

Indiana Choice Scholarship Voucher Program Information

Introduction

Scholarship Granting Organization-"SGO"

A Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) is a state approved organization that may receive private donations from individuals or corporations for the purpose of giving scholarships to individual students who meet income requirements. These scholarships are referred to as "SGOs". If a child's family income meets the income eligibility requirements as outlined in the fourth (far right hand) column of the **Income Eligibility Guidelines** section, (<http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/choice/choice-income-guidelines-2014-2015.pdf>) they can receive a \$500 SGO for one year. If the family then meets the Choice Scholarship (voucher) requirements the next year, they will qualify for the voucher in 2015-2016 and each subsequent year they meet the voucher requirements. In short, a \$500 SGO this year can qualify a child for Choice Scholarships (vouchers) for the remainder of their school career, with significant financial savings.

Revised Eligibility Guidelines - SGO

If you are a current St. Barnabas family who has not already qualified for an SGO or voucher and meets the 2014-2015 income guidelines, you may qualify for an SGO scholarship award of \$500. Then in 2015-2016, all children in the family can qualify (under the sibling rule) for a School Choice Scholarship voucher if the family meets the income guidelines for the voucher.

Choice Scholarship-"voucher"

If a family meets income requirements as outlined in column 2 and 3 of the Income Eligibility Guidelines, the parents may designate that the state public funding assigned to their child will follow their child to an accredited non-public school. Depending on income levels, there are both full and partial Choice Scholarships. Some people refer to Choice Scholarships as "vouchers." For more information regarding school vouchers see the DOE guidelines at <http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/choice/choice-income-guidelines-2014-2015.pdf>.

Eligibility for a Choice Scholarship (voucher)

Your child may be eligible for a Choice Scholarship voucher if you meet any one of the following criteria:

- your child received a voucher in the past and your family continues to meet the income guidelines
- your child will be an incoming student at St. Barnabas and your child spent the previous two semesters in an Indiana public school, and your family meets the income guidelines
- your child is currently a student at St. Barnabas and has a sibling who received either a voucher or an SGO award last year, and your family meets the income qualification guidelines
- your child attends or would attend a public school with an "F" ranking from the Indiana Department of Education, and your family meets the income qualification guidelines. To determine if your local public school has received an "F" ranking see www.doe.in.gov/improvement/turnaround/turnaround-academies

- If your child has an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) and meets the 200% free and reduced guidelines listed below. An IEP is only developed for students who have designated learning disabilities.
- The voucher eligibility of children of divorced or separated parents is determined by using the income of the parent who has legal custody of that child.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2014-2015

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size

2014-2015 School Year

	100% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility	150% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility	200% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
Persons in Household	Annual household income limit for a "90%" Choice Scholarship*	Annual household income limit for a "50%" Choice Scholarship**	Annual household income limit for a "50%" Choice Scholarship***
1	\$21,590	\$32,385	\$43,179
2	\$29,101	\$43,651	\$58,201
3	\$36,612	\$54,918	\$73,223
4	\$44,123	\$66,184	\$88,245
5	\$51,634	\$77,451	\$103,267
6	\$59,145	\$88,717	\$118,289
7	\$66,656	\$99,984	\$133,311
8	\$74,167	\$111,250	\$148,333

Note: Income levels are to be determined in accordance with the Choice Scholarship Program Income Verification Rules available at www.doe.in.gov/choice.

* For a household size of nine (9) or more, add \$7,511 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "90%" scholarship.

** Add \$11,267 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship.

*** Add \$15,022 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship.

If You Think You Qualify

If you think you qualify under the criteria listed above and meet the income guidelines, please contact Mrs. Angela Boyle, 881-7422 aboyle@stbindy.org, at 317-787-8277, ext. 253 to begin the application process. Mrs. Boyle will help you determine potential eligibility and complete the necessary paperwork.