



ACE Applicant User Manual



Ohio
Afterschool Child Enrichment
Educational Savings Account Program

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What is ACE?

The Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Account program provides funds to a student's parent or guardian to use on various enrichment and educational activities. The program is being offered through a contract between Merit International, Inc. and the Ohio Department of Education.

The ACE Educational Savings Account program provides qualifying families with a \$500 credit that can be used to pay for a variety of enrichment activities that will accelerate learning for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds can be used for:

- Before- or after-school educational programs;
- Day camps, including camps for academics, music and arts;
- Tuition for learning extension centers;
- The purchase of curriculum and material for home-school families;
- Educational, learning or study skills services;
- Field trips to historical landmarks, museums, science centers and theaters – including admission, exhibit and program fees;
- Language classes;
- Musical instrument lessons;
- Tutoring



The Ohio Department of Education will accept requests from families and determine program eligibility. **Merit International, Inc. will provide eligible families with their portal access to the savings accounts and a marketplace to purchase allowable services and materials.**

How To Apply for ACE:

There are several steps to complete before applying for an ACE account. Please follow the checklist below as you complete the application process. This manual shows you how to go through each step.

Checklist:

- ✓ Step 1: Create an OH | ID account
- ✓ Step 2: Complete the Department of Education Profile Setup
- ✓ Step 3: Access to the Income Verification System
 - Complete application request
- ✓ Step 4: Edit Contact Information
- ✓ Step 5: Create New Income
 - Complete income verification for the school year being applied for
- ✓ Step 6: Income Verification System Dashboard
 - Enter all household members
 - Enter household income
 - List of acceptable income documents
 - Upload income supporting documents
 - Income must be in at least the “**submitted**” status before ACE applications can be submitted
- ✓ Step 7: Apply for the ACE Savings Account
 - Select students for the ACE program
 - Verify your students information
 - Apply to ACE
 - Check status

Which Students Qualify?

The ACE Educational Savings Account program is available to any Ohio child ages 6 - 18 years old whose family income is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Eligible children include those who attend any Ohio public or nonpublic school or are home educated by their parents and have been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home instruction.

Note: Community schools in Ohio are considered a public school.

Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (300%)
1	\$40,770
2	\$54,930
3	\$69,090
4	\$83,250
5	\$97,410
6	\$111,570
7	\$125,730
8	\$139,890
For each additional person add:	\$14,160

(**Figure 1** Federal Poverty Level 2023)

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation/US Dept of HHS

Why is Merit Working with Ohio ACE?

Merit has partnered with the Ohio After School Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Program to ensure that qualified individuals can receive up to \$500 per student per year to spend on after-school programs.

Merit will be reaching out to organizations that offer approved services or goods to Ohio students. Organizations that would like to participate in the Ohio ACE program will fill out an application to become a Qualified Education or Service Provider (QESP). Each application will be reviewed by two individuals and if approved, added to the Ohio ACE online marketplace.

Merit will be providing support to qualified Parent/Guardians to ensure they are able to submit receipts or vouchers for individual reimbursement or direct payment to the qualified organization.

The Ohio Department of Education will determine eligibility to participate in the ACE Savings Account Program through an Income Verification process. **The Department of Education will share parent information with Merit Inc who will provide a Marketplace for parents/guardians to utilize their saving account funds.**

Step 1: Create an OH | ID Account

The first step to apply for an ACE savings account is to create an OH|ID. Access to the Ohio Department of Education's ACE system is available on the Department's website at <https://ohid.ohio.gov/>. The goal of OH|ID is to create one simple and secure location for all Ohio citizens to access information and conduct business with the State of Ohio.

For instructions on how to set up your OH|ID, [WATCH THIS VIDEO](#). If you need additional assistance, please reach out to the Contact Center at contact.center@education.ohio.gov or call (877) 644-6338.

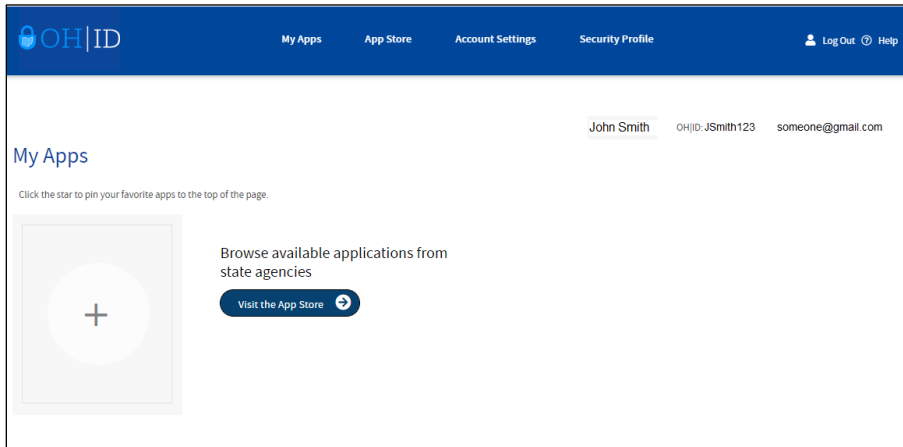
NOTE: Parents/Legal Guardians *must* create an OH|ID account and a Department of Education Profile to access the ACE system and submit applications for their ACE student/students.

Your next step is to create a Department of Education profile or link your new OH|ID account to your existing Department of Education profile. Please proceed to the [Department of Education Profile Setup](#) section of this manual for instructions.

Step 2: Department of Education Profile Setup

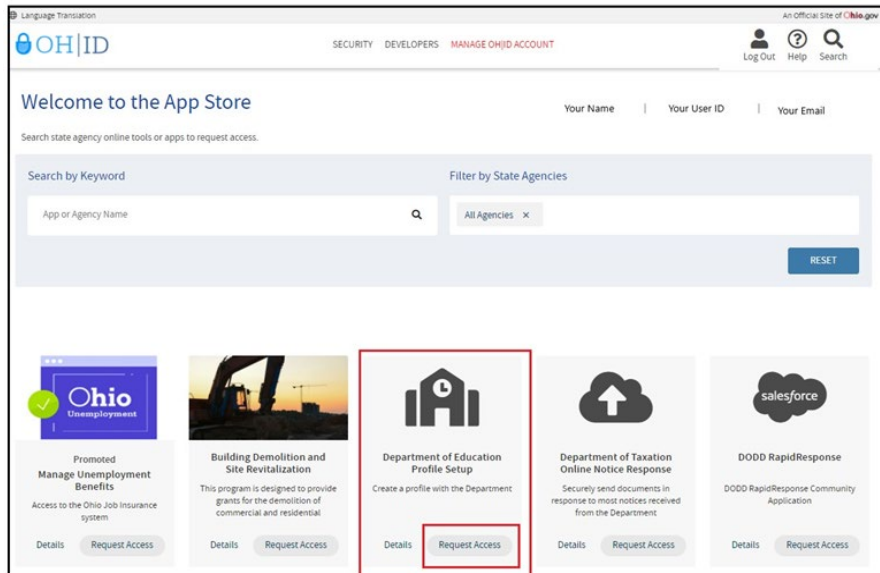
You will create your Department of Education profile (or link to your existing Department of Education profile) after setting up your OH|ID account. Go to <https://ohid.ohio.gov/> to log in to your OH|ID account. Then follow the directions below.

1. Select the “**Visit the App Store**” button within My Apps.



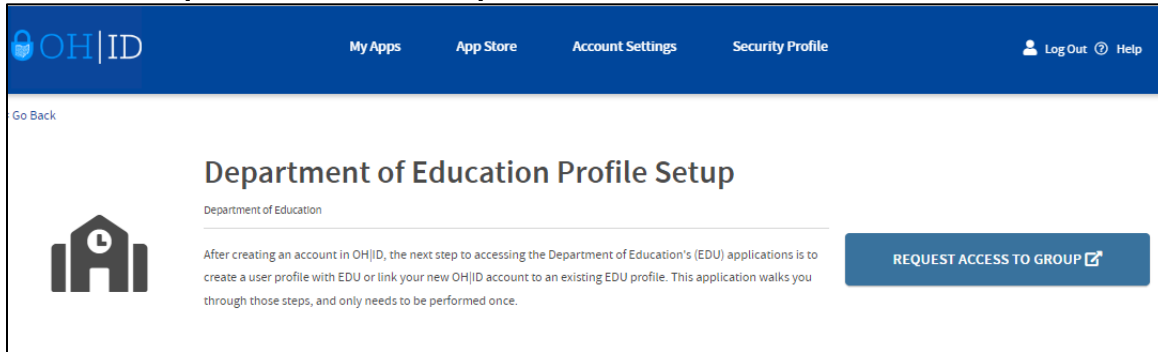
(Figure 2 Visiting the App Store)

2. On the “**Department of Education Profile Setup**” app tile select “**Request Access**”.



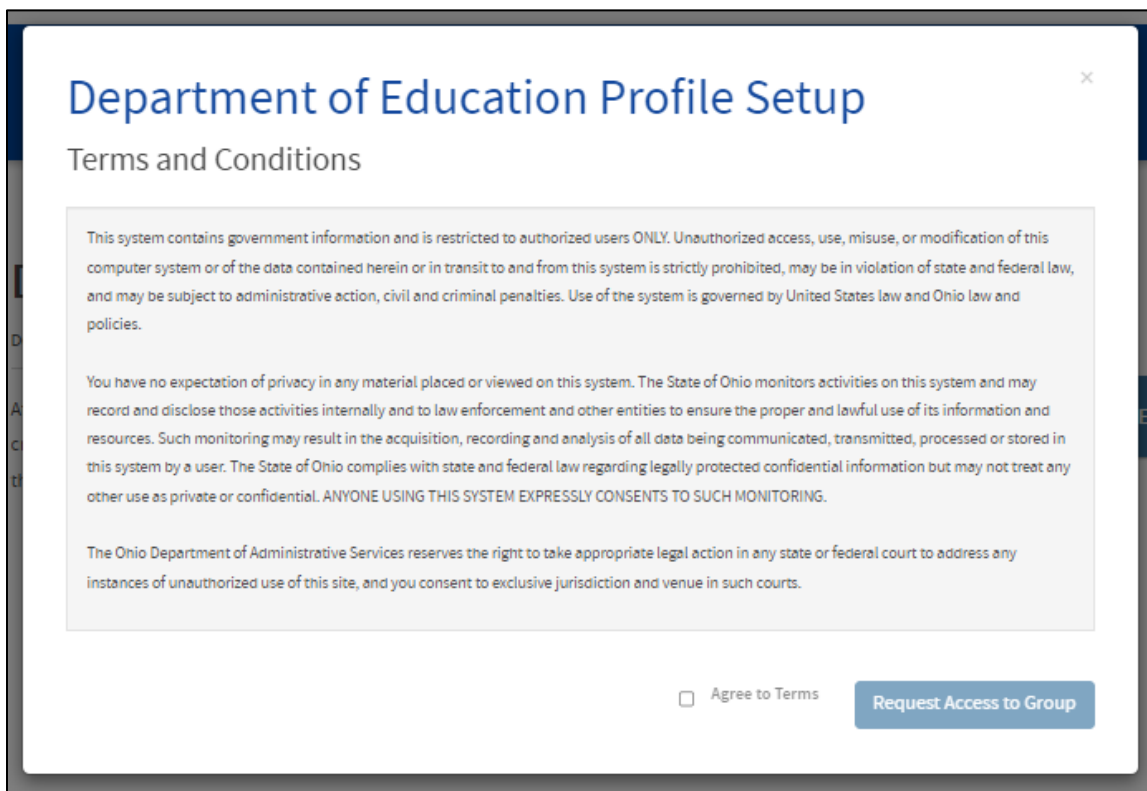
(Figure 3 OH|ID Apps Store)

3. Select “Request Access to Group”



(Figure 4 Department of Education Profile Setup Request Access)

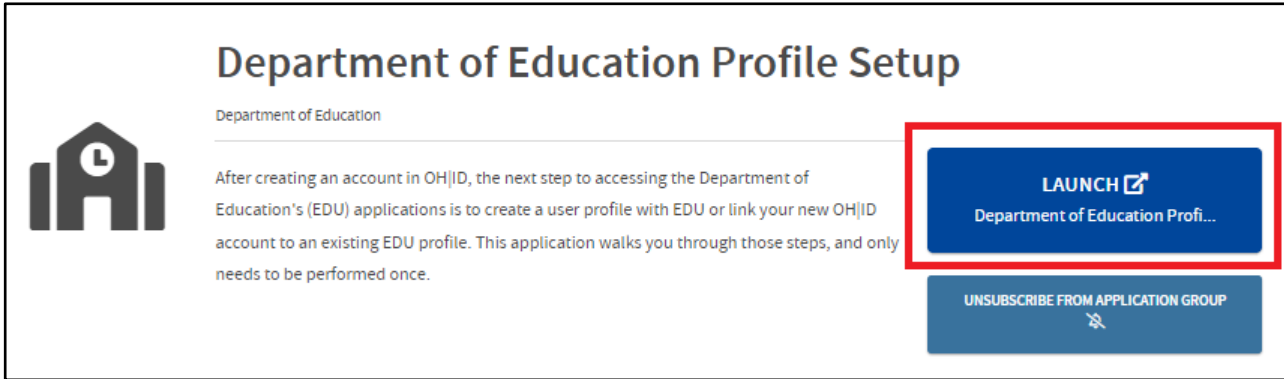
4. A pop-up will appear containing the Terms and Conditions. Check the box next to **Agree to Terms** and select “Request Access to Group” to proceed.



(Figure 5 Terms and Conditions)

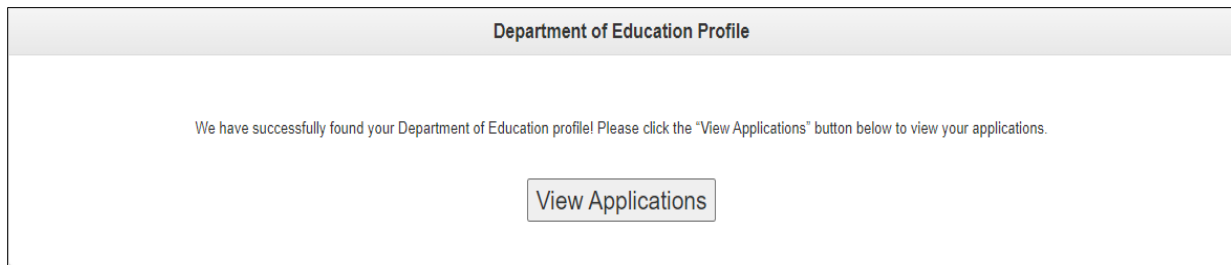
NOTE: You may receive notification that your request to access the Ohio Department of Education Profile has been submitted. **Check the email you used** when setting up your OH|ID account to verify your request has been granted. **Click on the link provided in the email.**

5. After creating an account in OH|ID, the next step is to access the Department of Education. Select **“Launch Department of Education Profile”**



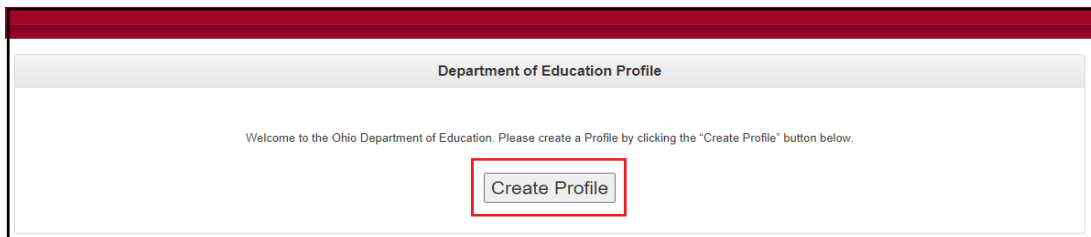
(Figure 6 Department of Education Profile Setup Request Submitted)

6a. If a Department of Education profile is found, you will be prompted to view your Department of Education apps. Click **“View Applications”**. After this step, you are ready to access the Income Verification system; otherwise go to Step 6b. Please proceed to the [Accessing Income Verification System](#) section of this manual.



(Figure 7 Department of Education Profile Found)

6b. If a Department of Education profile is not found, click **Create Profile** to create your Department of Education Profile



(Figure 8 Create Department of Education Profile)

7a. Complete the Department of Education Profile Creation Pages. In the “*Which role best applies to you?*”, for ACE Parents/Guardian(s) select the option “*I am a parent signing up to submit income documents for scholarship and/or ACE*”.

7b. You must use your State of Ohio ID card or Ohio driver’s license when setting up the account. When filling in your personal information, the **name must match exactly** to what is on your **Ohio driver’s license**. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, please reference in Figure 18 where it reads “Click here for acceptable verification documents” and upload the verification document, this will become a manual approval.

NOTE: If you have a former SAFE profile, you will be able to link your profile to your new OH|ID account once your account is established.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFILE CREATION PAGE". The first section is "Which role best applies to you?" with a sub-note "(Multiple roles can be selected)". There are five radio button options. The last option, "I am a parent signing up to submit income documents for scholarship and/or ACE", is selected and highlighted with a red border. Below this is the "Basic Information" section, which includes instructions to enter information exactly as it appears on an identity verification document. The fields are: FIRST NAME (John), MIDDLE NAME (empty), CURRENT LAST NAME (Smith), PREVIOUS LAST NAME (empty), SSN4 (1234) with links for "Why does ODE ask for this?" and "What if I don't have a SSN?", and BIRTH DATE (07/01/1966). A blue "NEXT" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

(Figure 9 Department of Education Selection of Role Profile Creation)

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFILE CREATION PAGE

Contact Information

<p>Home - Physical Address</p> <p>ADDRESS LINE 1: <input type="text" value="Required"/></p> <p>ADDRESS LINE 2: <input type="text"/></p> <p>CITY: <input type="text" value="Required"/></p> <p>STATE: <input type="text" value="Required"/></p> <p>ZIP: <input type="text" value="Required"/></p> <p>ZIP4: <input type="text"/></p> <p>PHONE NUMBER: <input type="text" value="Required"/></p>	<p>Home - Mailing Address</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> IS MAILING SAME AS PHYSICAL?</p> <p>ADDRESS LINE 1: <input type="text"/></p> <p>ADDRESS LINE 2: <input type="text"/></p> <p>CITY: <input type="text"/></p> <p>STATE: <input type="text"/></p> <p>ZIP: <input type="text"/></p> <p>ZIP4: <input type="text"/></p>
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Identity Verification Information

<p>OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS <input type="text" value="Optional"/></p> <p>HOME EMAIL ADDRESS <input type="text" value="Required"/></p> <p>OHIO DRIVER LICENSE OR STATE OF OHIO ID NUMBER: <input type="text"/> or</p> <p>UPLOAD VERIFICATION DOCUMENT</p> <p><small>Click here for a list of acceptable verification documents.</small></p>	<p>CONFIRM OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS <input type="text" value="Optional"/></p> <p>CONFIRM HOME EMAIL ADDRESS <input type="text" value="Required"/></p>
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Account Information

I agree to Ohio Department of Education Terms of Service and Privacy Policy

[NEXT](#) [GO BACK](#)

(Figure 10 Department of Education Profile Creation Page)

8. After you have completed the Department of Education Profile Creation pages, **check your email for a validation code in a confirmation email.** Enter the information requested, including the validation code, in the confirmation dialog box and click **Continue.**

At this point the Parent/Guardian is ready to access the Income Verification system. Please proceed to the [Accessing Income Verification System](#) section of this manual.

Step 3: Accessing Income Verification System

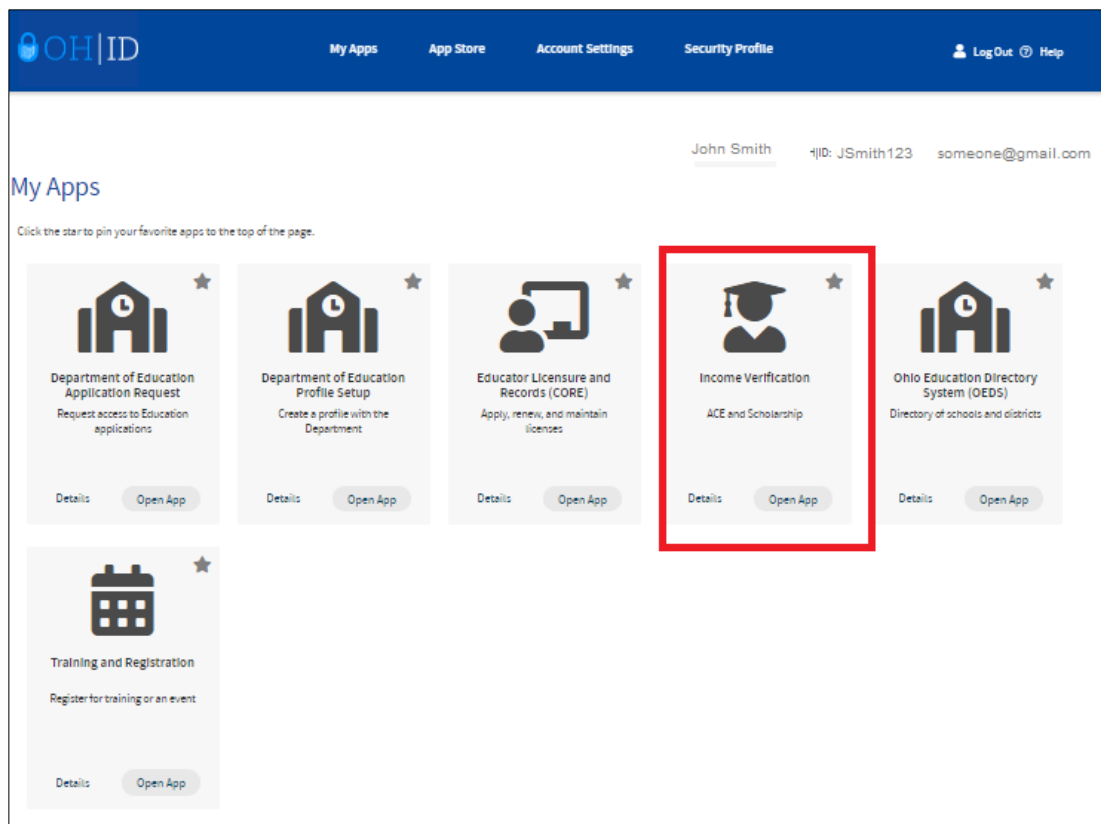
If you are **new** to the Income Verification system, our program office has created an online system. This system allows parents to submit their Income Verification electronically and monitor the status of their income case during the review process. This will help eliminate mailing paper documents, offering a faster and more secure process.

If you already have students in a scholarship program, you can proceed to the [Create New Income](#) section of this manual.

Parents/Guardians may now use the Income Verification System to enter and submit their income information electronically to the program to verify income status. Users must enter household member information, income information and upload supporting income documents directly into the online system.

Please complete the following steps to request access to Income Verification system:

1. First, you must have an OH|ID account and create a Department of Education Profile. If you have not completed these steps, please follow the instructions beginning in the **Create an OH|ID Account** section of this manual.
2. After you have created an OH|ID account and Department of Education Profile, navigate to <https://ohid.ohio.gov/> and log in to your OH|ID account.
3. Open the **Income Verification** app.



(Figure 11 Income Verification App)

4. Update and confirm home email address.

Scholarship Parent Dashboard

Update Home Email Address

* Home Email Address * Confirm Home Email Address

example@domain.com example@domain.com

Update Home Email Address

(Figure 12 Update email address)

5. To begin the Income Verification Process, click “**Create New Income Verification**”. If you need to log out during this point in the process, you may do so. When you log back in you should be directed to this page. You will click “**Go to Income Verification**”. You are now ready to access the Income Verification system. Please proceed to the **enter all your household members in the [Income Verification System Dashboard](#)** section in this manual.

Parent Contact Information

Successfully added Primary Home Email Address. ✕

Email Home: someone@gmail.com	Phone Office: (614) 999-8888	Home Physical Street: 7777 Some Street City: Columbus State: OH Zip: 43112	Home Mailing Street: 7777 Some Street City: Columbus State: OH Zip: 43112
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My Income Verification(s)

Please complete your income verification for the school year you are applying for. Once submitted, please check back later to view your status. ✕

School Year	Head of Household Name	Income Verification Status	Poverty %	Action
2021 - 2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2022 - 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="button" value="+ Create New Income Verification"/>

My Student(s)

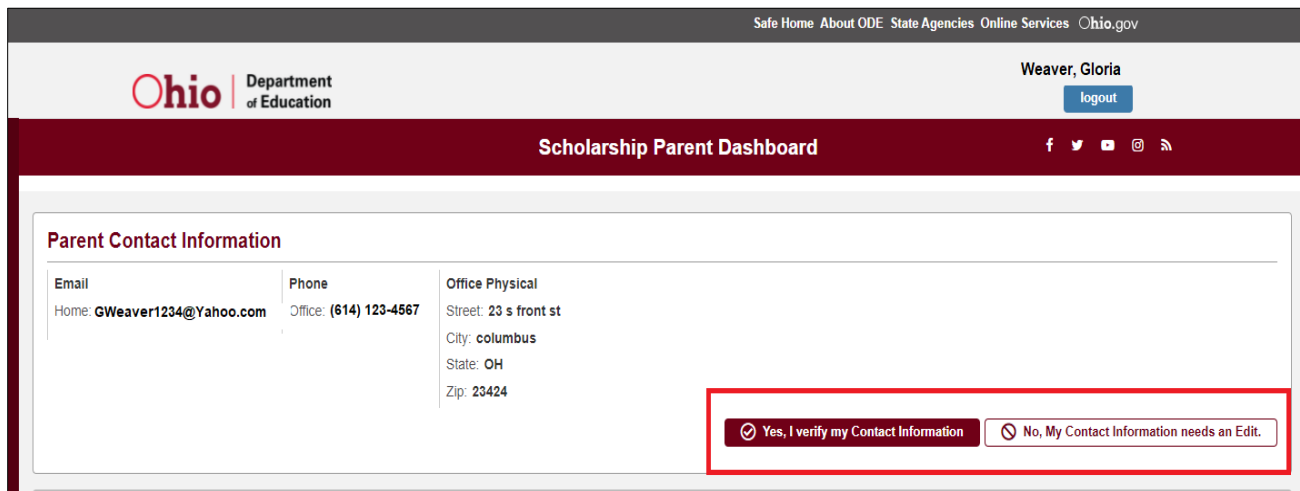
This section to be completed after Income Verification is submitted. ✕

Name	Date of Birth Verified	Year

(Figure 13 Select “Create New Income Verification”)

Step 4: Edit Contact Information

1. Please review your contact information.



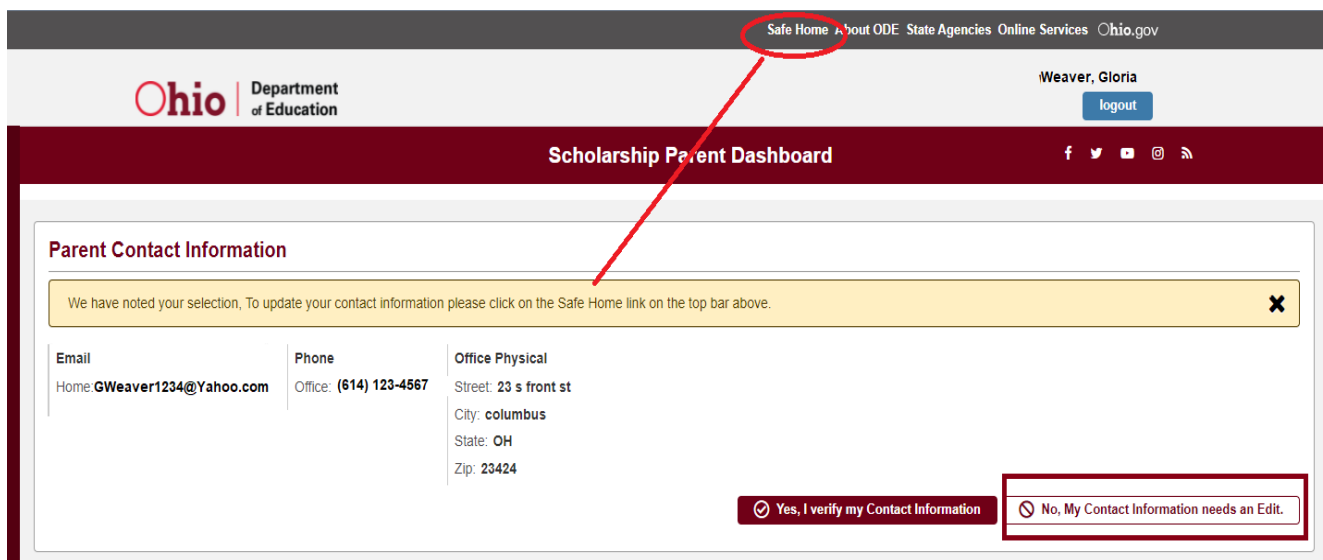
The screenshot shows the Ohio Department of Education's Scholarship Parent Dashboard. At the top, there are navigation links: "Safe Home", "About ODE", "State Agencies", "Online Services", and "Ohio.gov". The user is logged in as "Weaver, Gloria" with a "logout" button. The dashboard title is "Scholarship Parent Dashboard". Below this, the "Parent Contact Information" section displays the following details:

Email	Phone	Office Physical
Home: GWeaver1234@Yahoo.com	Office: (614) 123-4567	Street: 23 s front st City: columbus State: OH Zip: 23424

At the bottom right of the contact information section, there are two buttons: "Yes, I verify my Contact Information" (with a checkmark icon) and "No, My Contact Information needs an Edit." (with a warning icon). Both buttons are highlighted with a red rectangular box.

(Figure 14 Confirm contact information is correct)

2a. If you need to make edit changes, select “No, My Contact information needs an Edit”, you will see the yellow message which directs you to “Safe Home” where you make the edits.



The screenshot shows the same Scholarship Parent Dashboard as Figure 14. A yellow message box is displayed at the top of the contact information section, containing the text: "We have noted your selection, To update your contact information please click on the Safe Home link on the top bar above." The "Safe Home" link in the top navigation bar is circled in red, and a red arrow points from this circle to the message box. At the bottom right, the "No, My Contact Information needs an Edit." button is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

(Figure 15 No my contact information needs an Edit)

2b. Make edits to the contact information in SAFE, edit and save.

Depending on whether the parent/guardian has had a student in a scholarship program as to what the next view will look like. Please proceed to the [Income Verification System Dashboard](#) section in this manual.

Step 5: Create New Income

If you are applying for ACE for 2022-2023 school year, you must complete the income verification for 2022-2023. Within the School Year you are applying for line, select the **“Create New Income Verification”** button. Before you will see anything else, you must first enter at least one household income.

NOTE: Income Verification must be done on a computer, not a mobile device.

Parent Contact Information

Successfully added Primary Home Email Address. ✕

Email Home: someone@gmail.com	Phone Office: (614) 999-8888	Home Physical Street: 7777 Some Street City: Columbus State: OH Zip: 43112	Home Mailing Street: 7777 Some Street City: Columbus State: OH Zip: 43112
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Update Home Email Address Yes, I verify my Contact Information No, My Contact Information needs an Edit.

My Income Verification(s)

Please complete your income verification for the school year you are applying for. Once submitted, please check back later to view your status. ✕

School Year	Head of Household Name	Income Verification Status	Poverty %	Action
2021 - 2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2022 - 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="button" value="+ Create New Income Verification"/>

My Student(s)

This section to be completed after Income Verification is submitted. ✕

Name	Date of Birth Verified	Year
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(Figure 16 Create New Income Verification)

Step 6: Income Verification System Dashboard

Income Verification

Income Verification Status

Income Verification: **Income Verification Started** Submit

Household Summary

Fiscal Year
2023

Household Members

Add New Member

Name	PROGRAM(\$)	DOB	SSN4	Relationship	Marital Status	Household Member	
John Smith		07/16/1982	1234	Head of Household	Never Married	Yes	0 0 0

Household Income

Add New Income

Name	Income Source	Gross AMT	Income Frequency	Annualized AMT	Include In Household Income
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Household Deductions

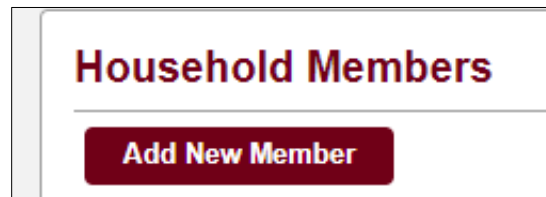
Add New Deductions

Name	Deduct Source	Gross AMT	Income Frequency	Annualized AMT	Include In Household Income
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(Figure 17 Income Verification Dashboard)

NOTE: Household size is determined by the following: the ACE Educational Savings Account student, the birth mother or the legal guardian of the ACE student, the spouse (also includes birth father of any child in the household), all children under the age of 18 which the legal guardian or spouse also has legal custody.

1. Within the Household Members section, select “Add New Members”.



(Figure 18 Add New Member)

- 2a. Fill in the boxes and select “Save Member”.

Add New Family Member

* Relationship: Child
 * First Name: First name on Birth Certificate
 Middle Name:
 * Last Name: Last name on Birth Certificate
 * Date of Birth: 01/01/2014
 Last 4 SSN#: Never issued an SSN

* Marital Status: Never Married
 * Household Member: Yes

Cancel Save Member

(Figure 19 Add new member)

2b. Repeat 2a for each person living in the household (including head of household and spouse). If your child is 18 years old and is in high school, you will need to go through a manual process. If this applies to your family, please contact (614) 441-0895 for support.

Income Verification

Household Summary

Fiscal Year
2023

Household Members

Add New Member

New Household member has been added successfully

Name	PROGRAM(S)	DOB	SSN4	Relationship	Marital Status	Household Member
Bob Miller		01/01/1980	1234	Spouse	Married	Yes
Fadwa Dahir		01/01/1990		Head of Household	Never Married	Yes
June Miller		01/01/2014	2233	Child	Never Married	Yes
Junior Miller		01/01/2015	3232	Child	Never Married	Yes

(Figure 20 New members added)

2c. If you make a mistake in any of the information provided for household members, click the three dots to the left of that household member’s name, edit and click “Update”.

Household Members

Add New Member

Name	PROGRAM(S)	DOB	SSN4	Relationship	Marital Status	Household Member
Bob Miller		01/01/1980	1234	Spouse	Married	Yes
Fadwa Dahir		01/01/1990		Head of Household	Never Married	Yes
June Miller	ACE	01/01/2014	2233	Child	Never Married	Yes
Junior Miller		01/01/2015	3232	Child	Never Married	Yes

Cancel Update

(Figure 21 How to make edit changes to Household Members)

3a. Add Household Member’s Income, select “Add New Income”.

Household Income

Add New Income

(Figure 22 Add new income)

3b. Select “Members Name”, “Income Source”, “Income Frequency” from each dropdown selection. The last box is asking for “Gross Amount” based on the previous selections then select “Save Income”.

Household Income

Add New Income

Add New Income

* Member Name: Gloria Weaver
 * Income Source: Wages and Salaries
 * Income Frequency (How often): Weekly
 * Gross Amount: 200

Cancel Save Income

Name	Income Source	Gross AMT	Income Frequency	Annualized AMT	Include in Household Income
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(Figure 23 Enter and Save Income)

The income entered during step 3b should be displayed, the next step will be to enter supporting income documentation.

Household Income

Add New Income

New Income has been added successfully. Please upload income documentation for each household income entered. ✕

If you are ready to submit, please click the submit button at the top of the page.

Name	Income Source	Gross AMT	Income Frequency	Annualized AMT	Include In Household Income	
⋮ Glen Wills	Wages and Salaries	\$900.00	Weekly	\$46,800.00	Yes	📄 0 📄 0 📄 0

(Figure 24 Display of income added to the system)

If you make a mistake with income information provided for household members, click the three dots to the left of that household member’s name, edit and click “Update.” Please be sure to make any corrections before you upload income documents.

Household Income

Add New Income

Name	Income Source	Gross AMT	Income Frequency	Annualized AMT	Include In Household Income	
⋮ Fadwa Dahir	Wages and Salaries	\$500.00	Monthly	\$6,000.00	Yes	
⋮ Bob Miller	Wages and Salaries	\$800.00	Bi-Weekly	\$20,800.00	Yes	

Cancel Update Delete

(Figure 25 Select update to or delete to change)

3c. Select the first green box within the red box below to upload the income documents. A list of acceptable forms of income documentation can be found on the next page.

Name	Income Source	Gross AMT	Income Frequency	Annualized AMT	Include In Household Income	
⋮ IGloria Weaver	Wages and Salaries	\$200.00	Weekly	\$10,400.00	Yes	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;"> Documents 📄 0 📄 0 📄 0 </div>

(Figure 26 Select box to add supporting Documents)

List of Acceptable Forms of Income Documentation

Current employment at the same position as last year:

Must provide either previous year's W2 or 1099, previous year's Federal tax return, or current pay stubs (4 paystubs for weekly pay and 2 paystubs for bi-weekly pay, semi-monthly, or monthly. **(22/23 school year, must provide their 2021 Federal tax return, 2020 Federal tax returns cannot be accepted).**

Self-employment:

Must provide at least the first page of the previous year's federal tax 1040 or complete previous years federal income tax documents.

Social Security:

Must provide official letter from Social Security department showing gross amount received or previous years 1099 or federal tax return.

Food stamps:

Must provide official letter from Job and Family services or statement showing that their case is open, and the amount received each month.

OWF Cash Assistance:

Must provide official letter from Job and Family services or statement showing that their case is open, and the amount received each month.

Retirement income: (May also include Veteran's Benefits)

Must provide official letter from employer on company letterhead or previous year's 1099 or federal tax return.

Child Support:

Must provide official documentation from Child Support agency or legal court documents showing amount received.

Adoption Assistance:

Must provide official documentation showing the amount received.

Alimony:

Must provide official documentation from agency or legal court document showing the amount received.

Unemployment:

Must provide official documentation from agency showing the amount received or previous years federal tax return or 1099.

No income:

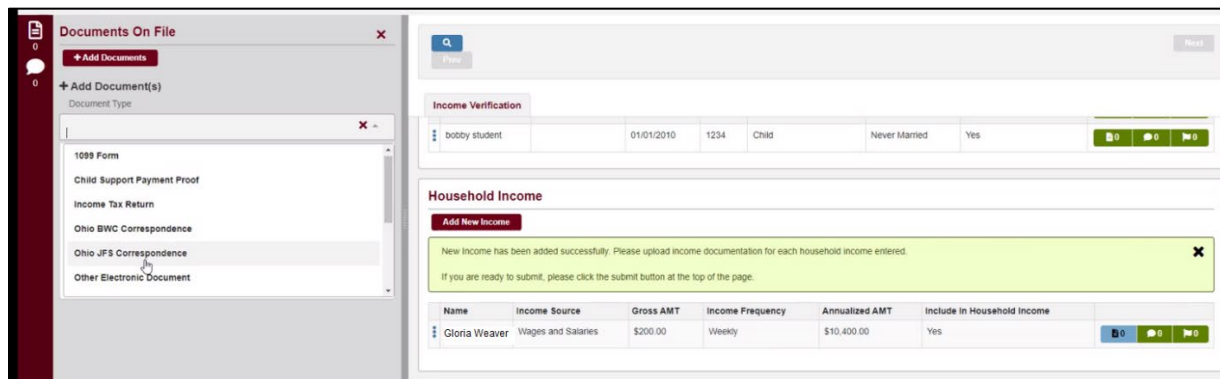
Must provide the previous year's federal tax transcript showing no income or showing that they did not file taxes, **3rd party letters will NOT be accepted.**

No pay stubs or previous years W2:

Must provide the previous year's federal tax transcript.

Written letters from the employer or a 3rd party stating that the parent/guardian works for them or that they are supporting the parent/guardian will NOT be accepted.

3d. Select the “Add Documents” button to the left in the red box



(Figure 27 Add supporting income documents)

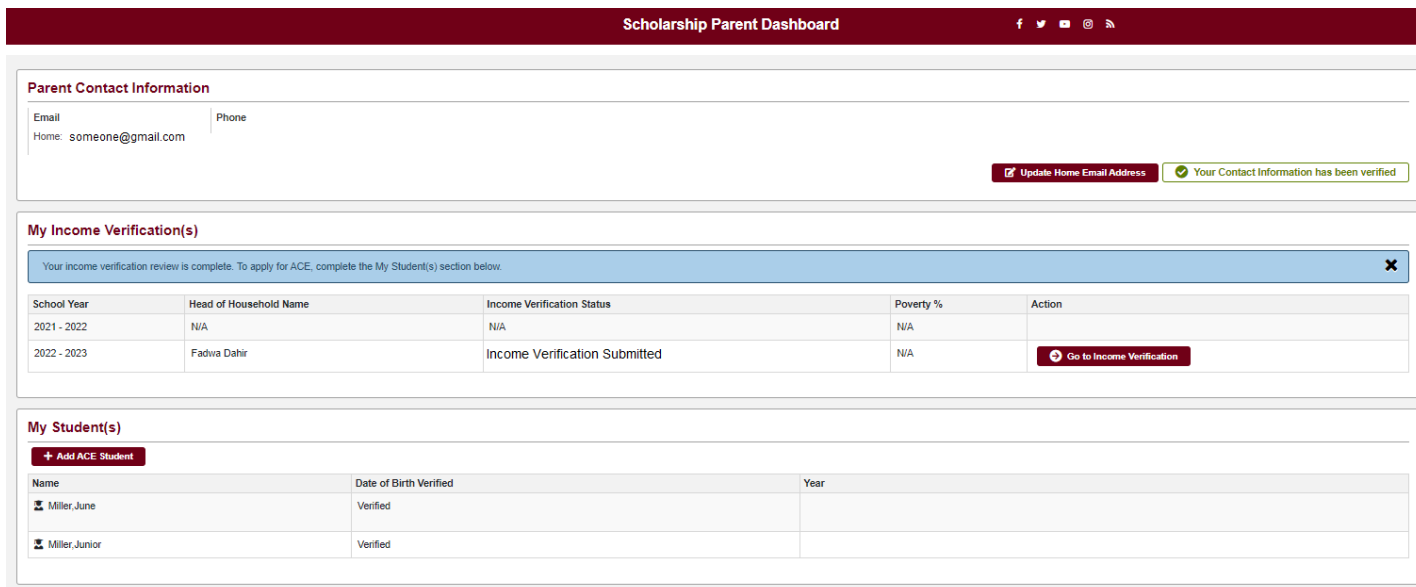
3e. Select from the dropdown list the “Document Type” being uploaded. In this example the parent is uploading “Pay Stubs”.

3f. Upload the Income Documents by either drag and drop or select click here to browser for files.

3g. When finished uploading documents, select “Close Add Documents” button.

3h. Close dialog box by selecting the red X.

After you close the Document upload dialog box, you will see a number in the documents green box below that shows how many documents were uploaded.



(Figure 28 View that shows one document has been added to the Income Verification System)

3i. Message is displayed stating “**New Income has been added successfully**”. Please upload income documentation for each household members income entered. If you are ready to submit, please click the submit button at the top of page, you may need to **scroll up** towards the top of the page to locate the “**Submit**” button as shown below.

The screenshot shows a web application interface with the following sections:

- Income Verification Status:** Displays "Income Verification: Income Verification Started" and a "Submit" button.
- Household Summary:** Displays "Fiscal Year: 2023".
- Household Members:** Includes a table with the following data:

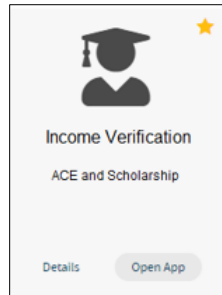
Name	PROGRAM(S)	DOB	SSN4	Relationship	Marital Status	Household Member			
Bob Miller		01/01/1990	1234	Spouse	Married	Yes			
Fadva Dahir		01/01/1990		Head of Household	Never Married	Yes			
June Miller		01/01/2014	2233	Child	Never Married	Yes			
Robert Miller		01/01/2014	3333	Child	Never Married	Yes			

(Figure 29 Select the “Submit” button when all income has been entered)

3j. After selecting “Submit” on the Household Members and the Income Verification documents, you will now have the ability to submit your student(s) for the **ACE Savings Account Program**, select “**Yes, I am applying for the ACE Program**”. **Once complete**, please proceed to the [Apply for the ACE Savings Account](#) section of this manual.

Step 7: Apply for the ACE Savings Account

1. Once you complete the checklist located on page three, you may begin to apply for the ACE Savings account. Sign into your OH | ID, within my apps and select the Income Verification Tile:



(Figure 30 Income Verification system tile)

A screenshot of the Scholarship Parent Dashboard. The header is dark red with the text "Scholarship Parent Dashboard" and social media icons. Below is a "Parent Contact Information" section with fields for Email (Home: someone@gmail.com) and Phone. A green notification says "Your Contact Information has been verified". The "My Income Verification(s)" section shows a table with columns: School Year, Head of Household Name, Income Verification Status, Poverty %, and Action. The table has two rows: 2021-2022 (N/A) and 2022-2023 (Fadwa Dahr, Income Verification Submitted). A "Go to Income Verification" button is in the action column. The "My Student(s)" section has a "+ Add ACE Student" button and a table with columns: Name, Date of Birth Verified, and Year. It lists "Miller, June" and "Miller, Junior", both with "Verified" dates.

(Figure 31 Scholarship Parent Dashboard)

2a. Within the "Student" dropdown field, select the child you are applying for ACE

2b. Within the dropdown "I am the", select how you are related to the student. Within the dropdown "School Type", select the current school type the student attends

A screenshot of the "My Student(s)" form. It has a title "My Student(s)" and a sub-section "Add Applicant". There are five dropdown menus: "Program" (ACE Application), "School Year" (2022 - 2023), "Student(s)" (Junior Miller), "I am the" (Mother), and "School Type" (Home School). Below the dropdowns is a large text box with a warning icon and text: "By clicking the check box below, I am certifying and acknowledging that: The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will be sharing some of my Personally Identifiable Information (PII) with Merit International Inc., a third-party service provider for the execution and delivery of the services and funds associated with this application. ODE will make the final determination as to what information will be shared with Merit. ODE and Merit will maintain strict confidentiality around all PII in accordance with state and federal privacy laws." Below this is a checkbox "Yes, I have read and acknowledge the message above." and an "Add Applicant" button.

(Figure 32 Adding students to the ACE program)

2c. Place a check in the "Yes, I have read and acknowledge the Message above" along with selecting the "Add Applicant" button to submit this student. Repeat 2a – 2c for each student.

3. You have completed the ACE application process and you can log out of the Scholarship System.

Status of ACE Application

Once Parent adds the ACE application you can see three statuses on the parent dashboard. The Ohio Department of Education will determine eligibility to participate in the ACE Savings Account Program through an Income Verification process. The Department of Education will share parent information with Merit Inc who will provide a Marketplace for parents/guardians to utilize their saving account funds.

Parent Contact Information

Email: Home: Someone@gmail.com Phone:

My Income Verification(s)

Your income verification review is complete. To apply for ACE, complete the My Student(s) section below.

School Year	Head of Household Name	Income Verification Status	Poverty %
2021 - 2022	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022 - 2023	Fadwa Dahir	Income Verification Submitted	N/A

My Student(s)

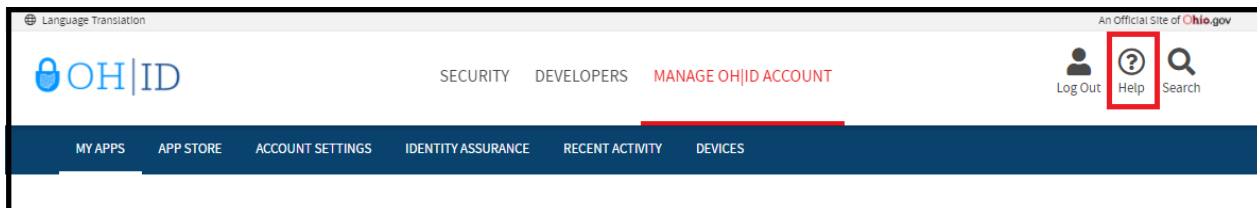
[+ Add ACE Student](#)

Name	Date of Birth Verified	Year	Status: Submitted
Miller, June	Verified		ACE Application FY 2023
Miller, Junior	Verified		

(Figure 33 ACE Application Status)

OH|ID Account Help

Should you need any assistance with your OH|ID account, including editing your profile, changing your password, or setting up your security options, simply click the **Help** icon at the top of your OH|ID account screen. From the OH|ID Help page, you can look up how to edit your profile, change your password or make changes to your personal information.



(Figure 34 OH|ID Help)