

# Financial Aid Information

2019/2020

## Guidelines for Tuition Support

The cost to educate each student at Trinity is subsidized by the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, as a mission to the children and families of our community. This subsidy is reflected in the tuition and fees established each year by the Trinity Lutheran School Board. To further support families seeking a Trinity education for their child, there are several options to supplement tuition costs. Funds are awarded based on need and availability.

## TLC Scholarship

Trinity Lutheran Church and School allocates tuition support through several designated pathways based on family need and availability of funds. It is the desire of the congregation to first offer support to students that are members of the congregation and have the greatest level of need to support their education at Trinity. An endowment fund in honor of our former principal, Mr. George Woldt, is designated for students that are not members of Trinity Lutheran Church. An early childhood scholarship is also available for preschool students through the Cindy Cataldo Memorial Scholarship fund.

These funds fall under the **TLC Scholarship** account. Applications must be completed and returned to the office with necessary documentation by May 1.

## Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

The SGO is a state approved organization that receives donations from individuals or corporations for the purpose of granting scholarships for students meeting income requirements. Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, and donations can be specified for Trinity students through that organization.

If a student's family income meets the eligibility guidelines, they can receive a minimum of \$500 as a scholarship applied to their tuition. Families that continue to meet the financial guidelines will qualify for a School Choice Scholarship each following year, potentially through the completion of eighth grade at Trinity and continued through your choice of high school. The amount of tuition is based on the school's expected operating costs.

## Indiana Choice Scholarship

The Indiana Choice Scholarship, also referred to as the voucher program, provides scholarships to eligible students to offset tuition costs at participating schools. Eligibility criteria is based on household income and fulfilling one of eight potential tracks for acceptance. Depending on income levels, scholarships are awarded at 50% or 90% of cost toward tuition and fees.

To be eligible, a student must satisfy each of the following requirements:

- **Have legal settlement in Indiana**
- **Meet guidelines for household income limits**
- **Satisfy one of the seven tracks (below):**
  1. **Two semesters in a Public School track:** The student was enrolled in an Indiana K-8 public school for the two preceding semesters.
  2. **Sibling track:** The student is a sibling of a student that received an SGO or Choice scholarship in a preceding school year.
  3. **Continuing Choice Scholarship track:** The student received a Choice Scholarship in the prior year.
  4. **Previous Choice Scholarship track:** The student received a Choice Scholarship in a school year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying.
  5. **Previous SGO Award track:** The student received an SGO Scholarship in a year that does not immediately precede the school year for which the student is applying.
  6. **"F" Public School track:** The student attends or would attend a public school with an "F" ranking from the Indiana Department of Education.
  7. **Special Education track:** The student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
  8. **Pre-K My Way track:** The student received and used an Early Education Grant to attend Pre-K at an eligible Choice school (Not available through Trinity Pre-K).



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## To Apply for Financial Aid:

1. Upon admission for enrollment, complete the Scholarship Application form and return with required documents to the school office.
2. Schedule an appointment with the Business Office to complete the application process.
3. After the application process is finalized and scholarship amounts are verified, you will be notified of the amount of award and responsible for any remaining balance.

## Eligibility Guidelines

	100% of Reduced Lunch	150% of Reduced Lunch	200% of Reduced Lunch
Household Size	AGI for 90% Choice Scholarship	AGI for 50% Choice Scholarship	SGO, CS 1 yr. prior AGI for 50% Choice Scholarship
1	\$23,107	\$34,660	\$46,213
2	\$31,284	\$46,925	\$62,567
3	\$39,461	\$59,191	\$78,921
4	\$47,435	\$71,456	\$95,275
5	\$55,815	\$83,722	\$111,629
6	\$63,992	\$95,987	\$127,983
7	\$72,169	\$108,253	\$144,337
8	\$80,346	\$120,518	\$160,691
Each Additional	+\$8,177	+\$12,266	+\$16,354



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