



# Nativity CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## **Tuition Assistance Opportunities**

Nativity Catholic School has a long history of making Catholic Education affordable for a widely diverse community. We are committed to working with all families who wish to send their children to Nativity. As a ministry of Nativity Catholic Church, the school receives substantial annual financial support from the parish. In addition, we have three sources of additional financial support for our families.

### **Qualifying for Tuition Assistance**

- A student must be currently registered for the next academic year.
- A student's account must be in good standing.

## **1. Choice Scholarship**

- **Available for Students Kindergarten - 8th Grade**
- **Submit documents by May 1, 2024**
- **Scholarship award amounts are determined by the Indiana Department of Education based on the student's public school corporation of legal settlement**

To be eligible, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Have legal settlement in Indiana;
- Be accepted for enrollment into a participating voucher school that is located in Indiana;
- Be between the ages of 5 and 22 no later than October 1 of the school year; and
- Meet the income requirements

In order to receive a Choice Scholarship, families must apply every year.

To apply for the Choice Scholarship, please submit the front page of your 2023 Federal Income Tax Return (1040) to the School Business Office.

When sending tax forms, Nativity kindly asks you to redact personal information. We will always be respectful of your documentation, but please help us be respectful by redacting your personal information (Social Security, Bank Account numbers, etc), as

those are not needed for the application process. Tax returns will be kept confidential within the school building.

If not all household members are listed on the tax return, a Household Summary Form is required for the application process. The Household Summary Form may be found on our website here: <https://school.nativityindy.org/tuition-assistance>.

Documents may be emailed as a pdf attachment to the School Business Manager, Maggie Schabel, at [mschabel@nativityindy.org](mailto:mschabel@nativityindy.org) or copies may be hand delivered to the School's Business Office.

Once documentation is received, the Choice school (Nativity Catholic School) will apply for the Choice Scholarship through an online application process with the Indiana Department of Education.

The Choice school should not submit the student application without sufficient supporting documentation. Any inaccurate, incorrect, or falsified information may result in a reduction or forfeiture of the student's Choice Scholarship award.

The Choice school is responsible for determining whether the student meets the eligibility requirements. Final voucher eligibility is determined by the Indiana Department of Education based on the completed application.

<b>2024 - 2025 Choice Scholarship Income Guidelines</b>
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Household Size	Annual Household Income Limit
1	\$111,444.00
2	\$151,256.00
3	\$191,068.00
4	\$230,880.00
5	\$270,692.00
6	\$310,504.00
7	\$350,316.00
8	\$390,128.00

## 2. Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO Scholarship)

- **Available for Students PreSchool - 8th Grade**
- **Submit documents by May 1, 2024**
- **Scholarship award amounts are determined by the number of funds available and the number of families who apply**

To be eligible, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Have legal settlement in Indiana;
- Student must be at least four (4) years old and less than 22 years old by August 1 of the school year that the student is applying;
- Meet the income requirements (same income guidelines as the Choice Scholarship Income Guidelines shown within the chart above)

The Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) is designed to provide needs-based financial assistance to families. Funding for SGO scholarships come from private, charitable donations to qualified scholarship granting organizations.

To apply for an SGO Scholarship, please submit a household-initiated application and the front page of your 2023 Federal Income Tax Return (1040), if you have not done so already for a Choice Scholarship, to the School Business Office. When applying for an SGO Scholarship for more than one child, an applicant should submit an application for each child. The household-initiated application may be found here:

<https://sgo.i4qed.org/apply>. To access the application, families will need to set up an account.

Documents may be emailed as a pdf attachment to the School Business Manager, Maggie Schabel, at [mschabel@nativityindy.org](mailto:mschabel@nativityindy.org) or copies may be hand delivered to the School Business Office.

## 3. Parish Assistance

- **Available for Students PreSchool - 8th Grade**
- **Submit documents by May 1, 2024**
- **Award amounts are determined by the number of funds available and the number of families who apply**

**Nativity Parish offers tuition assistance to families that do not qualify for one of the above options.** Funds for additional tuition assistance are raised through

interest earned from the Nativity Educational Endowment Fund and donations from private donors.

To apply for Parish Assistance, please submit a letter of explanation to Father Eric Augenstein at [freric@nativityindy.org](mailto:freric@nativityindy.org). It is not required to submit your 2023 Federal Income Tax Return; however, submitting your tax return for supporting documentation may help justify your tuition assistance need.

**Award Notification**

Families will be notified of awarded tuition assistance by email.

All information received is held in strict confidence. Families receiving assistance are asked to observe the same strict confidentiality.

For more information, visit: <https://school.nativityindy.org/tuition-assistance>.

**Questions?** Contact the School Business Manager, Maggie Schabel, at [mschabel@nativityindy.org](mailto:mschabel@nativityindy.org).