

Vouchers: \$500 or \$3,000?

Summary

During the 2007 Session, the Utah Legislature passed *The Parent Choice in Education Program* that provides state-funded scholarships for qualifying children to attend private schools.

Scholarship Amounts

The scholarship amount is based upon the income of the student's parents and the size of the student's family. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$3,000. The amount of the scholarship may not exceed the actual amount of tuition the student pays to attend the private school. The chart below shows the scholarship amounts for which student's may qualify based upon family size and income.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for the scholarship, a student's custodial parent or legal guardian must reside in Utah. The student must also be between 5 and 19 years of age (except that a student who has not graduated from high school may qualify up to age 21). Students must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Born after September 1, 2001;
- Enrolled as a full-time student in a Utah public school on January 1, 2007;
- The individual was not a Utah resident on January 1, 2007; or
- The student's parents had an annual income less than or equal to 100% of the income eligibility guideline.

**Table 1: Per Student Scholarship Amounts
Based on Family Size and Income**
(2007-2008 School Year)

Family Size [includes parent(s)]	Family Income						
	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$160,000
2	\$2,750	\$2,250	\$1,750	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
3	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,250	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$500
4	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
5	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$2,250	\$1,750	\$500	\$500
6	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,750	\$500
7	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$500
8	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$500

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