

## **2018-19 School Choice 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 2018-19 are listed below.

<b>Persons in Household</b>	<b>Annual household income limit for a "90%" Choice Scholarship* (100% Free/ Reduced lunch rate)</b>	<b>Annual household income limit for a "50%" Choice Scholarship** (150%Free/ Reduced lunch rate)</b>	<b>Annual household income limit for families currently on vouchers or with a special needs child*** (200% Free/ Reduced lunch)</b>
1	\$22,459	\$33,689	\$44,918
2	\$30,451	\$45,677	\$60,902
3	\$38,433	\$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

\* For a household size of nine (9) or more, add \$7,992 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "90%" scholarship.

\*\* Add \$11,988 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship.

\*\*\* Add \$15,984 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. Income in the above 90% column will receive a \$2,000 SGO scholarship, income in the above 50% above column will receive \$1,000 and income in the below chart will receive \$500. 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 \$39,303	2 in household \$53,289	3 in household \$67,275
4 in household \$81,261	5 in household \$95,247	6 in household \$109,233
7 in household \$123,219	8 in household \$137,205	

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](mailto: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>.