The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Applications Open February 2nd! (Application windows will be open every month through September)

What Income Qualifies?

Participation in the voucher program is limited to those with a qualifying income based on family size. For the 2026 - 27 school year, the following incomes qualify.

Family Size	Single Parent Income	Married Couple Income
2	$46,530	
3	$58,630	$65,630
4	$70,730	$77,730
5	$82,830	$89,830
6	$94,930	$101,930

For each additional family member add $12,100

For Which Grades can I Apply?

Children already attending a private school can apply for a voucher when going into 4K, 5K, 1st grade or 9th grade. Children attending a private school for the first time, returning after a year away, or who enrolled after September 18, 2026 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 2025 Federal taxes show a qualifying income, or, if your 2024 Federal taxes show a qualifying income and you have not filed your 2025 taxes, this is the recommended method. (DOR Method)

The other way to show your income is to type your 2025 Adjusted Gross Income into the application and provide a signed and dated copy of the first two pages of your 2025 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 2024 income would not qualify but your 2025 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. These are the only items that can be used to prove your income.

- W2
- Property Tax Statement
- Paystub dated between December, 2025 and April 14, 2026, 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 St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School.

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 us at kaylyn.halopka@staathens.org, eaton.david@columbusdons.org, or sharon.westfall@staathens.org.

WPCP Application Periods & Timing for Verifying Applications

Table below shows:

- 2026-27 school year WPCP application period dates and times.
- The last day to complete the verification process for applications in OAS for each application period. If not completed, the applications expire.

Application Period	Start 2026-27 School Year	End 2026-27 School Year	Last Day to Verify in OAS 2026-27 School Year
Feb	Mon, Feb 2, 2026 8:00 AM	Fri, Feb 20, 2026 11:59 PM	Tue, Apr 21, 2026 11:59 PM
Mar	Sun, Mar 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Fri, Mar 20, 2026 11:59 PM	Tue, May 19, 2026 11:59 PM
Apr	Wed, Apr 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Mon, Apr 20, 2026 11:59 PM	Fri, Jun 19, 2026 11:59 PM
May	Fri, May 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Wed, May 20, 2026 11:59 PM	Sun, Jul 19, 2026 11:59 PM
Jun	Mon, Jun 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Mon, Jun 22, 2026 11:59 PM	Fri, Aug 21, 2026 11:59 PM
Jul	Wed, Jul 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Mon, Jul 20, 2026 11:59 PM	Fri, Sep 18, 2026 11:59 PM
Aug	Sat, Aug 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Thu, Aug 20, 2026 11:59 PM	Wed, Sep 30, 2026 11:59 PM
Sep	Tue, Sep 1, 2026 12:00 AM	Mon, Sep 14, 2026 11:59 PM	Wed, Sep 30, 2026 11:59 PM

Reminder: Application periods vary by school year. See the "Application Periods – Dates" section of the Application Process Bulletin at Choice Programs: School Application Processing for additional information.