
Dear Parents,

I am writing with exciting news! In the recently passed state budget, Governor Holcomb and the Indiana General Assembly made educational options more affordable for families across our state. Starting with the 2021-22 school year, students of Hoosier families whose household income is 300% of Federal Free or Reduced-Price Meals guidelines or less now qualify to receive financial aid to help cover the cost of private school tuition.

There are a number of ways that this affects our families! Please read carefully and reach out with any questions!

To be eligible, a student must satisfy each of the following 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.

After satisfying the requirements listed above, there are eight different tracks that enable a student to be eligible to participate in the Choice Scholarship Program. The eight tracks are outlined below. A student must satisfy the requirements of only one of the eight tracks to be eligible. A complete explanation of each of the eight eligibility tracks can be found in the documents explaining each track posted at www.doe.in.gov/choice, in the Student Eligibility section.

1. Previous Choice Scholarship Student Track
2. Previous Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Award Track
3. "F" Public School Track
4. Two Semesters in a Public School Track
5. Sibling Track
6. Foster Child Track

The chart below indicates the income eligibility based on household size. Many of our current families may now be able to qualify for a Choice Scholarship/voucher.

Track #2, the SGO track, is very important for some of our current families. If, under the old income guidelines, your family did not qualify for a Choice Scholarship, but under the new income guidelines you will, we have to create a track for you to be eligible. So, for our current families who are paying full tuition, if your household income qualifies you, we will award scholarships per student depending on the total budget and the number of families applying, SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization)

Award for the 2021 – 2022 school year, thereby creating the track to be eligible for a voucher for the following year. In order to do this, we must have a copy of your 2020 Federal taxes 1040 form, page 1 and 2.

The bottom line is this. Many more of our families will now qualify to receive financial aid to help cover the cost of our quality, Catholic education at St. Bartholomew School. If you're not sure, **send us a copy of your 2020 Federal taxes 1040 form, page 1 and 2**, and we will let you know! You may email a copy to Paula Lamadrid at plamadrid@stbirish.net or bring them to school and we will make a copy.

If you have already submitted a copy of your taxes, you do not need to do so again. If you have not yet submitted a copy of your 2020 taxes, please do so!

2021-22 School Year Income Eligibility Based on Household Size:

Household	300% FRL
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

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