



The Choice Scholarship Program

Background

The Choice Scholarship Program (aka- vouchers) was established in 2011 to provide every Indiana student access to the school that best meets their learning needs. The Choice Scholarship provides qualified students financial aid to help pay tuition at a non-public school of their choice.

How do I Qualify?

STEP 1: MEET INCOME REQUIREMENT:

Families must meet the income requirement (see table):

Household Size	Household Income to Qualify
1	\$75,424.50
2	\$101,620.50
3	\$127,816.50
4	\$154,012.50
5	\$180,208.50
6	\$206,404.50
7	\$232,600.50
8	\$258,796.50
9	\$284,992.50
10	\$311,188.50

STEP 2: MEET A PATHWAY: The student must then meet one of the following student eligibility criteria referred to as “pathways”:

- **Two Semesters in a Public School Pathway** – The student attended an Indiana K-12 public school (including a charter) for at least two semesters immediately preceding the first semester of receiving a Choice Scholarship
- **Special Education Pathway** – The student has a disability that requires special education services and has an individualized education plan (IEP) or service plan (SP).
- **Foster Care Pathway** – The student is in foster care.
- **Sibling Pathway** – The sibling of the newly applying student received either a Choice Scholarship or an SGO Scholarship in a previous school year, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship.
- **Previous Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Pathway** – The student received an SGO Scholarship in a previous school year, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship.
- **Continuing Choice Scholarship Student Pathway** – The student received a Choice Scholarship in the school year immediately preceding the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline to apply for a 2022-23 Choice Scholarship?

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is currently accepting applications for the fall semester. Applications for this upcoming semester must be submitted by September 1, 2022.

How do I apply for the Choice Scholarship?

Students must first apply and be accepted into a non-public, voucher-accepting school; then the school will submit the student's Choice Scholarship application to the IDOE. Please contact Lisa Terrell at lterrell@emmauslutheranfw.org to learn more about this amazing opportunity.

How much funding will my student receive under a Choice Scholarship?

A Choice Scholarship amount is the lesser of:

- *Tuition and fees charged at the eligible school **or***
- *90% of the per-student state funding for the student's school corporation of residence.*

Does every Lutheran school accept the Choice Scholarship?

No. Only non-public schools, including Lutheran schools, that have applied to the IDOE to accept Choice Scholarships participate. Currently, there are over 300 Choice accepting schools in Indiana.

Does the Choice Scholarship last the entirety of my child's education?

No. A Choice Scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified student. A student must apply each year and must continue to meet the program's income eligibility and pathway requirements.

Where can I find more information?

Contact Lisa Terrell, admissions, at lterrell@emmauslutheranfw.org or call her at 260.459.7722 ext 1025