



## INDIANA SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Indiana School Choice Scholarship program, also known as the voucher program, provides financial scholarships to eligible students to cover the cost of tuition and fees at participating schools. Michiana Christian Academy is an Indiana School Choice participating school and will work with you to determine if your student is eligible and if you meet criteria for participating in this program. This document contains some commonly asked questions about the program.

### **Q. How do I know if my student qualifies for an Indiana School Choice scholarship?**

Your student must live in the state of Indiana and be between the ages of 5 and 22 years to participate. Students must also qualify under one of eight eligibility tracks AND meet the income eligibility requirements to qualify for a scholarship. The 2022-23 income eligibility requirements are as follows:

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size	
Household Size	300% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
	Annual Household Income Limit <sup>1</sup>
1	\$75,424.50
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

The available tracks are listed below. Students must meet criteria of one of the tracks below in addition to meeting eligibility requirements to qualify. Please contact the office so we can discuss what track(s) your student may qualify for.

#### **Previous Choice Scholarship Student**

-student received a Choice Scholarship in a preceding school year

#### **Two Semesters in a Public School Track**

-student was enrolled in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a public school for at least 2 semesters  
-semesters immediately preceded the semester in which student is applying for scholarship

#### **Sibling Track**

-student has a sibling who received a Choice Scholarship in a preceding school year

#### **Previous SGO Track**

-student received a scholarship award from an SGO in a previous school year  
-an SGO is a scholarship granting organization  
-award must have come from an approved SGO and have been equal to or more than \$500.00

#### **Special Education Track**

-student has a disability that requires special education & has an IEP or SP in place

#### **Foster Track**

-student is in foster care & has supporting documentation from a DCS Case Worker

## **Q. What documentation is used to determine income eligibility?**

MCA is required to verify your **household income** and household size before we are able to apply for an Indiana Choice Scholarship for your student. This will require your cooperation in providing required documents to the school. All information provided by parent(s)/guardian(s) to the school is expected to be accurate and honest. If accurate or complete information is not provided to MCA, we will not be able to apply for a scholarship for your student. If a student is denied a scholarship, the parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for paying all tuition and fees to MCA.

The following information and types of income are included in determining your household income:

### **Earnings from Work**

- wages, salaries, tips, commissions, overtime pay, bonuses
- income from self-owned businesses and farms
- strike benefits, unemployment compensation, and worker's compensation

### **Welfare, Child Support, Alimony**

- public assistance payments or welfare benefits
- alimony or child support payments

### **Child's Income**

- earnings of a child who is a full-time or regular part-time employee are included
- Social Security or supplemental security income

### **Retirement or Disability Benefits**

- pensions, retirement income, veterans' benefits
- social security, supplemental security income, disability benefits

### **Other Income**

- distributions from retirement or investment accounts
- rental income, annuities, and royalties
- interest or divided income
- inheritance, income from estates, trusts, and/or investments
- regular contributions from persons not living in the household
- cash or investment gifts
- military pay that is not received as a result of the service member's deployment
- military pay that is received prior to a service member's deployment or service in a designated combat zone
- life insurance benefits, living allowance

The following are not included in the calculation of total household income:

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| -loans, such as bank loans   | -adoption subsidies, payments received for care of foster children                         |
| -value of non-cash assets  | -student financial assistance such as grants or scholarships                               |
| -value of benefits under the SNAP or FDPIR programs                                  | -occasional earnings received on an irregular basis (such as baby-sitting or mowing lawns) |
| -military pay received as a result of a service member's deployment to a combat zone |  |

## **Q. What documentation will you need from me?**

We will require a copy of your 2021 Federal Tax Return. If there are any discrepancies in household size or income, then a Household Summary Form with supporting documentation is required to be completed.

If you are unable to provide a copy of your 2021 federal tax return, then other documentation will be required for income verification. This may include W-2, unemployment compensation statements, 1099 or bank statements, earnings statements from investments, social security statements, pension or annuity statements, military retirement benefits statements, or employer statements.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.in.gov/doe/students/indiana-choice-scholarship-program/>

Please contact the office with questions. We are here to help guide you through this process.