

Administered by ACE Scholarships

APPLICATION OPEN FEBRUARY 3 – APRIL 15

→ WHO WE ARE

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 25 years across the nation, ACE has provided more than 94,000 scholarships totaling over \$257 million. ACE has established partnerships with over 1,100 schools in 12 states.

→ WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to advance K-12 educational freedom, with a focus on securing financial support for families so they may access the quality education of their choice.

DOES MY CHILD QUALIFY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarships are based solely on family income. See the chart to reference the 2025 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) and to check financial eligibility including both taxable and nontaxable (SNAP, TANF, SS, etc.) income.

ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES				
Persons in Family/Household	2025 Poverty Guideline	185%	250%	Maximum Qualifying Income: 350%
2	\$21,150	\$39,128	\$52,875	\$74,025
3	\$26,650	\$49,303	\$66,625	\$93,275
4	\$32,150	\$59,478	\$80,375	\$112,525
5	\$37,650	\$69,653	\$94,125	\$131,775
6	\$43,150	\$79,828	\$107,875	\$151,025
7	\$48,650	\$90,003	\$121,625	\$170,275
8	\$54,150	\$100,178	\$135,375	\$189,525
9	\$59,650	\$110,353	\$149,125	\$208,775
10	\$65,150	\$120,528	\$162,875	\$228,025

For families/households with more than 10 persons, add \$5,500 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

Changing Education Changes Everything

→ WHICH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE?

Please see a list of the 30 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.

→ DOES THE ACE SCHOLARSHIP FOLLOW MY 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 ACE partner school, and the scholarships go with them.

→ HOW DO I APPLY?

The application is completed on a website called FACTS.

The application will first be available for interested families to apply on Monday, February 3rd, and close on Tax Day, Tuesday, April 15th at 11:59 PM.

All new applicants will need to complete the application in full, attach their 2024 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 Tuesday, April 15th, 2025. The application window(s) is the only time when requests for students to receive a Cornerstone Educational Scholarship will be accepted and considered.



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 front.
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 also uses FACTS for their school application, you will use your same FACTS username to apply to both ACE as well as the school. You must use the same FACTS username as the previous school year and complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application. If the school you are applying to does not use FACTS for their school application, you must still use the same FACTS username as the previous school year.
4. Answer all application questions and submit.

FOR FAMILIES ALREADY RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child. If the school you are applying to also uses FACTS for their school application, you will use your same FACTS username to apply to both ACE as well as the school. You must use the same FACTS username as the previous school year and complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application. If the school you are applying to does not use FACTS for their school application, you must still use your existing same FACTS username as the previous school year.
2. Answer all application questions and submit.

***It is imperative that the application is submitted and complete in order for your child to remain on scholarship.**



To apply, visit: https://online.factsmgmt.com/grant-aid/inst/4PLQG/landing_page

For any questions on the process, please contact (856) 746-6521 OR desupport@acescholarships.org. You will be routed to either ACE or FACTS depending on the nature of your question.

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

The Cross Christian Academy

crosschristianacademy.org
Seaford, DE

The Day School for Children

New Castle, DE
thedaysschoolforchildrenprep.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

Holly Grove Christian School

www.hgcsweb.com
Westover, MD

Holy Angels School

holyangelsschool.org
Newark, DE

Legacy Academy

www.legacyacademyde.org
Georgetown, DE

Lighthouse Christian School

Dagsboro, DE
lighthousechristianschool.com

Milford Christian School

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

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Berlin, MD
mostblessedsacramentschool.com

Mount Aviat Academy

Childs, MD
www.mountaviat.org

Red Lion Christian Academy

Bear, DE
redlionca.org

Seaside Christian Academy

Ocean City, MD
seasidechristianacademy.com

Salisbury Christian School

Salisbury, MD
salisburychristian.org

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Salisbury, MD
stfrancisdesales.net

Saint Mark's High School

Wilmington, DE
www.stmarkshs.net

Urban Promise

Wilmington DE
urbanpromise.org

Wilmington Christian School

Hockessin, DE
wilmingtonchristian.org