

Universal School Choice Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS A CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP? A Choice Scholarship is a State of Indiana Department of Education funded scholarship, one per student, that helps reduce the cost of tuition at a non-public school. Scholarship awards are sent directly to the non-public school and applied to the student’s tuition balance. It is sometimes referred to as a “voucher.”

WHAT IS “UNIVERSAL” CHOICE? “Universal” Choice refers to Indiana legislation that expands the Choice Scholarship program to all students, regardless of income or household size. Beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, any student who attends a participating non-public school will be eligible for a Choice Scholarship.

School Corporation Name	26-27 Estimated Award
Fort Wayne Community Schools	\$7,219.83
Northwest Allen County Schools	\$6,434.79
M S D Southwest Allen County	\$6,514.84
East Allen County Schools	\$7,023.57
Whitley County Cons Schools	\$6,562.19
East Noble School Corporation	\$6,756.34
Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community	\$6,728.17
DeKalb County Central United School District	\$6,669.80
Smith-Green Community Schools	\$6,549.47
Huntington County Community School Corporation	\$6,750.72

HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE TOWARD TUITION FROM THE CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP? Choice Scholarship award amounts are based on the public-school corporation in which the student resides. The amounts listed reflect the 2025–26 school year and are provided as estimates only; final award amounts may vary. Award amounts for the 2026–27 school year are not yet available.

MY STUDENT(S) HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED THE CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO? Currently, no action is required. Once the Indiana Department of Education finalizes the updated application and documentation requirements, you will receive an email with instructions and documents to be digitally signed and returned to the Bishop Dwenger Business Office. We will take it from there!

MY STUDENT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP. DO I STILL NEED TO COMPLETE A GRANT & AID APPLICATION THROUGH FACTS TO RECEIVE IT THIS YEAR? No. A [FACTS](#) Grant & Aid application is not required to receive the Choice Scholarship. However, you must submit a FACTS Grant & Aid application if you are seeking tuition assistance, SGO funding, or if your student is applying for a Bishop Dwenger scholarship in addition to the Choice Scholarship award. **The FACTS Grant & Aid application deadline is April 15, 2026.**

MY SPOUSE AND I ARE DIVORCED AND SHARE CUSTODY. WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS USED TO DETERMINE THE STUDENT’S CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT? The public school district is determined by the primary address listed on the student’s BDHS enrollment form. The primary address is the address of the parent with whom the student resides at least 50% of the time.