

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (K-8)

St. John's Lutheran Church and School  
111 Kingsbury Avenue  
La Porte, IN 46350



The education of children at St. John's Lutheran School has been an important mission of the congregation since its founding in 1857. The congregation and its donors provide scholarships in addition to that which is provided through the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program.

Our primary goal is that every student who wishes to enroll as an Eagle will be able to.

## Applications must be filled out completely to be considered.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which adult is legally responsible for the child(ren)

Both parents     
  Mother     
  Father     
  Legal Guardian  
 Other. Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information

	First	Last	23-24 GR	New K-8 student?
#1	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School attended last year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previous year Choice or SGO <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Choice/SGO in a previous school year <input type="checkbox"/> Public School last 2 semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving Special Education Services			
#2	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School attended last year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previous year Choice or SGO <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Choice/SGO in a previous school year <input type="checkbox"/> Public School last 2 semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving Special Education Services			
#3	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School attended last year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previous year Choice or SGO <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Choice/SGO in a previous school year <input type="checkbox"/> Public School last 2 semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving Special Education Services			
#4	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	School attended last year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Previous year Choice or SGO <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Choice/SGO in a previous school year <input type="checkbox"/> Public School last 2 semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving Special Education Services			



**Additional Household Information**

Home School Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_

- CHURCH PARTNER: Our family actively participates as a part of a Christian church (St. John or other approved congregation). *Partner Agreement and Application must be submitted.*
- SCHOOL PARTNER: We actively participate in NEST, as a school volunteer, or leader. *School Partner Agreement and Application must be submitted.*
- MEMBER DISCOUNT: Our family is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church

**Income Verification**

FFRL:	✓	Income range
100%		
200%		
300%		
400%		
500%		
600%		
700%		

*Place a check box next to the income range for your household.*

*Usually this is your Adjusted Gross Income (line 11 from Form 1040) from last year's return.*

*Check with the school office if this does not accurately reflect your household income.*

*Additional Income Verification rules apply to students receiving a CHOICE or SGO Scholarship. Check with the School Office to complete the appropriate applications and confirm what is required by the State of Indiana.*

Other notes (extenuating circumstances):

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**Estimated Costs for 23-24 SY (Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

	Student #1	Student #2	Student #3	Student #4	TOTAL
Tuition & Fees					
<i>Scholarships:</i>					
Choice					
Church Partner					
Eagle Fund					
School Partner					
New Eagle Award					
NET COST					

*Awards are applied in the order listed "up to" the total of tuition and fees. All of the costs and scholarship award amounts are estimates based on the information provided on this form, the Tuition and Fees scheduled approved by our School Board and the initial Choice Scholarship award estimates. Additional fees may be included based on student's grade level. Your signatures verify that you have provided complete and accurate information.*

*St. John's Scholarship Program uses the same deadlines and other criteria are set by the Indiana Department of Education for the Choice Scholarship Program. Period 1 applications are due by September 1.*

**No scholarships will be awarded until application and supporting documentation is received.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature(s)**

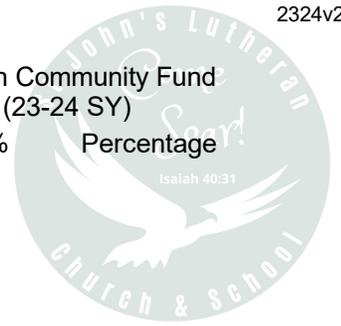
\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

2023-24 Tuition and Fees (K-8)

Choice Scholarships Data

St John Community Fund  
(23-24 SY)



	Corp #	Amount	Income %	Percentage
Registration				
Tuition	4945			
Est Cost of Education	4805			
Member Discount	4940			
Recorder Fee (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grades)	4925			
PE Uniform Fee (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	4860			
Athletic Fee (for student athletes)				

- Church
- School
- FFRL Base
- FFRL Inc
- New Eagle

Income Verification Tables based on Federal Free and Reduced Lunch (FFRL) Guidelines

Household income determines eligibility for the Indiana Choice and Eagle Fund Scholarship programs

Household Size	1	Household Size	2	Household Size	3
FFRL:	Income range	FFRL:	Income range	FFRL:	Income range
100%		100%		100%	
200%		200%		200%	
300%		300%		300%	
400%		400%		400%	
500%		500%		500%	
600%		600%		600%	
700%		700%		700%	
DNQ		DNQ		DNQ	

Household Size	4	Household Size	5	Household Size	6
FFRL:	Income range	FFRL:	Income range	FFRL:	Income range
100%		100%		100%	
200%		200%		200%	
300%		300%		300%	
400%		400%		400%	
500%		500%		500%	
600%		600%		600%	
700%		700%		700%	
DNQ		DNQ		DNQ	

St. John's Lutheran Church and School  
Scholarship FAQs



**Q How are the tuition and fees determined?**

A Tuition and fees reflect the total cost of education at St. John's for an individual student. They did increase significantly in response to more comprehensive study by the SJLC School Board. This is also due to our significant investment in our most valuable asset: our teachers and staff!

**Q How do I know if my child qualifies for a Choice Scholarship?**

A Income and other criteria are established by the Indiana Department of Education. Household income must be less than 300% of Federal Free and Reduced Lunch (FFRL) guidelines and the student must have a valid "track" to qualify. Some students who are new to St. John's may not have a valid track to qualify for this scholarship.

**Q You mean I may not be able afford St. John's even though our household income is lower?**

A Our Eagle Fund provides scholarships based on need using household income as the primary criteria. This fund will likely make a St. John's education possible and also help qualify your student for a Choice income in the future.

**Q Is Kindergarten tuition really the same as for elementary school? Didn't it used to be lots less? I'm not sure I can afford it.**

A Every new student, including new elementary students, will qualify for a New Eagle Award of up to \$1,200 per student. This will be especially helpful for lower-income families whose children do not yet qualify for an Indiana Choice Scholarship.

**Q I'm a member at St. John and used to get a big discount. Did that disappear?**

A Actually there will be a small discount for St. John members, but the new Church Partner Scholarship will provide an award of up to \$1,700 for children and families who actively participate in the church. In fact, we expanded the group that qualifies for this award to those who are an active part of almost any Christian congregation in the area. So if you actively participate in the ministry of another church, let us know so our pastor can visit with your pastor.

**Q I also see a School Partner Scholarship. What is that all about?**

A Families who support the ministry of our school by actively participating as a volunteer or leader, beyond what is expected of a school parent, can receive an award of up to \$500. Serving in a leadership role, volunteering in a classroom, working with NEST (our parent/teacher organization) or planning events (such as fundraisers) all help qualify your child for this award.

**Q How do I verify our household income?**

A Start by completing the Scholarship Application indicating the range of your Household Income. If you qualify for the Indiana Choice Scholarship program our school staff will be in touch to get additional forms to verify your income for the State of Indiana.

**Q Who provides money for these scholarships?**

A Choice scholarships are funded by the State of Indiana. All of our other scholarship programs are supported by generous donors who want to make sure every student can access a St. John's education for their child.

**Q How can I make a donation to support scholarships at St. John?**

A There are two ways to provide support:

1. Make a check payable to St. John's Lutheran School and include "Eagle Fund Scholarships" in the memo line. (Online giving options will be forthcoming soon.)
2. Make a gift to the St. John's Scholarship Fund at the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana (<https://lutheransgo.org/>). Donors receive a 50% Tax Credit from the State of Indiana, so you can give twice as much and, once you file your taxes) it will end up costing the same (e.g. a \$1,000 gift gets you a \$500 credit on your state tax return).

**Q I still have questions, what should I do?**

A Contact Katie in our school office. If she does not have an answer to your question, she will find the answer! Email [schooloffice@stjohns-laporte.com](mailto:schooloffice@stjohns-laporte.com) or call (219) 362-6692.