

## **2019-20 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 2019-20 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	\$23,107	\$34,660	\$46,213
2	\$31,284	\$46,925	\$62,567
3	\$39,461	\$59,191	\$78,921
4	\$47,638	\$71,456	\$95,275
5	\$55,815	\$83,722	\$111,629
6	\$63,992	\$95,987	\$127,983
7	\$72,169	\$108,253	\$144,337
8	\$80,346	\$120,518	\$160,691

\* For a household size of nine (9) or more, add \$8,177 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "90%" scholarship (1st column).

\*\* Add \$12,266 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship (2nd column).

\*\*\* Add \$16,354 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship (3rd column)..

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 second column will receive \$1,000, and income in the below chart will receive \$500. After one year on an SGO Scholarship, families can qualify for vouchers if the annual household income is at or below the 150% Free/Reduced lunch rate. SGO income limits are:

1 in household \$40,437	2 in household \$54,747	3 in household \$69,057
4 in household \$83,367	5 in household \$97,676	6 in household \$111,986
7 in household \$126,296	8 in household \$140,606	Add \$14,310 for each additional family member

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>.