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The Actual Cost Scholarship Option

Serving complex learners through the Wisconsin SNSP





Igniting Inclusive Catholic Education®

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Our Mission

To provide children with disabilities the opportunity for an **inclusive Catholic education.**

Our Vision

An archdiocese that educates students with disabilities, and their Catholic peers and siblings, **alongside one another.**

Our Approach

Provision of **grant funding and consultative support** to parishes and schools that provide inclusive education.

1. What are the different SNSP scholarship types?

Full Scholarship (\$15,409)

Students currently eligible for and enrolled in SNSP

Partial Scholarship (\$10,237 K-8; \$12,731 9-12)

Students previously enrolled in SNSP at their current school, but now ineligible

Actual Cost Scholarship (Amount Varies)

Students currently eligible and enrolled, with prior year expenses reported on a statement of actual cost

2. How does a statement of actual cost impact a student's scholarship amount?

- Increases the scholarship to all or substantially all of the student-specific special education costs for the prior year
- Based on a specific formula:
 - Amount of expenses reported, up to 150% of the full scholarship amount ($\$15,409 \times 150\% = \$23,114$), plus 90% of any additional expense

Actual Cost Scholarships in Practice

Example 1

Reported Cost:
\$17,500

**Scholarship
Amount:**
\$17,500

Example 2

Reported Cost:
\$30,000

**Scholarship
Amount:**
\$29,311

\$23,114 + 90%*
(30,000-23,114)

Example 3

Reported Cost:
\$120,000

**Scholarship
Amount:**
\$110,311

\$23,114 + 90%*
(120,000-23,114)

3. Which students should be considered for an actual cost scholarship?



Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) Actual Costs Payment Data

School Year Actual Cost Incurred In	School Year Actual Cost Payable In	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Invoiced Costs	Salary & Benefits Costs	Offsetting Revenue	Total Actual Costs*	Total Payments**	SNSP Full Scholarship Amount**	150% of Full Scholarship Payment**
2018-19	2019-20	3	4	\$ 29,864	\$ 44,587	\$ -	\$ 74,451	\$ 73,621	\$ 12,723	\$ 19,085
2019-20	2020-21	3	5	\$ 40,051	\$ 73,664	\$ -	\$ 113,715	\$ 96,401	\$ 12,977	\$ 19,466
2020-21	2021-22	4	8	\$ 52,693	\$ 146,892	\$ 12,128	\$ 187,457	\$ 183,994	\$ 13,013	\$ 19,520
2021-22	2022-23	8	9	\$ 39,530	\$ 184,024	\$ 30,712	\$ 192,842	\$ 212,808	\$ 13,076	\$ 19,614
2022-23	2023-24	7	7	\$ 82,797	\$ 216,123	\$ -	\$ 298,920	\$ 285,228	\$ 15,065	\$ 22,598

*Actual costs could include invoiced or salary and benefits costs incurred to provide the services in a pupil's individual education plan (IEP) or services plan, specially designed instruction, supplementary aids and services, related services, or school personnel services or activities costs.

** If a school submits a Statement of Actual Cost for a pupil and the pupil meets the SNSP eligibility requirements, the school receives a payment for the pupil in the following school year based on the actual costs in the statement from the previous year rather than the SNSP per pupil payment for that year if the costs in the statement are above the SNSP full scholarship amount. Up to 150% of the full scholarship per pupil payment of the actual costs are funded through an aid reduction from the pupil's resident school district. The school receives 90% of the actual costs over 150% of the full scholarship per pupil payment, which are funded directly from the state with state general purpose revenue.

**4. How and when are actual
cost statements submitted?
When are payments received?**

5. What expenses can be included in a statement of actual cost?

Expenses for items that are:

- 1) In the student's IEP or services plan
- 2) Specially designed instruction,
- 3) Supplementary aids and services,
- 4) Related services, and/or
- 5) School personnel services or activities

Beginning in 2024-2025:

Must also be in the agreement of services.

6. How are expenses allocated on a statement of actual cost?

7. What documentation is submitted to support a statement of actual cost?

Payroll Records

For personnel costs, including payroll taxes and benefits

Invoices

For purchased items (materials, curriculum, equipment, etc.) and contracted services

Allocation Back-up

Including log of representative week for any allocation of personnel cost

Agreement of Services Signed by Parents

Describing any items on the statement of actual cost, from date of initiation

8. What if a student with an actual cost scholarship transfers between schools? What if he or she graduates?

**9. How can actual cost
scholarships help schools
welcome complex learners?**

QUESTIONS?

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