



BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

April 2020

Dear Bishop Dwenger Families:

Bishop Dwenger High School is proud to be a Choice Scholarship School with the state of Indiana. This scholarship allows students who may have financial constraints, attend private schools. What a great way to make Catholic education affordable! A student can qualify in one of the following ways:

1. **Continuing Choice Scholarship Student Track (Renewal)**: 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, remained enrolled at a participating school for the entirety of the of immediately preceding school year. 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.
2. **Previous SGO Award Track**: The student received an SGO Scholarship from an approved Scholarship Granting Organization 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 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.
3. **Sibling Track**: The sibling of the newly applying student received either a Choice Scholarship or an SGO award 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 is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 150% for the amount to qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
4. **Special Education Track**: The student has a disability that requires special education services, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) has been developed for the student, and 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.
5. **Previous Choice Scholarship Student Track**: 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 a Choice Scholarship in the immediately preceding school year, but the student exited the Choice school prior to the end of the school year. 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.
6. **Two Semesters in a Public School Track**: The student was enrolled in a public school in Indiana for at least two semesters *immediately* preceding the first semester for which the student is applying for a Choice Scholarship and 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.

The following chart shows the guidelines established by the state for the **2020-2021 school year**. It must be noted, tax returns for **ALL** persons living in a household (physical address) must be submitted to show the total household income.

Household Size	<u>Full Choice Scholarship</u>	<u>70% Partial Choice Scholarship</u>	<u>50% Partial Choice Scholarship</u>	<u>50% Partial Choice Scholarship</u> Renewal or existing IEP
	(90% school corp. funding) (100% of fed. free/reduced lunch)	(70% school corp. funding) (125% of fed. free/reduced lunch)	(50% school corp. funding) (150% of fed. free/reduced lunch)	(50% school corp. funding) (200% of fed. free/reduced lunch)
1	\$23,606	\$29,508	\$35,409	\$47,212
2	\$31,894	\$39,868	\$47,841	\$63,788
3	\$40,182	\$50,228	\$60,273	\$80,364
4	\$48,470	\$60,588	\$72,705	\$96,940
5	\$56,758	\$70,948	\$85,137	\$113,516
6	\$65,046	\$81,308	\$97,569	\$130,092
7	\$73,334	\$91,668	\$110,001	\$146,668
8	\$81,622	\$102,028	\$122,433	\$163,244
9	\$89,910	\$112,388	\$134,865	\$179,820
10	\$98,198	\$122,748	\$147,297	\$196,396
Each Additional Person	\$8,288	\$10,360	\$12,432	\$16,576

2020-2021 ESTIMATED Award Amounts

School District	Full	Partial +	Partial	Partial
FWCS	\$6,048.82	\$4,704.64	\$3,360.45	\$3,360.45
EACS	\$5,740.09	\$4,464.52	\$3,188.94	\$3,188.94
NWAC	\$5,146.81	\$4,003.07	\$2,859.34	\$2,859.34
SWAC	\$5,190.56	\$4,037.10	\$2,883.65	\$2,883.65

If you meet one of the above qualifications, you may be eligible for an Indiana Choice Scholarship. If you think you may qualify, please contact Kim Cochran at kcochran@bishopdwenger.com or 260-496-4705, to discuss it further or send in your 2019 form 1040 tax papers for review. When using email, please put “*Choice Scholarship*” in the subject line. The application can be processed, and the necessary papers sent back to you in the mail to sign off and return.

In order to apply, we will need your 2019 tax return showing your adjusted gross income for **all household members** in addition to family size, including names of all dependents including your Bishop Dwenger student. If the number of dependents exceeds the number listed on the first page of the tax return, please provide a copy of the statement in the back of the return listing the names of the other dependents.

We look forward to working with each family that qualifies and putting this valuable scholarship money to good use for your Bishop Dwenger student during the 2020-2021 school year.