









# STATE VOUCHER PROGRAMS

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	<i>Displaced Pupils Choice Grant Program</i>	2006	140 (2007-08 school year)  Capped at 500 students	\$2.5 million	Grants are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to students who have been in the foster care system at any time before high school graduation.	Up to \$5,000 or total cost of tuition / fees at private school, whichever is less.  Avg. voucher = \$4,140 (2007-08 school year)
	<i>Arizona's Scholarship for Pupils with Disabilities</i>	2006	117 (2007-08 school year)	\$2.5 million	Open to students with disabilities across the state who attended public school the previous year and have been issued an Individualized Education Program (IEP).  Student must first be admitted to private school, then applies for voucher. Voucher may not cover full tuition of private school.  IDEA rights do not apply in private school.	The voucher equals the lesser cost of these options: 1) The cost of the private school's tuition and fees or actual per pupil cost, whichever is greater, or 2) The base amount of state funding for the student under their IEP.  Avg. voucher = \$8,969 (2007-08 school year)
	<i>DC Opportunity Scholarship Program</i>	2004	1,900	\$14.8 million	Students must reside in the District of Columbia; family's annual income not to exceed 185 percent of the poverty line to enter program. Private schools do not have to accept applicants.	Up to \$7,500.
	<i>McKay Scholarship Program</i>	1999	19,852 (2007-08 school year)	\$131 million (2007-08 school year)	Students with disabilities who have an IEP, and who were enrolled and reported for funding by a Florida school district.  Private schools do not have to accept applicants. IDEA rights do not apply in private school.	Equal to public school cost for the student or private school tuition / fees, whichever is less. Ranged from \$5,160 - \$21,769 / student in 2006-07 school year)  Avg. voucher = \$7,295





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	<i>Special Needs Scholarship Act</i>	2007	899 (2007-08 school year)	\$5.6 million (2007-08 school year)	<p>Students with disabilities who have attended public school the previous year and have an IEP.</p> <p>IDEA rights do not apply in private school.</p>	<p>Equal to state-funded public school cost for the student or private school tuition / fees, whichever is less.</p> <p>Ranged from \$2,536 - \$15,324 / student (2007-08 school year)</p> <p>Avg. voucher = \$6,273</p>
	<i>Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (New Orleans program)</i>	2008	634 (2008-09 school year)	\$3.7 million estimated (2008-09 school year)	<p>Students must reside within the boundaries of the Orleans Parish and be a member of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the current federal poverty guidelines.</p> <p>Students must be entering kindergarten, first, second or third grade and must have attended a public school during the 2007-08 school year found to be in academic crisis.</p>	Up to \$6,300 per student
	<i>Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program</i>	1995	6,300 (estimated, 2006-07 school year)	\$19 million (estimated, 2006-07 school year)	Students must reside within the boundaries of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and be entering grades K-8. Priority goes to families with income below 200 percent of federal poverty limit.	Up to \$3,450 per student.
	<i>EdChoice Scholarship Program</i>	2005	10,000 (2008-09 school year, estimated)	\$43.7 million (minimum estimate for 2008-09 school year)	<p>Students who attend or are assigned to a public school categorized as being on <i>Academic Emergency</i> or <i>Academic Watch</i> on the state's rating system for two of the past three years.</p> <p>Private schools do not have to accept applicants.</p> <p>The number of available vouchers is capped at 14,000 a year.</p>	<p>\$4,375 for grades K-8 students</p> <p>\$5,150 for grades 9-12 students</p> <p>or</p> <p>The private school's actual tuition amount, whichever is lower.</p>



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	<i>Autism Scholarship Program</i>	2003	500-750 (estimated)	Not available	Students diagnosed with autism under IDEA who are enrolled in (even if not actually attending) a public school	Up to \$20,000 based on services outlined in IEP
	<i>Carson Smith Scholarship Program</i>	2005	308 (2006-07 school year)	\$2.5 million	Students with disabilities with an IEP are eligible to receive a voucher.  Private schools do not have to accept applicants. IDEA rights do not apply in private school.	For students who receive more than three hours of special education services a day receive up to \$6,285.  For students who receive less than three hours of special education services a day receive up to \$3,771.
	<i>Milwaukee Parental Choice Program</i>	1990	18,882 (2007-08 school year)	\$120 million (2007-08 school year)	Students must reside in the city of Milwaukee; family's income not to exceed 175 percent of federal poverty level to enter program, rising to 220 percent to remain in program.	\$6,501 / student