

Heartland Christian School

School Choice Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program provides scholarships to eligible students in grades K–12 to help offset tuition costs at participating private schools. As an approved Choice school, Heartland Christian School is here to assist families through every step of the application process.

Q: What is the Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program?

The Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program (also called the "voucher program") is a state-funded initiative that provides qualifying families with a financial voucher to help offset tuition costs at a participating private school of their choice. Heartland Christian School is a proud participating Choice school.

Q: Who is eligible for a Choice Scholarship?

To be eligible, a student must have legal settlement in Indiana, be at least five years of age and less than 22 years of age on or before October 1 of the school year.

Q: What are the income limits for 2026–2027?

As of May 1st 2026 income verification limits are no longer in effect.

Q: Are kindergarten students eligible?

Yes! As part of the 2023 program expansion, kindergarten students are now eligible to apply for and receive an Indiana Choice Scholarship.

Q: How much is the scholarship worth?

Indiana Choice Scholarship award amounts are based on your student's public school corporation of legal settlement — meaning the school district where your family resides. The average Indiana Choice Scholarship award amount for the 2023–2024 school year was \$6,264. Contact our office for an estimate based on your home district.

Q: How do we apply?

Families apply to a participating Choice school and provide required documentation. The Choice school then submits the child's application to the Indiana Department of Education. You do not submit the application directly to the state — Heartland Christian School handles that on your behalf once you are enrolled.

Q: What documents will I need to provide?

You will need to provide proof of Indiana residency. Only 1 item is necessary from the list of acceptable documentation:

- **Government/Official IDs:** Valid Indiana driver's license, state ID, or voter registration card.
- **Utility & Service Bills:** Utility bills (e.g., water, electric, gas) dated within the last 90 days, or internet/cable bills.
- **Financial Statements:** Bank statement, credit card bill, or loan statement.
- **Housing Documents:** Current lease agreement, mortgage statement, property deed, or property tax bill.
- **Insurance:** Current homeowner's, renter's, auto, or health insurance policies/cards.

- **Taxes:** Filed state or federal tax return (e.g., Form 1040) from the previous year, or a recent W-2

Q: When are the application deadlines?

The 2025–2026 Choice Scholarship student application is available beginning March 1 through September 1 for the first application period. The second application period runs from November 1, 2026 through January 15, 2027.

Q: What is the difference between Period 1 and Period 2 applications?

Applications submitted in the first period are full-year awards, provided the student is not withdrawn prior to the end of the school year. Applications submitted in the second period are a half-year award, provided the student remains enrolled through the end of the school year.

Q: Does my child need to reapply each year?

Yes. A student must reapply annually and show that they continue to meet scholarship requirements. We will notify families each spring when the new application period opens.

Q: What happens after the application is submitted?

Your acceptance or denial letter will arrive. The acceptance letter will detail the final amount of the Choice Scholarship award. Denial letters will include steps to follow if you believe the application was denied in error.

Q: Can my child apply at more than one school at a time?

No. A student can only have one Indiana Choice Scholarship application submitted to one school at a time. You may, however, apply for admission to several schools at once. Once your student is accepted and enrolled, you can proceed with the Choice Scholarship application through that school.

Q: Who do I contact to get started?

Contact our finance office to begin the enrollment and scholarship application process. We are happy to walk you through eligibility, required documentation, and next steps.

For more information, please contact the Heartland Christian School Finance Office.