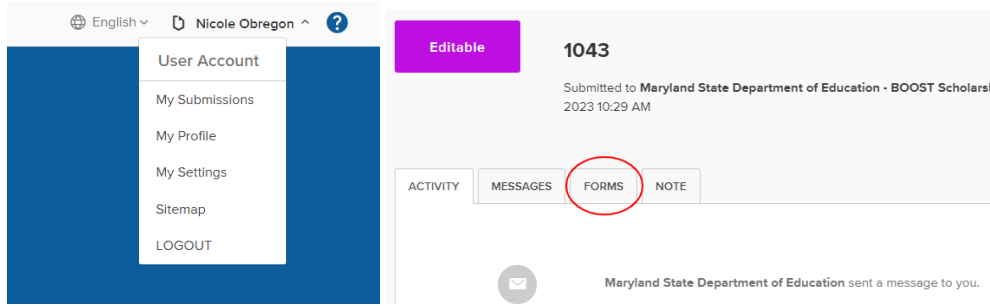
<b>Question #13</b>	What is an ITIN number?
<b>Answer</b>	An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is a tax processing number issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS issues ITINs to individuals who are not eligible to obtain a Social Security number (SSN), regardless of their immigration status.  For more information on the ITIN, please visit the <a href="#">IRS webpage</a> or the <a href="#">American Immigration Council webpage</a> .

<b>Question #14</b>	How can I apply for an ITIN?
<b>Answer</b>	There are 3 ways to apply for an ITIN number, which are all described on the IRS's <a href="#">webpage</a> . This page is also available in other languages.

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<b>Question #15</b>	Are there other scholarship programs at the state?
<b>Answer</b>	Currently, BOOST is the only scholarship program for low-income students in grades kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade to attend a private school. Beyond 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, scholarship programs are available through the Maryland Higher Education Commission ( <a href="#">MHEC</a> ).

<b>Question #16</b>	My school’s tuition is due starting in July. Do I have to make payments?
<b>Answer</b>	Please follow the nonpublic school’s guidelines on paying tuition costs. Parents are responsible for making arrangements with the financial office of the school regarding paying tuition.

<b>Question #17</b>	I haven’t received the form yet for my additional children. Where is it?
<b>Answer</b>	<p>This form will be sent to you within 24 hours of you requesting it. If you still have not received an email alert, you may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log into your account</li> <li>• See your name in the top right hand corner</li> <li>• Click on “My Submissions”</li> <li>• Click on your BOOST application</li> <li>• Click on the “Forms” tab</li> </ul> 

<b>Question #17</b>	I didn’t work during 2022. Do I still have to submit evidence of income?
<b>Answer</b>	<p>Yes. Parents don’t only have to report wages earned from working, but other income such as profit from a business, social security benefits, SNAP benefits, government assistance, unemployment, etc.</p> <p>If you’re not sure if you should file federal taxes, complete the questionnaire from the IRS “<a href="#">Do I need to file a tax return?</a>”</p>