



**LCA Tuition Assistance Program
Indiana Choice Scholarship Program
Scholarship Granting Organization Awards
2018-2019**

Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA) admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded and made available to all students. LCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational and admissions policies, tuition assistance programs, athletic, and other school administered programs.

Each year an amount of money is designated out of the school's operational budget to be used for tuition assistance. In addition, LCA has established a partnership with Sagamore Institute, Scholarships for Education Choice. This enables LCA to award SGO grants to qualifying families from the monies donated to this fund. Lastly, LCA has been approved by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) as a School Choice school. This enables qualifying students to apply for Indiana School Choice Scholarships (Vouchers).

All tuition assistance is need-based. Families who desire financial aid must complete and submit an application to FACTS each year. FACTS, who acts as a neutral third party, will determine need and eligibility, and will be used as the certifying agency for all tuition assistance programs. The family's maximum cost for filing a FACTS application is \$27.00. FACTS applications may be filed before a family is approved for acceptance to LCA. But, before any awards are given, or SGO or School Choice applications are entered, the student must have completed the enrollment process, met admissions requirements, and have been accepted as a student at LCA. To be considered for the first round of awards, the FACTS application must be mailed by March 9, 2018. After this, awards will be made as information is received from FACTS until funds are depleted or State or SGO deadlines expire. FACTS applications must be filed online using the link provided on the school website.

The following is a brief description of each type of financial assistance available at LCA:

- **LCA Tuition Assistance:** These scholarships come from the fund established out of LCA's operational budget. Awards are made based upon demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to those who do not qualify for an SGO grant or a School Choice voucher. Tuition assistance awarded during one school year does not guarantee an award in a following year.
- **Indiana Choice Scholarship Programs: Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO)** Eligible students must meet established income guidelines calculated using the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch program scales. Once a student is accepted and eligibility is certified through FACTS, the family will be invited to submit a free online application. The amount of any grant awarded will be determined closer to the beginning of the school year. This fund is made available through donations by businesses and individuals to Sagamore Institute. Thus, the amount of money available for scholarships varies from year to year.
- **Indiana Choice Scholarship Program: (HEA 1003)** LCA is approved by the IDOE to participate in the School Choice program. The law passed in 2011 created a Choice Scholarship (Voucher) program that provides state tuition support through tax dollars for eligible students/families. Student eligibility is need-based and is calculated using the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch program scales. In addition, students must meet other eligibility criteria including legal settlement in Indiana, age requirements, and the specific requirements of the pathway the student is using to participate in the Choice Scholarship Program

- The following are the income guidelines for 2017-2018. You could be eligible for an Indiana Choice Scholarship or an SGO Grant through Sagamore Institute. Note that you would also need to meet all other eligibility requirements.

Household Size Number in Family	FR Lunch Level 90% Voucher	150% of FR Lunch 50% Voucher	200% of FR Lunch* SGO Qualification*
1	\$22,311.00	\$33,467.00	\$44,622.00
2	\$30,044.00	\$45,066.00	\$60,088.00
3	\$37,777.00	\$56,666.00	\$75,554.00
4	\$45,510.00	\$68,265.00	\$91,020.00
5	\$53,243.00	\$79,865.00	\$106,486.00
6	\$60,976.00	\$91,464.00	\$121,952.00
7	\$68,709.00	\$103,064.00	\$137,418.00
8	\$76,442.00	\$114,663.00	\$152,884.00

According to **HEA 1003**, once a student has received a scholarship through the voucher program (or through an approved SGO), that student will be eligible to receive a voucher as long as the family financially qualifies and the student remains in good standing at LCA. If a student who has received a voucher chooses to leave, transfers, or is expelled from the programs of LCA, the voucher will not follow the student to his or her new non-public school, and the voucher will be forfeited. A voucher, once awarded by the State of Indiana, is also not portable during the school year.

2018-2019 Tuition Rates

PreK (T, TH) (2 days)	\$1,720.00
PreK (M,W,F) (3 days)	\$2,550.00
PreK (M-F) (Full Week)	\$4,195.00
Kindergarten Half -day	\$3,565.00
Kindergarten Full-day	\$4,685.00
Elementary Grades 1-4	\$5,590.00
Middle School Grades 5-8	\$5,895.00
Senior High Grades 9-12	\$6,195.00
Audit Fee	\$1,420.00

Next Steps for New Student Enrollment

1. Contact the school for information. Call (812) 824-2000.
2. Complete the online application at mylca.info. An Application Fee of \$50.00 per student is due with the completed application. Once accepted, the Enrollment Fee of \$200 is due (\$250.00 after April 15, 2018).
3. Parents have a variety of options available to them for setting up tuition payments. Tuition may be paid in full, by semester, or drafted on a monthly schedule. Monthly payments are arranged through FACTS Tuition Management.
4. Fill out a FACTS form for income verification.