

★★ Utah's New Voucher Program ★★ the Parent Choice in Education Program

What is a voucher?

A voucher is a scholarship that helps pay for tuition at K-12 private schools. Through the newly created Parent Choice in Education Program, you can receive a voucher for each of your children who meet the requirements below, and use the voucher to help pay for tuition at the eligible K-12 private school of your choice.

Does my child qualify for a voucher?

In order for your child to qualify to receive a voucher, **you must meet at least ONE of the following four requirements:**

- 1. Your child was enrolled as a full-time student in a Utah public school (including charter schools) on January 1, 2007.
- 2. Your child was born **after** September 1, 2001.
- 3. Your child was **not** a Utah resident on January 1, 2007.
- 4. Your household income meets the low-income guidelines found on page 4.

Other important requirements to qualify for a voucher:

- The child's parent or guardian must reside in Utah.
- The child must be at least 5 years old by September 2nd of the same year that a voucher is sought.
- The child cannot receive both a voucher and a Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship.

What size voucher does my child qualify for?

The voucher amounts range **from \$500 to \$3,000** and are determined by your household size and household income. Voucher amounts will not exceed tuition costs and are paid directly to the eligible K-12 private school of your choice.

To determine what size voucher your child may qualify for, go to page 2 and 3.

How do I apply for a voucher?

The Utah State Board of Education is finalizing the voucher application process. By May 15, 2007, all the information should be made available.

Go to **www.SchoolChoiceUtah.org** and sign up to receive an email notice as soon as the voucher applications are made available.

Parents' voucher applications are due July 15, 2007 for the 2007-08 school year. Paper and online applications will be accepted. As part of the application process, you will most likely need to submit documentation verifying 1) Utah residency and 2) your household size and income.

Which private schools will accept a voucher?

In order to accept vouchers, private schools must apply to the Utah State Office of Education for eligibility.

The deadline for private schools (not parents) to apply for eligibility is June 15, 2007. A list of eligible private schools that can accept vouchers in the 2007-08 school year will be made available on July 1, 2007.

If you already know which private school you would like to send your child to, contact that private school today and encourage them to apply.

How soon can I apply for a voucher?

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| May 15, 2007 | Application information made available. |
| June 15, 2007 | Deadline for private schools to apply for eligibility. |
| July 1, 2007 | List of eligible private schools for the 2007-08 school year made available. |
| July 15, 2007 | Application deadline for parents who want to use a voucher in the 2007-08 school year. |
| Aug 15, 2007 | Vouchers will be awarded for the 2007-08 school year. |

★ Find the Voucher Amount Your Child Qualifies for ★

The following tables show what size voucher each of your children qualify for based on your household size and income. (Remember, to even qualify for a voucher you must meet at least one of the four requirements listed on page 1)

Directions for Using the Voucher Amount Tables:

1. **Determine your household size:** For most people, household size consists of the number of people living in your home, including yourself. Special situations may apply to certain households. For more information, go to www.SchoolChoiceUtah.org or contact PCE.
2. **Determine your household income:** In most cases, household income is the total adjusted gross income reported by your household on your 2006 federal or state income tax return(s). If you or your spouse were exempt from filing federal and state income tax, your income is based on the income your household earned from work in 2006. For more information, go to www.SchoolChoiceUtah.org or contact PCE.
3. **Find the table with your household size.**
4. **Find your household income** in the 1st column.
5. **Your maximum per child voucher amount is on that same row, 2nd column.**

Example:

If there are **3** people in your household (you, your child, and your widowed father) and your household income in 2006 was **\$35,000** (which is between \$30,711 and \$38,388), then your child would be eligible for a voucher worth up to \$2,750.

Household of 2	
If your household income is between these amounts...	Then your child may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$24,420	\$3,000
\$24,421 - \$30,525	\$2,750
\$30,526 - \$36,630	\$2,500
\$36,631 - \$42,735	\$2,250
\$42,736 - \$48,840	\$2,000
\$48,841 - \$54,945	\$1,750
\$54,946 - \$61,050	\$1,000
\$61,051 and higher	\$500

Household of 3	
If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 to \$30,710	\$3,000
\$30,711 - \$38,388	\$2,750
\$38,389 - \$46,065	\$2,500
\$46,066 - \$53,743	\$2,250
\$53,744 - \$61,420	\$2,000
\$61,421 - \$69,098	\$1,750
\$69,099 - \$76,775	\$1,000
\$76,776 and higher	\$500

Household of 4	
If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$37,000	\$3,000
\$37,001 - \$46,250	\$2,750
\$46,251 - \$55,500	\$2,500
\$55,501 - \$64,750	\$2,250
\$64,751 - \$74,000	\$2,000
\$74,001 - \$83,250	\$1,750
\$83,251 - \$92,500	\$1,000
\$92,501 and higher	\$500

Household of 5	
If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$43,290	\$3,000
\$43,291 - \$54,113	\$2,750
\$54,114 - \$64,935	\$2,500
\$64,936 - \$75,758	\$2,250
\$76,759 - \$86,580	\$2,000
\$86,581 - \$97,403	\$1,750
\$97,404 - \$108,225	\$1,000
\$108,226 and higher	\$500

Household of 6

If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$49,580	\$3,000
\$49,581 - \$61,975	\$2,750
\$61,976 - \$74,370	\$2,500
\$74,371 - \$86,765	\$2,250
\$86,766 - \$99,160	\$2,000
\$99,161 - \$111,555	\$1,750
\$111,556 - \$123,950	\$1,000
\$123,951 and higher	\$500

Household of 7

If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$55,870	\$3,000
\$55,871 - \$69,838	\$2,750
\$70,839 - \$83,805	\$2,500
\$83,806 - \$97,773	\$2,250
\$97,774 - \$111,740	\$2,000
\$111,741 - \$125,708	\$1,750
\$125,709 - \$139,675	\$1,000
\$139,676 and higher	\$500

Household of 8

If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$62,160	\$3,000
\$62,161 - \$77,700	\$2,750
\$77,701 - \$93,240	\$2,500
\$93,241 - \$108,780	\$2,250
\$108,781 - \$124,320	\$2,000
\$124,321 - \$139,860	\$1,750
\$139,861 - \$155,400	\$1,000
\$155,401 and higher	\$500

Household of 9

If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$68,450	\$3,000
\$68,451 - \$85,563	\$2,750
\$85,564 - \$102,675	\$2,500
\$102,676 - \$119,788	\$2,250
\$119,789 - \$136,900	\$2,000
\$136,901 - \$154,013	\$1,750
\$154,014 - \$171,125	\$1,000
\$171,126 and higher	\$500

Household of 10

If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$74,740	\$3,000
\$74,741 - \$93,425	\$2,750
\$93,426 - \$112,110	\$2,500
\$112,111 - \$130,795	\$2,250
\$130,796 - \$149,480	\$2,000
\$149,481 - \$168,850	\$1,750
\$168,851 - \$186,850	\$1,000
\$186,851 and higher	\$500

Household of 11

If your household income is between these amounts...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher worth up to...
\$0 - \$81,030	\$3,000
\$81,031 - \$101,288	\$2,750
\$101,289 - \$121,545	\$2,500
\$121,546 - \$141,803	\$2,250
\$141,804 - \$162,060	\$2,000
\$162,061 - \$182,318	\$1,750
\$182,319 - \$202,575	\$1,000
\$202,576 and higher	\$500

★ Low-Income Guidelines ★

This section is only for families who do NOT meet any of the first 3 requirements listed on page 1.

If you do not meet any of the first 3 requirements listed on page 1 to qualify for a voucher, your child may still qualify for a voucher if your household income meets the low-income guidelines explained below.

Directions for Using the Low-Income Guidelines:

1. **Determine your household size:** For most people, household size consists of the number of people living in your home, including yourself. Special situations may apply to certain households. For more information, go to www.SchoolChoiceUtah.org or contact PCE.
2. **Determine your household income:** In most cases, household income is the total adjusted gross income reported by your household on your 2006 federal or state income tax return(s). If you or your spouse were exempt from filing federal and state income tax, your income is based on the income your household earned from work in 2006. For more information, go to www.SchoolChoiceUtah.org or contact PCE.
3. **Find your household size** in the first column of the table below (Table 1).
4. **If your household *income* is NO GREATER than the dollar amount on the same row as your household *size*, then each of your children qualify to receive a voucher.**

Example:

If your household size is 3 and your household income in 2006 was \$30,710 or less, then each of your children would qualify for a voucher based on the low-income guidelines.

Table 1 Low-Income Guidelines

If your household size is this...	Then each of your children may qualify for a voucher if your household income is not greater than this...
2	\$24,420
3	\$30,710
4	\$37,000
5	\$43,290
6	\$49,580
7	\$55,870
8	\$62,160
9	\$68,450
10	\$74,740
11	\$81,030

***NOTE: If you do not meet the Low-Income Guidelines, your children may still qualify for a voucher based on the other requirements listed on page 1.**

To Get More Info

Go to www.SchoolChoiceUtah.org and sign up to receive email updates on the new voucher program as more info becomes available.

Or contact us:

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