

# The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

## Applications Open February 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### What Income Qualifies?

Participation in the voucher program is limited to those with a qualifying income based on family size. For the 2025-2026 school year, the following incomes qualify.

Family Size	Single Parent Income	Married Couple Income
2	\$44,968	
3	\$56,804	\$63,804
4	\$68,640	\$75,640
5	\$80,476	\$87,476
6	\$92,312	\$99,312

For each additional family member add \$11,836

### What Grades Can I Apply For?

Children already attending a private school can apply for a voucher when going into 4K, 5K, 1<sup>st</sup> grade or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Children attending a private school for the first time, or returning after a year away, or who enrolled after September 20, 2024 can apply for any grade.

### Where Do I Apply?

Applications are all online at: <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

### How Do I Show My Income?

There are two ways to show your income. First, is an automatic look-up of your most-recently-filed State taxes. If you know your 2024 Federal taxes show a qualifying income, or, if your 2023 Federal taxes show a qualifying income and you have not filed your 2024 taxes, this is the recommended method. (DOR Method)

The other way to show your income is to type your 2024 Adjusted Gross Income into the application and provide a signed and dated copy of the first two pages of your 2024 Federal 1040 to the school. This will be used to confirm the income level you put on your application. This is the preferred method if your 2023 income would not qualify but your 2024 income would. (DPI Method)

### Proving Your Address

You'll also need to prove your address by providing the school with one of the following after you apply:

- W2
- Property Tax Statement
- Paystub dated between December, 2024 and April 15, 2025, with your full address on it
- Utility Bill (water, gas, electric, cable, or satellite. Not cellular or any other bill.)
- Signed lease covering the day you apply
- Letter from Government Agency dated during the application period

### Creating an Account

Those applying for the first time will need to enter an email address and password. You'll then receive an email with a place to click on to confirm the creation of your account. Once you've done that you'll be able to log in to start the application.

### Selecting Your School

Scroll through the list of all of the participating schools to find Columbus Catholic Schools.

### Enter Your Family Information

The following screens will ask for information about the parent(s) and child(ren). Complete this for all children for whom you are applying. You'll then be given an opportunity to complete information for other family members. This information will be used to determine family size in order to determine the qualifying income.

**If you need help applying:** Contact me at [eaton.david@columbusdons.org](mailto:eaton.david@columbusdons.org)