



Bishop Luers High School

Home of the Knights

SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Bishop Luers High School is proud to help our students obtain the Indiana School Choice Scholarship! This scholarship allows parents who qualify financially offset the tuition and fees associated with sending their student to a private school. We at Bishop Luers feel blessed that this scholarship remains available to help families who desire a Catholic education for their students. A student can qualify for this scholarship by one of the following pathways:

1. Continuing Choice Scholarship Pathway or Renewal: *Was your student at BLHS or in another school last year completing both semesters and receiving a Choice Scholarship/voucher?*

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. The student is required to have remained enrolled at the Choice School for the entirety of the immediately preceding school year. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal two or below 200% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 4 of the Financial Chart on other side)

2. Previous Choice Scholarship Pathway: *Has your student ever received a Choice Scholarship/voucher in a past year?*

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 the Choice Scholarship in the immediately preceding school year but exited the Choice School prior to the end of the school year. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 150% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 3 of the Financial Chart on other side)

3. Previous SGO Award Pathway: *Has your student ever been awarded an SGO Scholarship?*

A student received an SGO Scholarship from a State approved granting organization. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 150% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 3 of the Financial Chart on other side)

4. Special Education Pathway: *Does your student have an ISP/IEP plan?*

A student has a disability that requires special education and an individual education program (IEP) has been developed for him/her. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 200% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 4 of the Financial Chart on other side)

5. "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. Note: This pathway does not require prior attendance at the school. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 150% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 3 of the Financial Chart on other side)

6. Two Semesters in a Public School Pathway: *Has your student been enrolled the last two semesters in a public school?*

A student was enrolled in a public school in Indiana for at least two semesters immediately preceding receiving a Choice Scholarship. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 150% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 3 of the Financial Chart)

7. Sibling Pathway: *Does the student have a sibling who has ever been awarded a Choice Scholarship or SGO award?*

A sibling of the newly applying student received either a Choice Scholarship or SGO 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. The student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 150% of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. (Column 3 of the Financial Chart on other side)

If your student currently qualifies for the state's Free/Reduced Lunch Program, then they WILL qualify for a Choice Scholarship. The chart below shows the income guidelines established by the state. Taxes for ALL adults living and working in a household must be submitted to show the total household income. **If you believe you qualify, you may contact Michele Rorick at mrorick@bishoplueers.org, 260-456-1261 ext. 3027 to discuss this further or you may email, mail, or drop off a copy of your complete form 1040 from your 2018 tax return.** We will use the adjusted gross income and family size listed on your tax return to qualify your student. Your student must be listed as a dependent on your tax return. Your tax return will remain in your student file as we need this documentation should your family be awarded a Choice Scholarship. The amount of your student's scholarship is calculated based on income and the assigned school district based on your residence.

Income Guideline Below: Please use the 1st and 2nd column to qualify if you are entering BLHS with a pathway of Sibling, Previous SGO, Two Semesters in a Public School, "F" Public School, or Previous Choice Scholarship. You can use up to the 3rd column if you are qualifying under Continuing Choice Scholarship or Special Education Pathway.

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size 2019-2020 School Year			
	100% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility	150% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility	200% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
# of People in Household	Annual household income limit for a 90% Choice Scholarship ²	Annual household income limit for a 50% Choice Scholarship ³	Annual household income limit for a 50% Choice Scholarship ⁴
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
9	\$88,523	\$132,784	\$177,045
10	\$96,700	\$145,049	\$193,399

For household sizes eleven (11) or more:
¹Add \$5,613 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "90%" scholarship. ²Add \$8,177 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "90%" scholarship.
³Add \$12,266 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship. ⁴Add \$16,354 to the annual limit for each additional member for a "50%" scholarship.

What's Next?

1. Submit a student application and be accepted to BLHS! Contact Jenny Andorfer, Director of Admissions, jandorfer@bishoplueers.org, 456-1261 ext. 3139. **This is the first step! 2&3 do not apply until this is complete.**

2. Apply for Financial Aid: School Choice Scholarship, Bishop Luers Scholarships, and other Financial Aid. Mail, drop off, or Email all pages of form 1040 of your federal tax return to Michele Rorick, Student Financial Aid Director, mrorick@bishoplueers.org or call 456-1261 ext. 3027 if you have any questions.

3. Fill out the FACTS GRANT and AID Application You can apply for additional assistance if your income falls in between the 3rd and 4th eligibility columns or is above the 4th column of the financial chart. This would represent a student who either qualified for a 50% scholarship or not at all. Apply at: <http://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. *If your income is equal to or below the 2nd column there is no need to apply for additional financial aid as you will receive the 90% Choice Scholarship.*

The Indiana Choice Scholarship application process will begin MARCH 1, 2019, and the application deadline will be SEPTEMBER 1, 2019. We will use the tax information you provide us to apply for the Choice Scholarship for your student.

YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN AND RETURN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SENT TO YOU AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THEM.

Our goal is to have all Choice Scholarships for returning students applied for with the State by June 1st. Please do not wait until the last minute to send in your tax returns.