

Principal F.A.Q.

Q: When does CSFP issue checks to schools?

A: Two times per year – the first check is sent at the end of November, the second check is sent at the end of April. Checks are issued after SVRs are received.

Q: How will I know when a student's scholarship will end?

A: Each child has a "Funding" code that is listed on each Scholarship Verification Report (SVR) sent to your school. This code indicates the year that they *started* in the CSFP program. Add 4 years to this year and you will know when the child's scholarship will end. For example, if the funding code is "Y2012", that student started in the 2012-2013 school year and will end in June of 2016 (the end of the 2015-2016 school year). If the child's funding code is "CSF" he is an "Original" scholarship recipient whose scholarship will end when he completes 8th grade. For all other CSFP recipients, scholarships last for 4 years or until 8th grade (whichever happened first) as long as they meet CSFP requirements for all 4 years.

Q: I have a family who currently receives the scholarship and has a child entering Kindergarten next year. Will that child automatically get the scholarship too?

A: No. Current families were sent a "Sibling Form" in December. This form is due back to CSFP by January 10th. If a family has a sibling that is not currently receiving the scholarship (and has never received a CSFP scholarship), they may apply for a special "sibling" lottery by completing the sibling form by 1/16. If the family does not return this form by 1/16 or is not selected as a winner in the "sibling lottery", they will need to enter the lottery to add on additional siblings.

Q: Why do I have to tell you about other scholarships that each child receives?

A: The Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia scholarship is a percentage of what the parental tuition cost will be after all other scholarships are applied. This policy trickles down from our National office.

Q: When do lottery applications become available?

A: They are available NOW for the 2014-2015 school year. Each year they become available in November and are due by March 1st.

Q: What is the deadline for lottery applications?

A: Every year, March 1st.

Q: Is there a maximum number of children in one family that can receive the scholarship?

A: Up to 3 scholarships per family are allowed.

Q: Do parents need to apply for the lottery every year even after they receive a scholarship?

A: NO. The CSFP scholarship is a 4-year scholarship. Parents only need to re-qualify by submitting their financial information and required CSFP forms each year. The forms are sent directly to parents each Spring. They do NOT need to apply for the lottery again until their four years are ending.