



St. Thomas More School

Scholarships, Assistance & Other Credits **2021/2022 School Year**



Choice Scholarship

If you are a resident of the State of Indiana, your child may qualify for an Indiana Choice Scholarship. The Big Shoulders Fund has created a calculator to help families determine if they will qualify for the Choice Scholarship. Please take 5 minutes to see if you qualify.

Go to: <https://nwichoicescholar.org/>. If it says you qualify for a Choice Scholarship, you do not need to submit your contact information. Please contact Jennifer Gonzalez at jgonzalez@stm-school.com or 219-836-9151 ext. 2200, to discuss your pathway for receiving the Choice Scholarship. Please complete this process as soon as possible. If you have a current St. Thomas More student, this must be completed by March 15th in order to qualify and receive a current year SGO and be eligible for next year's Choice Scholarship.

Upon notification of the student's acceptance to St. Thomas More School (STMS), a family can apply for the Choice Scholarship from the State of Indiana. To apply, families can process their Choice application with the help of STMS office staff, via a computer located in the school office.

For additional information about the Choice Program, visit the State of Indiana Department of Education at <https://www.doe.in.gov/choice>.

Diocesan Financial Assistance

As soon as you have been accepted at St. Thomas More School, you can apply for Diocesan Financial Assistance . Go to: <https://dioceseofgary.org/office-catholic-schools> and select Online Application at the bottom of the page. You will be directed to log in thru your FACTS account. You must apply as soon as possible in order to possibly secure assistance. There are restrictions and funds are limited and are expected to be allocated quickly.

Angel Scholarship

You must first apply for Diocesan Financial Assistance discussed above. If you do not qualify for the Choice Scholarship or the Diocesan Scholarship or the award is not enough for your child to attend St. Thomas More School, please email Noreen Bickel to request an Angel Scholarship at nbickel@stm-school.com.

Other Ways to Reduce Your Tuition

There are several ways to help reduce your tuition

- Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan (T.R.I.P.) - Earn money by purchasing gift cards through this STMS program. Discounts can be credited to your tuition account, Angel Scholarship or Technology Fund. Some STMS families have earned over \$1,000 in tuition credits in a year!
- \$500 Tuition Credit for referring a new family to STMS, who registers and attends in Fall 2021. Credit will be issued in December of 2021.
- Prepayment discount of \$100 (\$50 for half day) if you pay your tuition in full by August 1, 2021 on FACTS. If you pay your tuition in one or two installments, the FACTS fee will be \$20 instead of \$50.