

CORNERSTONE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

ADMINISTERED BY ACE SCHOLARSHIPS



WHO WE ARE

APPLICATION OPEN FEBRUARY 5 – APRIL 15

ACE Scholarships is the administrator of the Cornerstone Education Scholarship, a program funded in part by Mountaire. ACE Scholarships was founded in 2000 to provide children from lower-income families with equal access to quality schools. Over the course of our 23 years across the nation, ACE has provided more than 80,000 scholarships totaling over \$212 million. ACE has established partnerships with over 1,000 schools in 12 states.

WHAT WE DO

The scholarship is available for Pre-K through 12th grade students at 22 partner schools in Delmarva so families may have more choice in their educational options. The scholarship follows the child from Pre-K through 12th grade.

Does my child qualify for a scholarship?

Scholarships are based solely on family income. See the chart to reference the 2024 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) and to check financial eligibility.

FINANCIAL GUIDELINES				
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	2024 POVERTY GUIDELINE	185%	250%	350% MAXIMUM QUALIFYING INCOME
2	\$20,440	\$37,814	\$51,100	\$71,540
3	\$25,820	\$47,767	\$64,550	\$90,370
4	\$31,200	\$57,720	\$78,000	\$109,200
5	\$36,580	\$67,673	\$91,450	\$128,030
6	\$41,960	\$77,626	\$104,900	\$146,860
7	\$47,340	\$87,579	\$118,350	\$165,690
8	\$52,720	\$97,532	\$131,800	\$184,520
9	\$58,100	\$107,485	\$145,250	\$203,350
10	\$63,480	\$117,438	\$158,700	\$222,180

For families/households with more than 10 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.

Figures posted by US Department of Health and Human Services at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

Who pays what?

Scholarships are provided for up to 75% of private school tuition, or a maximum of \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000 depending on where the family falls within the Poverty Guidelines (see chart). Families are responsible for working out a payment plan with the school for the remainder of the tuition. Scholarships will be capped at 35% of school enrollment.

Family Income Level

185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
= \$5,000 award maximum

250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
= \$4,000 award maximum

350% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
= \$3,000 award maximum

Which schools participate?

Please see a list of the 22 current partner schools on page three. Each of the schools has its own admission requirements, and awarding of the scholarship does not guarantee school acceptance.

The Scholarship can follow your child.

If your child(ren) are awarded a scholarship, those funds are portable during the school year and may be used at any partner school. So if the school you select ends up not being the right fit, you can transfer your child(ren) to another partner school, and the scholarships go with them.

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How to Apply, Application Process, and Timeline

The application is completed online, on a website called FACTS.

The application will first be available for interested families to apply on Monday, February 5th, and close on tax-day, April 15th.

All new applicants will need to complete the application in full, attach their 2023 1040 tax records, and/or any other required documentation in order to verify income.

*Applications are accepted via the FACTS application only. Paper copies, etc are not considered.

*All applications must be complete and submitted by 11:59 PM Eastern time on April 15th, 2024. The application window(s) is the only time when requests for students to receive a Cornerstone Educational Scholarship will be accepted and considered.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/4PLQG/landing-page> to find the application!



For any questions on the process, please call us! Call (856) 746-6521 or email desupport@acescholarships.org and we will be happy to answer any questions and help navigate you through the process.



Who sponsors this program?

The Cornerstone Education Scholarship is partially funded by Mountaire and is open to other donors interested in contributing.

For families new to the scholarship opportunity:

1. If you're uncertain, but think you may qualify, please go ahead and apply! Refer to the financial guidelines listed in the chart on the previous page.
2. Identify the right ACE partner school for your child.
3. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child. If the school you are applying to uses FACTS for its school application, you are able to log into your existing FACTS account to complete the ACE application. If the school you are applying to does not use FACTS for its school application, you will need to create a FACTS login and start a new application.
4. Ensure that your application is complete, including all supporting documents, and submit! All applicants will be notified whether awarded or not via emails from FACTS.

For families already receiving the scholarship:
It is imperative that the application is submitted and complete in order for your child to remain on scholarship.

1. Complete the school's application and re-enrollment process for your child. If the school you are applying to also uses FACTS for its school application, you are able to log into your existing FACTS account to complete the ACE application. If the school you are applying to does not use FACTS for its school application, you will need to create a FACTS login and start a new application.
2. Ensure that your application is complete, including all supporting documents, and submit! All applicants will be notified whether awarded or not via emails from FACTS.

Current Partner Schools

Bayview Christian School

Laurel, DE
bayviewchristianschool.com

Calvary Christian Academy

Dover, DE
wearecca.com

Central Delaware Christian Academy

Dover, DE
cdcacademy.org

Chestertown Christian Academy

Chestertown, MD
chestertownchristian.org

Concord Christian Academy

Wilmington, DE
concordchristian.com

Delaware Valley Classical

New Castle, DE
delawarevalleyclassicalschool.org

Delmarva Christian Schools

Georgetown, DE (9th – 12th)
Milton, DE (PreK – 8th)
delmarvachristian.org

Epworth Christian School

Laurel, DE
epworthcs.com

Fairwinds Christian School

Bear, DE
fairwindschristianschool.com

Faith Baptist School

Salisbury, MD
faithbaptistschoolsalisbury.com

Faith Christian School

Sudlersville, MD
faithchristianeagles.com

Greenwood Mennonite School

Greenwood, DE
gms-flames.org

Harvest Christian Academy

New Castle, DE
hcade.org

Lighthouse Christian School

Dagsboro, DE
lighthousechristianschool.com

Milford Christian School

Milford, DE
fbcmcs.org/our-school.html

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Berlin, MD
mostblessedsacramentschool.com

Red Lion Christian Academy

Bear, DE
reachschools.online/our-schools/red-lion-christian-academy

Salisbury Christian School

Salisbury, MD
salisburychristian.org

Seaside Christian Academy

Ocean City, MD
seasidechristianacademy.com

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Salisbury, MD
stfrancisdesales.net

Urban Promise

Wilmington DE
urbanpromise.org

Wilmington Christian School

Hockessin, DE
wilmingtonchristian.org