

APPLICATION OPEN FEB. 2 – APRIL 15, 2026

→ WHO WE ARE

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 111,000 scholarships totaling over \$313 million in our core program.

→ 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.

→ QUALIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS

ACE scholarships are based solely on the family's total income both taxable (line 9 on the 1040 for those who file) and nontaxable. See the chart below for ACE Scholarships' financial eligibility breakdown by household size.

ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES FOR DELMARVA FAMILIES

Persons in Family/Household	2026 Poverty Guideline	185%	250%	Maximum Qualifying Income: 350%
2	\$21,640	\$40,034	\$54,100	\$75,740
3	\$27,320	\$50,542	\$68,300	\$95,620
4	\$33,000	\$61,050	\$82,500	\$115,500
5	\$38,680	\$71,558	\$96,700	\$135,380
6	\$44,360	\$82,066	\$110,900	\$155,260
7	\$50,040	\$92,574	\$125,100	\$175,140
8	\$55,720	\$103,082	\$139,300	\$195,020
9	\$61,400	\$113,590	\$153,500	\$214,900
10	\$67,080	\$124,098	\$167,700	\$234,780

For families/households with more than 10 persons, add \$5,680 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>

→ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS

Standard award amounts for the Cornerstone Education Scholarship are \$3,000, \$4,000, or \$5,000 depending on where the family falls within the Poverty Guidelines (see chart), and no greater than 75% of private school tuition, yet may vary dependent upon unique circumstances.

→ PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Please see a list of all 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.

→ AN ACE SCHOLARSHIP CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILD

If your child is awarded a scholarship, those funds are portable if transferred before funds are sent to the school and may be used at any ACE partner private school. So, if the private school you select ends up not being the right fit, you can transfer your child to another private school, and the scholarship goes with them.

→ APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application for an ACE scholarship is completed online at <https://portal.acescholarships.org/ace>

Families of students provided a scholarship the prior year will be charged a \$10 fee per application whereas applicants who do not have a student receiving a scholarship in the prior year will be charged a \$25 fee. The application will be open Monday, February 2, 2026 through Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm (in the time zone the school resides).

FOR FAMILIES NEW TO THE
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

1. Identify the right ACE partner private school for your child. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child.
2. Confirm that you qualify for a scholarship based on the financial guidelines listed in the chart provided. Complete the ACE Scholarships application for your student(s). You must complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application.
3. Answer all application questions, attach required documentation, and submit. You may begin an application and save and return to your progress at any time, but applications must be complete and submitted before the April 15 deadline for the students listed on the application to be considered for awarding.
4. Please visit our Help Center at <https://portal.acescholarships.org/help> which provides answers to over 90% of commonly asked questions. You can also call (985) 800-3950 or email support@acescholarships.org to access help from our support team.

FOR FAMILIES WITH A STUDENT
CURRENTLY RECEIVING AN ACE
SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child.
2. Complete the ACE Scholarships application for your student(s). You must complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application, but returning families **do not** need to requalify based on income. Simply answer all application questions, verify your information is correct, and submit. You may begin an application and save and return to your progress at any time, but applications must be complete and submitted before the April 15 deadline for the students listed on the application to be considered for awarding.
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To apply: visit
<https://portal.acescholarships.org/ace>



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

Amazing Minds Academy

Wilmington, DE
www.thefreedomctr.org/amazing-minds-academy

Aquinas Academy

Bear, DE
www.aquinasacademy.net

Bayview Christian School

Laurel, DE
www.bayviewchristianschool.com

Calvary Christian Academy

Dover, DE
<https://wearecca.com>

Central Delaware Christian Academy

Dover, DE
www.cdacademy.org

Chestertown Christian Academy

Chestertown, MD
www.chestertownchristian.org

Concord Christian Academy

Wilmington, DE
www.concordchristian.com

Cross Christian Academy

Seaford, DE
www.crosschristiannavigators.org

Delaware Valley Classical

New Castle, DE
www.delawarevalleyclassicalschool.org

Delmarva Christian Schools

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

Epworth Christian School

Laurel, DE
www.epworthcs.com

Fairwinds Christian School

Bear, DE
www.fairwindschristianschool.com

Faith Baptist School

Salisbury, MD
www.faithbaptistschoolsalisbury.com

Faith Christian School

Sudlersville, MD
www.faithchristianeagles.com

Green Pasture Christian School

Elkton, MD
www.greenpasturechristian.com

Greenwood Mennonite School

Greenwood, DE
www.gms-flames.org

Harvest Christian Academy

New Castle, DE
www.hcade.org

Holly Grove Christian School

Westover, MD
www.hgcsweb.com

Holy Angels School

Newark, DE
www.holyangelsschool.org

Holy Cross High School

Dover, DE
www.hchs.org

Legacy Academy

Georgetown, DE
www.legacyacademyde.org

Lighthouse Christian School

Dagsboro, DE
www.lighthousechristianschool.com

Milford Christian School

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

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Berlin, MD
www.mostblessedsacramentschool.com

Mount Aviat Academy

Childs, MD
www.mountaviat.org

Promise Prep School

Fruitland, MD
www.promise-prep.com

Providence Christian Academy

Bear, DE
www.providencechristiande.org

Red Lion Christian Academy

Bear, DE
www.redlionca.org

Saint Mark's High School

Wilmington, DE
www.stmarkshs.net

Saint Peter Cathedral School

Wilmington, DE
www.stpetercathedralschool.org

Salisbury Christian School

Salisbury, MD
www.salisburychristian.org

Seaside Christian Academy

Ocean City, MD
www.seasidechristianacademy.com

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

Salisbury, MD
www.stfrancisdesales.net

St. Mary Magdalen School

Wilmington, DE
www.smmschoolde.com

The DaySchool for Children

New Castle, DE
www.thedayschoolforchildrenprep.com

Tri-State Christian Academy

Elkton, MD
www.tristatechristian.org

Urban Promise

Wilmington, DE
www.urbanpromise.org

Wilmington Christian School

Hockessin, DE
www.wilmingtonchristian.org