# Wisconsin School Choice Program

Your family may be eligible to receive a **TUITION FREE** Catholic education through the Wisconsin School Choice Program!

The state spends around \$13,000 per year per student in the public school system. Eligible parents can apply to redirect half of this money towards a private school education. Remember that this is your tax money and this redirection of funds benefits parents, our school and the state! St. Mary's would receive twice the tuition amount it normally receives, allowing more educational resources for teachers and students. The state also benefits by only spending half the amount they normally would per student. Currently enrolled St. Mary students are eligible to enroll in the Wisconsin School Choice Program in Pre-K, Kindergarten, or 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

## **Family Eligibility**

To qualify for the program in the 2023-24 school year, a student must have family income equal to or less than 220% of the federal poverty level income limits shown below. If a family of four with parents that are married has an income of \$60,000, subtract \$7,000 from their income and compare that amount (\$53,000) to the income limit for a family of four in the table below. Family size includes parents/legal guardians and their children by birth, marriage or adoption that reside in the same household as the student applicant.

Family Size	Yearly Income
2	\$40,282
3	\$50,666
4	\$61,050
5	\$71,434
6	\$81,818
7	\$92,202

**Note:** Family income is determined for each student in the year they enter the program. In the year they enter the program. Once in the program, the student keeps his or her voucher even if family income rises.

## When to Apply

Apply online between **February 1 - April 20, 2023.** Late applications for the voucher program will not be accepted.

## **How to Apply**

- 1. Complete the online application:
  - https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs.
- 2. Provide proof of residency to the St. Mary School Office
- Provide income documentation to the St. Mary School Office

The application and all documents must be received in the St. Mary School Office between **February 1 – April 20..** 

### For More Information

St. Mary School contact:

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Department of Public Instruction (DPI)

- Private School Choice Programs: 888-245-2732, ext. 3
- PrivateSchoolChoice@dpi.wi.gov

For a list of commonly asked questions and more details, visit:

http://dpi.wi.gov/choice