



School Choice Scholarship (Voucher) and Tax Credit Scholarship (SGO Grant) Qualifying Information for 2018-19

Eligibility for a School Choice Scholarship is achieved through income eligibility **and** meeting one of the following pathways:

Two Semesters in a Public School Pathway

- Indiana resident **AND**
- Families at 150%, or below, the Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines **AND**
- Child attended public school **in Indiana** the full previous school year (2 semesters).

"F" School Pathway

- Indiana resident **AND**
- Families at 150%, or below, the Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines **AND**
- Child would be required to attend a specific public school based on their residence that has been assigned an **F grade**. Note - this pathway does not require prior attendance at the public school.
- Schools in our area receiving an F grade for 2017 are Swanson, Jackson, Coquillard, Edison, Harrison, Dickinson, McKinley, Madison, Marquette, Muessel, and Navarre.

Previous SGO or Voucher Pathway

- Families at 150%, or below, the Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines **AND**
- Student received an SGO grant in a previous school year **OR**
- Student received a voucher in a previous school year

Sibling Pathway

- Families at 150%, or below, the Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines **AND**
- One sibling within the household received an SGO Grant in a previous school year **OR**
- One sibling within the household received a voucher in a previous school year.

Special Needs Pathway

- Indiana resident **AND**
- Families at 200%, or below, the Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines **AND**
- Student has an IEP for special needs services

**Choice Scholarship Program Household Income Limits
for the 2018-19 School Year**

The value of the Choice Scholarship is the lesser of:

- 1) Tuition and fees charged to the student at the eligible school; or,
- 2) An amount based off the per-student state funding for the student’s school corporation of residence, determined as follows:
 - **90%** of the funding formula amount if household income is up to 100% of Reduced Lunch eligibility (see chart below).
 - **50%** of formula amount if household income is up to 150% of Reduced Lunch eligibility (see chart below).
 - **50%** of formula amount if household income is up to 200% of Reduced Lunch eligibility if the student is eligible under the Continuing Choice Scholarship Student or Special Education Pathway.

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size			
2018-19 School Year			
	100% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility	150% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility	200% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
Number of People in Household	Annual household income limit for a Full (90%) Choice Scholarship	Annual household income limit for a Partial (50%) Choice Scholarship	Annual household income limit for a Partial Choice Scholarship (for Continuing and Special Education Pathways), and SGO Grants
1	\$22,459	\$33,689	\$44,918
2	\$30,451	\$45,677	\$60,902
3	\$38,443	\$57,665	\$76,886
4	\$46,435	\$69,653	\$92,870
5	\$54,427	\$81,641	\$108,854
6	\$62,419	\$93,629	\$124,838
7	\$70,411	\$105,617	\$140,822
8	\$78,403	\$117,605	\$156,806
Note: Income levels are determined in accordance with the <i>Income Verification Rules</i> document available at www.doe.in.gov/choice.			

**Choice Scholarship Award Amounts for 2017-18
(2018-19 amounts not finalized)**

School District	Full (90%)	Partial (50%)
Mishawaka	\$ 5,613.69	\$ 3,118.72
South Bend	\$ 5,882.80	\$ 3,268.22
P-H-M	\$ 4,985.82	\$ 2,769.90

Tax Credit Scholarship (SGO Grant)

State approved non-for-profit organizations known as scholarship granting organizations (or commonly referred to as an SGO) collect private donations from individuals and businesses. Those donations are given as scholarships to low and middle income children so they can attend private schools. The Diocese of Ft. Wayne - South Bend operates the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana. Receiving a Tax Credit Scholarship may allow a student to receive a voucher in a subsequent school year, without having to first attend a public school. SGO Grants are a minimum of \$500.

Income Eligibility Verification and Application Process

Income verification for vouchers and SGO grants is completed through an online FACTS Grant & Aid application only at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FFKJ>.

FACTS will ask for submission of the previous year's Federal Income Tax Return, W-2 forms, and any other income supporting documents (i.e. child support statements) **for all household members** for income verification. There is a \$30 application fee collected by FACTS for this service.

Once all registration documentation has been received by the school office, placement testing has been completed and a FACTS income application has been submitted, parents will be contacted to sign state forms to complete a voucher application in the state system. **Completing a FACTS application is a separate process from the submission of the state voucher application. All registration requirements must be met prior to voucher application submission.**

Disclaimer

Eligibility for the above programs is not guaranteed by the information provided in this document. The above information is subject to change based on pending legislation direction by the State of Indiana. Voucher applications are approved by the State of Indiana. SGO eligibility is subject to approval by the Diocese.