



BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

May 2021

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. **Previous Choice Scholarship Student Track:** Student received a Choice 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. Student is a member of a household with an annual income equal to or below 300% 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 300% 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 300% 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 300% of the amount to qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
5. **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 300% of the amount to qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
6. **Foster Track:** The student must be placed in foster care as defined by Indiana Code and provide supporting documentation from a DSC Case Worker. Foster children are automatically income eligible for the Choice Scholarship Program and do not require household size and income.

The following chart shows the guidelines established by the state for the **2021-2022 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

| Household Size | Choice Scholarship |
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| | SGO Income Guidelines (90% school corp. funding) (300% of fed. free/reduced lunch) |
| 1 | \$71,484.00 |
| 2 | \$96,681.00 |
| 3 | \$121,878.00 |
| 4 | \$147,075.00 |
| 5 | \$172,272.00 |
| 6 | \$197,469.00 |
| 7 | \$222,666.00 |
| 8 | \$247,863.00 |
| 9 | \$273,060.00 |
| 10 | \$298,257.00 |
| Each Additional Person | \$25,197.00 |
| 2021-2022 ESTIMATED Award Amounts | |
| School District | Estimated Award Amount |
| FWCS | \$6,113.48 |
| EACS | \$5,883.36 |
| NWAC | \$5,291.37 |
| SWAC | \$5,335.62 |

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 2020 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 2020 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 2021-2022 school year.