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Dear Parents of Kindergarten Students & Parents of Students New to St. Charles,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to explain how you may be able to apply for a \$500 tuition scholarship this year, 2020-21, through the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana (SGONEI). This scholarship is determined by annual household income as reflected on your 2019 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) as reflected on your 2019 tax returns.

Please understand that if your child is currently enrolled in our kindergarten and is not already receiving an Indiana Choice Scholarship (Voucher), your main pathway to receiving a Voucher for your child in grade 1 or in any other year through grade 12 (income allowing) is for your child to have received an SGO scholarship at least once. Again, a student who has received an SGO scholarship at least once, now has a pathway to enter the Voucher system, household income allowing, in any year after the reception of that SGO scholarship.

Carefully read the information on the back of this paper explaining how to make a donation to SGONEI and more importantly for you, how to apply for the SGO scholarship. You still have time. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely

Robert R. Sordelet

Rob Sordelet, Principal



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HOW TO DONATE TO, OR APPLY FOR, A 2020-21 SGONEI SCHOLARSHIP

In 2011 the Indiana State Legislature created a law allowing for the formation of Scholarship Granting Organizations in Indiana. The purpose of these non-profit organizations is to solicit donations from Indiana citizens and corporations, which in turn will provide scholarships to help children attend non-public schools. St. Charles Borromeo School and all Diocesan schools work through the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana (SGONEI). SGONEI is State-approved, owned, and operated by our Fort Wayne - South Bend Diocese. If making a donation, please specify St. Charles Borromeo School as the recipient.

How to Become a Donor to SGONEI and Receive a 50% Tax Credit: Individual residents and corporations who pay Indiana State income taxes and donate to the SGONEI will receive a 50% tax credit for their donation to our school. Simply, if you make a donation of \$100 to our St. Charles School through the Diocesan SGO by December 20th, our Parish school will receive that \$100 for tuition assistance, and you personally, or your corporation, will receive a \$50 tax credit to be applied to your 2020 State taxes. Let's take the example one step further, if you or your corporation donates \$10,000 to St. Charles School through the SGO, our school will receive your gift of \$10,000 for tuition assistance, and you personally, or your corporation will receive a \$5000 tax credit to be applied to your 2020 tax returns. This applies to any dollar amount donated. So - you can help school families, and our parish, and ease your State tax burden all at the same time. And this opportunity is open to all of you and any friend, relative, neighbor, business acquaintance, or corporation who resides in, or is established in the State of Indiana. Donation is easy. The SGO system allows donations online, in person, or by mail. You can donate with cash, credit card, or check. Simply follow the online [SGONEI donation instructions](#) found here to donate.

How to apply for an SGO Scholarship for your child:

Eligibility: For a student to be eligible for an SGO Award for the 2020-2021 school year must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Have legal settlement in Indiana
- 2) Be between the ages of 5 and 22 no later than August 1 of the school year.
- 3) Be accepted for enrollment into a participating Choice Scholarship school.
- 4) Student is a member of a household with annual income equal to or below 200% of the amount to qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program. [See table with 2019 adjusted gross income limits 2019 below]

Application Procedure:

1. Families will be required to submit an application through the [FACTS Grant & Aid](#) program.
2. A copy of your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return as well as any supporting tax schedules and all 2019 W2s must also be uploaded, faxed, or mailed to FACTS Grant & Aid. (Please do not send in any state tax returns.)

SGONEI will be using FACTS Grant & Aid to verify family incomes of those wishing to apply for an SGO Scholarship. Families must fill out the FACTS application forms by November 9, 2020 and submit the required income documents before November 22, 2020. Using FACTS to apply for an SGO is fairly straightforward. All parents have already opened a FACTS Tuition Management Account for 2020-2021. Simply open your account, and navigate to the 'homepage' of your FACTS account, [click the green 'Continue FACTS Application' button](#), and follow the steps listed. Please note, to apply for the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) scholarship, there is a \$35 fee for this option. If you have previously paid the \$35 fee to apply for Parish Tuition Assistance, then please do not pay again. That \$35 fee covers both options - Tuition Assistance and SGO.

Please Note: If your child is already utilizing the Choice Scholarship (Voucher) for tuition payment, or if your child has already received an SGO Scholarship in a previous school year, please do not apply for the SGO again.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me in the school office. Thank you!

Sincerely - Robert Sordelet, Principal

Household Size # of parents + dependents in household (Ex. 2 parents & 2 kids=4)	2019 Tax Return Adjusted Gross Income Level for a NE Indiana SGO Scholarship Column C
1	\$47,212
2	\$63,788
3	\$80,364
4	\$96,940
5	\$113,516
6	\$130,092
7	\$146,668
8	\$163,244
Each Additional Person	\$17,000