



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

## Indiana School Scholarship Tax Credit/SGO Program Frequently Asked Questions 2021-2022 School Year

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1	What is a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)?	Certified Scholarship Granting Organizations provide scholarships to income eligible students to offset tuition costs at partnering schools. SGOs are part of the School Scholarship Tax Credit Program. Qualified SGOs receive funding for scholarships from private, charitable donations. Those who have donated to an SGO approved by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will then be eligible to take advantage of a 50 percent credit against their individual or corporation State tax liability.																																				
2	Who are the participating SGOs?	<p>There are six active participating SGOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elkhart County Community Foundation</li> <li>Institute for Quality Education, Inc.</li> <li>The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, Inc.</li> <li>Professional Athletes of Indiana</li> <li>Sagamore Institute Scholarship for Education Choice</li> <li>School Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana, Inc.</li> </ul> <p>Contact information for each SGOs is available on the <a href="#">School Scholarships</a> website in the section labeled General Information. (<a href="#">Approved Participating SGOs</a>)</p>																																				
3	What are the student-based requirements?	<p>The student must be a member of a household with an income below 300 percent of the amount to qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program. (IC 20-51-1-5)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">2021-2022 School Year</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Household</th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">300% of Reduced Lunch</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">1</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">71,484.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">2</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">96,681.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">3</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">121,878.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">4</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">147,075.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">5</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">172,272.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">6</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">197,469.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">7</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">222,666.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">8</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">247,863.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">9</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">273,060.00</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">10</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td><td style="text-align: right;">298,257.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Add \$15,984 to the annual limit for each additional household member.</p>	2021-2022 School Year			Household	300% of Reduced Lunch		1	\$	71,484.00	2	\$	96,681.00	3	\$	121,878.00	4	\$	147,075.00	5	\$	172,272.00	6	\$	197,469.00	7	\$	222,666.00	8	\$	247,863.00	9	\$	273,060.00	10	\$	298,257.00
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5	How is an SGO application submitted?	To apply for an SGO award, the parent/guardian should contact the participating school. The school will work with the parent/guardian to complete the SGO application.
6	What is the minimum SGO award amount?	There is no minimum amount that an SGO can award to an eligible student. However, an SGO award must be at least five hundred dollars (\$500) in order for that student, or the student's sibling, to qualify later for a Choice Scholarship under the Previous SGO Track. This rule only applies to a student or a sibling of the student who receives an SGO award for the first time after June 30, 2013 and otherwise meets the income eligibility requirements of the program.
7	Are Choice Scholarships and SGO Scholarships the same?	No. The Choice Scholarship Program provides State funded scholarships to eligible Indiana students to offset tuition costs at participating schools. SGO Scholarships are funded by private, charitable donations and awarded by a certified SGO to eligible students.
8	Can a student who receives an SGO Scholarship also receive a Choice Scholarship?	Yes. A student who meets the requirements for a Choice Scholarship may also qualify for an SGO Scholarship in the same year provided that the combination of the two does not exceed tuition and fees.
9	Does household income need to be re-verified by the SGO for students that are reapplying?	Yes. Household income must be verified by the SGO every year.