



INDIANA CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPANDS

More Students Than Ever Before Are Now Eligible

The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program allows families like yours to send your child or children to the school that best meets their learning needs, such as a Choice school within the Catholic Diocese of Gary. For families already enrolled at a Choice school, the scholarship provides qualified students with financial aid to help pay tuition and gives families the financial flexibility to save for future education expenses.

Scholarship Fast Facts:

- Nearly **80%** of Indiana families currently qualify for the Choice Scholarship Program.
- In most cases, the Indiana Choice Scholarship covers 100% of the <u>tuition</u> at a Catholic elementary school in Northwest Indiana and roughly 75% of the tuition at a local Catholic high school.
- The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program allows you to use your own tax dollars to send your children to the private school of your choice.
- Saving on elementary and high school tuition offers more financial flexibility for future higher education expenses



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HOW TO QUALIFY

1. Meet the income requirement: Families must have an annual income equal to or below 300% of the Federal Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRL).

| HOUSEHOLD SIZE | HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMIT TO QUALIFY |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | \$71,484 |
| 2 | \$96,681 |
| 3 | \$121,878 |
| 4 | \$147,075 |
| 5 | \$172,272 |
| 6 | \$197,469 |
| 7 | \$222,666 |
| 8 | \$247,863 |
| 9 | \$273,060 |
| 10 | \$298,257 |

For a household size of eleven or more:

| ADD TO THE ANNUAL LIMIT FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER | SCHOLARSHIP TYPE |
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| \$5,719 | 90% Scholarship Pre-K Only |
| \$8,288 | 90% Scholarship Excluding Pre-K |
| \$10,360 | 70% Scholarship Excluding Pre-K |
| \$12,432 | 50% Scholarship Excluding Pre-K |
| \$16,576 | 50% Continuing Choice & Special Education |

2. Meet a pathway: Students must meet one of the following student eligibility "pathways" or "tracks."

| Pre-K Track | The student received and used an Early Education Grant (state-funded 'On My Way 'Pre-K) and is attending kindergarten at the same school that they attended preschool. |
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| Previous Choice Scholarship Track | The student received a Choice Scholarship in a previous school year. |
| Previous Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Track | The student received a SGO Scholarship in a previous school year. |
| Sibling Track | The student has a sibling who received either a Choice Scholarship or an SGO scholarship at any time in their K-12 education. |
| Special Education Track | The student disability that requires special education services and has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individual Service Plan (ISP). |
| "F" Public School Track | The student is assigned to an "F-rated" public school based on their residence for the upcoming school year. |
| Two Semesters in a Public School Track | The student attended an Indiana K-12 public school, including a charter school, for at least two semesters immediately preceding the first semester of receiving a Choice Scholarship and is entering 1st grade or higher. |
| Foster Care Track | The student is in foster care or is a foster child. *This track is the only one that does not require meeting the 300% of the Federal Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRL) income requirement. |

The Indiana Choice Scholarship application is completed and submitted electronically to the Indiana Department of Education by the participating school of choice. Please direct families to <u>NWIChoiceScholar.org</u>, where they can use the interactive questionnaire to see how much they may qualify for and learn more about the application process. More information can also be found at <u>www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/</u>.