



ILLIANA CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL

Dear ICHS Parents~

Attached please find the application for the Indiana Choice Scholarship voucher for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please read it over carefully and submit by or before Friday, July 29, 2022:

- Voucher Application
- Parent Agreement form(s) – complete one per child
- Proof of financial eligibility – 2021 Federal Tax Returns for all members of household
- Household size & Income Assurance forms (if the AGI on your 2021 Federal Tax Return forms are incorrect)

Since this information is financially sensitive and contains confidential information please be sure to return to my attention in a sealed envelope or email me directly.

The Indiana Choice voucher program is somewhat complicated and can be difficult to understand. We hope all of our families will check carefully to see if they qualify and will seek information if you have any questions. A very helpful website is <https://www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/>. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Choice Voucher Specialist

INDIANA CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP VOUCHER QUESTIONNAIRE

Please go through the following questions carefully to determine whether your family qualifies for participation in the Indiana Choice Scholarship voucher program. Further information can be found at <https://www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/>.

Does My Student Qualify?

1. Are you an Indiana resident?

- If yes, continue
- If no, you do not qualify

2. Is your household income at or below the income limit qualification? (chart is on the next page).

- If your Total Household Income falls within chart guidelines, please continue
 - Total Household Income includes:
 - Earnings for **all persons living in your home, including older siblings.** Include a copy of the first two pages of their Form 1040 also.
 - Welfare/Child Support/Alimony
 - Child's Income, if applicable
 - Retirement/Disability Benefits
 - Other Income – outlined on the Indiana Choice website: <https://www.in.gov/doe/files/12-Income-Verification-Rules.pdf>
 - Please refer to the amount of your **adjusted gross income** found on your 1040 tax form for your household income. Other documentation is acceptable in certain situations.
- If your Total Household Income exceeds the chart guidelines, you do not qualify.

3. Do you meet at least one of the Tracks (formerly called Pathways) in the “Eligibility Criteria Tracks” information attached?

- If yes, please fill in the attached application and return it along with the **first two pages only** of your 2021 tax return (Form 1040 showing household size and AGI) and the first two pages of the tax return of anyone else living in your home along with any other applicable income information to ICHS by **July 29, 2022**. If you have filed for an extension on your taxes or have some other extenuating circumstances you may still be able to apply. Please contact David Boer in the school office. **Each voucher application is only valid for one school year. Every voucher recipient must reapply each year.**
- If no, you may be eligible to receive a \$500 SGO scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year, which will then provide you with an eligible pathway for the voucher program for the 2023-2024 school year. Information regarding the SGO scholarship will be emailed to ICHS families in the fall of 2022.

Eligibility Criteria Tracks:

1. Previous Choice Scholarship Student Track

EITHER:

- i. The student received a Choice Scholarship in a **previous school year** that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship; **OR**
- ii. 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, and
- iii. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below the chart amount listed below.

2. Previous Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Award Track

- i. The student received an SGO Scholarship in a **previous school year**, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship, from an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), and
- ii. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below the chart amount listed below.

3. Special Education Track

- i. The student has a disability that requires special education services;
- ii. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) pursuant to IC 20-35 or a Service Plan (SP) pursuant to 511 IAC 7-34 has been developed for the student, and
- iii. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below the chart amount listed below.

4. "F" Public School Track

- i. The student would be required to attend a specific public school based on his/her residence that has been assigned an "F" grade. The list of F schools for Choice Scholarship eligibility is posted prior to the beginning of the school year. Note: This track does not require prior attendance at the school, and
- ii. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below the chart amount listed below.

5. Two Semesters in Public School Track

- i. 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, and
- ii. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below the chart amount listed below.

6. Sibling Track

- i. The sibling of the newly applying student received either a Choice Scholarship or an SGO Scholarship in a **previous school year**, including a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship, and
- ii. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below the chart amount listed below.

7. Foster Track

- i. The student requires a letter dated in 2022 from a DCS case worker with supporting documentation
- ii. Foster children are automatically income eligible for the Choice Scholarship Program and do not require household size and income.

Clarifications:

- If you are transferring your Choice Scholarship voucher to ICHS from another school please complete the application and return it along with the required income verification forms and include a note stating the previous school's name, address, phone # and email address.

- Homeschool, except for eligible Indiana online charter schools, does not qualify as a track to the Choice Scholarship voucher.

CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP VOUCHER APPLICATION:

Parent(s) Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Public School District of where your home is currently located (***very important that this is correct***)

_____ (name or #)

Student's name, birth date, grade for the **2022-2023 school year** and Track:

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade for **22-23** _____ Track _____

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Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade for **22-23** _____ Track _____

Please indicate which Track you are using for your 2022-2023 voucher application for each child.

Please return this application and required paperwork by Friday, July 29, 2022.

| Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size 2022-2023 School Year | |
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| Persons in Household | Annual household income limit for a Choice Scholarship |
| 1 | \$75,424.00 |
| 2 | \$101,620.50 |
| 3 | \$127,816.50 |
| 4 | \$154,012.50 |
| 5 | \$180,208.50 |
| 6 | \$206,404.50 |
| 7 | \$232,600.50 |
| 8 | \$258,796.50 |
| 9 | \$284,992.50 |
| 10 | \$311,188.50 |
| For a household size of eleven (11) or more, add \$26,196 to the annual limit for each additional household member. | |



INDIANA CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PARENT AGREEMENT

State Form 54719 (R2 / 1-17)
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

I, _____, the parent / guardian of

Printed name of parent / guardian

_____ understand and agree to the following:

Printed name of student

- The information provided in this application is true and correct. Any misrepresentation could result in termination of the student's enrollment in the Choice Scholarship Program.
- The information provided will be used only to administer the Choice Scholarship Program.
- I have supplied the participating school with any additional documentation required by the school.
- I understand that I may only submit one Choice Scholarship application for the student per application period and have decided which school the student would attend if approved for a scholarship.
- I may be required to pay additional tuition or other fees as prescribed by the school.
- The statutory protection for failure to pay fees under Indiana Code 20-33-5-11 does not apply to private schools, and the student will be subject to the individual school's policy regarding failure to pay if the student attends a private school.
- I will sign all scholarship disbursement forms from the school in a timely manner for the State of Indiana's payments of the student's Choice Scholarship. I understand that if I fail to do so, I may be responsible for the payment.
- If the student transfers to another school, I understand the current scholarship will not transfer to the new school.
- I will inform the Indiana Department of Education and the participating school of any change in the student's residential address or custody status.
- I understand that current eligibility for the Choice Scholarship Program does not ensure future eligibility.

I authorize the school administrator / designee listed below to submit this application to the Indiana Department of Education on behalf of the student.

Signature of parent / guardian

Date (month, day, year)

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As the administrator responsible for student admissions, I have reviewed the student application and have concluded that, to the best of my knowledge, it is accurate and complete; I attest that documents verifying income and residency are on file at the school and that the student has been accepted for admission pending approval of a Choice Scholarship.

Based on the information provided by the parent or guardian, the student is eligible.

Yes No

Signature of school administrator or designee

Date of signature (month, day, year)

Printed or typed name of school administrator or designee