



**BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL
INDIANA CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP
Legislative Expansion Update – May 2021**

The following is an explanation of the recent legislative expansion to the Choice Scholarship program voted into law by our state senators and representatives and Governor Holcomb. The two main areas of expansion are as follows:

- Starting with the 2021-22 school year, students of Hoosier families can qualify for the Choice Scholarship with a qualifying pathway (see below) if their household Adjusted Gross Income is less than 300% of the Federal Free/Reduced Lunch income guidelines (see chart)
- Also, ALL School Choice Scholarship awards will be given at the full (or 90%); no more tiered qualifying amounts as in previous years. Estimated award amounts for the public school district where the family lives are as follows:
 - Fort Wayne Community Schools: \$6,113.48
 - East Allen County Schools: \$5,883.36
 - Southwest Allen County Schools: \$5,335.62
 - Huntington County Community Schools: \$5,665.70
 - Northwest Allen County Schools: \$5,291.37

2021-22 School Year Eligibility Based on Household Size
(300% of FRL Income Guidelines)

Household Size	300% of F/R Lunch Income Guidelines
1	\$71,484
2	\$96,681
3	\$121,878
4	\$147,075
5	\$172,272
6	\$197,469
7	\$222,666
8	\$247,863
9	\$273,060
10	\$298,257

IMPORTANT: A student must have a pathway or track AND meet the income guidelines above in order to receive the Choice Scholarship for the 2021-22 school year as follows:

- Previous or Continuing Choice Student Track: the student received a Choice Scholarship in any previous school year with any qualifying private school.
- Previous SGO Award Track: the student received an SGO award from any qualifying organization in ANY previous school year.
- Special Education Track: the student is a special education student with a current ISP/IEP (Individual Education Plan) for a learning disability.
- Two-Semesters in a Public School Track: the student was enrolled in the previous two semesters (2020-21 year) at any public school in Indiana (including accredited online state public schools)
- Sibling Track: the student has a sibling who currently receives or has previously received a Choice Scholarship OR an SGO award.
- “F” Public School Track: the student would be required to attend a public school based on their residence that has been assigned an “F” grade (there are currently no high schools in Allen County that meet this designation).

NOTE: Many new applications will not be able to be completed until after July 1, 2021 when the Indiana Department of Education/Choice Office has the software and application process updated to reflect the new income guidelines and award amounts.

Next Steps:

- A student must also be accepted and fully registered to attend Bishop Luers prior to the Choice Scholarship application completion.
- To apply for the 2021-22 school year, provide a copy of your 2020 federal tax return to the Admissions/Tuition Management Office by July 1st.
- If you are not eligible this year because you don't have a pathway but do qualify by the income guidelines, please contact Gretchen Steele to discuss the SGO Scholarship opportunity

For more information regarding the Indiana Choice Scholarship awards, expansion of these educational options in Indiana, or to discuss your individual family qualification potential, please contact:

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