

School Choice Scholarships (vouchers) and SGO Scholarships

Our Lady participates in the *Indiana School Choice Scholarship (voucher) Program* which helps families pay for tuition and fees using state tax dollars.

To be eligible, a student must satisfy each of the following initial requirements:

1. Have legal settlement in Indiana.
2. Be between the ages of 5 and 22 no later than August 1 of the school year.
3. Be accepted for enrollment into a participating Choice Scholarship school.
4. Meet income guidelines established by the state.

After satisfying the initial requirements listed above, there are seven different pathways that a student can satisfy to become eligible to participate in the Choice Scholarship Program. A student must satisfy only one of the seven pathways to be eligible.

A. Continuing Choice Scholarship Student Pathway

The student received a Choice Scholarship in the school year that immediately precedes the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship.

B. Previous Choice Scholarship Student Pathway

The student received a Choice Scholarship in a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship, or the student received a Choice Scholarship in the immediately preceding school year, but the student exited the Choice School prior to the end of the school year.

C. Previous SGO Award Pathway

The student received an SGO Scholarship in a preceding school year, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship.

D. Special Education Pathway

The student has a disability that requires special education and an individualized education program (IEP).

E. "F" Public School Pathway

The student would be required to attend a specific public school based on their residence that has been assigned an "F" grade.

F. Two-Semesters in Public School Pathway

The student was enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school, including a charter school, in Indiana for at least two semesters immediately preceding the first semester for which the individual receives a Choice Scholarship.

G. Sibling Pathway

The sibling of the newly applying student received either a Choice Scholarship or an SGO scholarship in a preceding school year, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship.

Income guidelines for 2017-18 are listed below.

Persons in Household	Annual household income limit for a "90%" Choice Scholarship* (100% Free/ Reduced lunch rate)	Annual household income limit for a "50%" Choice Scholarship** (150%Free/ Reduced lunch rate)	Annual household income limit for families currently on vouchers or with a special needs child*** (200% Free/ Reduced lunch)
1	\$22,311	\$33,467	\$44,622
2	\$30,044	\$45,066	\$60,088
3	\$37,777	\$56,666	\$75,554
4	\$45,510	\$68,265	\$91,020
5	\$53,243	\$79,865	\$106,486
6	\$60,976	\$91,464	\$121,952
7	\$68,709	\$103,064	\$137,418
8	\$76,442	\$114,663	\$152,884

* For a household size of nine (9) or more, add \$7,733 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "90%" scholarship.

** Add \$11,600 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship.

*** Add \$15,466 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship.

Our Lady provides private funding for the **SGO Scholarship Program**. The school granting SGO Scholarships determines the eligibility for the SGO. At Our Lady, families who fall below the 175% Free/Reduced lunch income level **but do not qualify for a voucher** may qualify for an SGO scholarship. These scholarships range from \$500-\$2,000 depending on household income. After one year, families can qualify for vouchers if the annual household income is at or below the 150% Free/Reduced lunch rate. SGO income guidelines are:

1 in household \$39,044	2 in household \$52,577	3 in household \$66,110
4 in household \$79,643	5 in household \$93,175	6 in household \$106,708
7 in household \$120,241	8 in household \$133,774	

If you think you may be eligible for a School Choice or SGO scholarship, or if you have questions, please contact Mrs. Horton at thorton@olphna.org. Appointments with Mrs. Horton for online applications will begin in late April/early May.

More information on School Choice Scholarships can be found at <http://www.doe.in.gov/choice>.