

# HOW CAN I POSSIBLY AFFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Understanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Indiana School Vouchers

## TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

### What are Tax Credit Scholarships?

The Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides scholarship support to families who want to enroll their children in the private school of their choice. Qualifying students in grades K-12 can receive a minimum of a \$500 Tax Credit Scholarship.

### Who qualifies for a Tax Credit Scholarship?

- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (see chart on next page), AND
- A student who is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade, AND/OR
- A student who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school.

### Why should I apply now?

If your family qualifies for assistance, but you do not apply when your child first enters school, you may lose the opportunity for a Voucher or Tax Credit Scholarship for the next 13 years. Kindergarten and 1st grade students CAN receive a Tax Credit Scholarship, making them eligible for a Voucher the following year.

### How do I apply for a Tax Credit Scholarship?

1. To see how much tuition assistance you are eligible for, first register at your Catholic school of choice.
2. To apply for funding, visit [choicetrust.org/apply](http://choicetrust.org/apply).

## INDIANA SCHOOL VOUCHERS

### What is an Indiana School Voucher?

A Voucher is a state-funded scholarship that helps cover the cost of tuition at a private school. Qualifying students in grades 1-8 can receive a maximum of \$4,500 per school year. High school students can receive up to 90% of the local per-student state funding amount.

### Who qualifies for a Voucher?

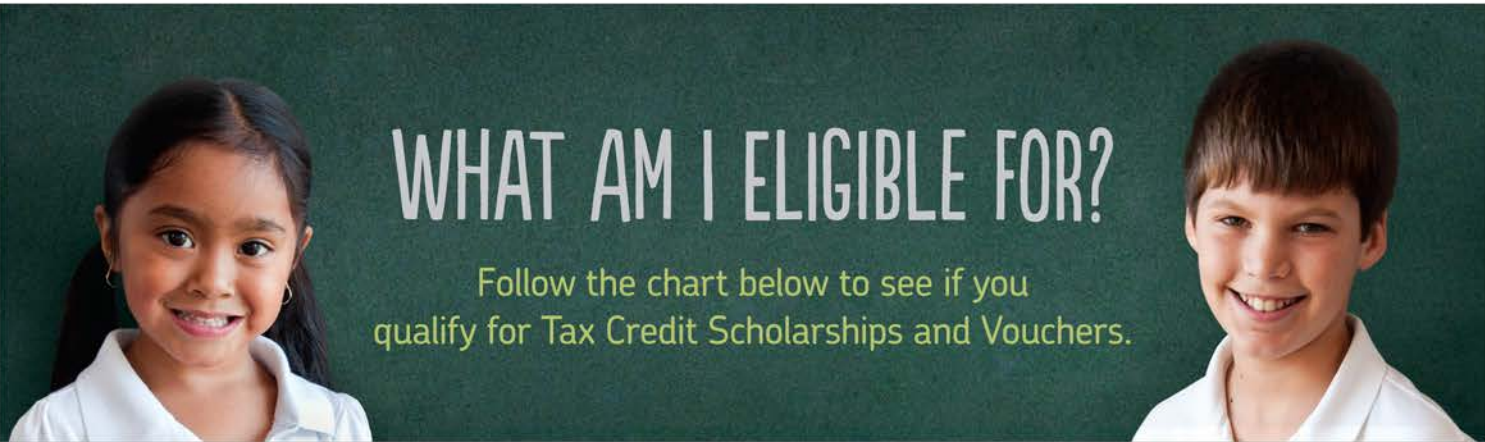
- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (see chart on next page), AND
- A student in grades 2-12 who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school, AND/OR
- A current private school student in grades 1-12 who has received a Tax Credit Scholarship in a prior year.

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### How do I apply for a Voucher?

1. To see how much tuition assistance you are eligible for, first register at your Catholic school of choice.
2. To apply for funding, visit [doe.in.gov/schoolchoice](http://doe.in.gov/schoolchoice).



# WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

Follow the chart below to see if you qualify for Tax Credit Scholarships and Vouchers.

I'm enrolling my child in Kindergarten or 1st grade at a Catholic school.

I'm moving my child in grades 2 - 12 to a Catholic school.

I meet these eligibility requirements:

- Indiana resident
- My family is between 150% and 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

I meet these eligibility requirements:

- Indiana resident
- My child attended public school the previous year (two semesters) OR received a Tax Credit Scholarship, or Voucher, the previous school year.

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AND one of the following:

My family is between 150% and 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

My family is at 150%, or below, the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

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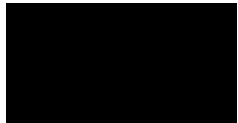
2012 Income Eligibility Levels			
Household Size	90% Voucher 100% FR Lunch	50% Voucher 150% FR Lunch	Tax Credit Scholarship 200% FR Lunch
2	\$27,991	\$41,986	\$55,982
3	\$35,317	\$52,975	\$70,634
4	\$42,643	\$63,964	\$85,286
5	\$49,969	\$74,953	\$99,938
6	\$57,295	\$85,942	\$114,590

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