

Additional Financial Resources

A Parent/Guardian Resource Guide

Looking for scholarship opportunities other than CSFP?

Keep reading!

Families should do their own research to determine if a program is right for them. Contact programs directly for up-to-date eligibility and application information.

*Programs organized by grade
(pre-K through college).*



*Have questions or know of other programs to add?
Send an email to paperwork@csfphiladelphia.org.*

Programs listed are not affiliated with CSFP.



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Pro Tips:

- **Reach out to schools** directly and check school websites. Many tuition-based high schools have school-specific scholarships or grants that students can apply for based on merit, talent, or need.
- Apply to **more than one** scholarship at a time!
- **Ask as many questions as you need** to understand the process so your student can be the best possible candidate for any scholarship.
- **Think ahead!** Applications can open a year ahead of when you'd like to get the scholarship. Planning ahead is the best way to take advantage of all your options.

Pre-K – 8th Grade

PA Family Choice Scholarship Program

Grades:	Pre-K only
Target Audience:	Low-income Pennsylvania families
Eligibility Requirements:	Must intend to enroll in an EITC Eligible private pre-K program in the State of Pennsylvania, reference website for further information
Application Process:	Apply online—deadline in July
Website:	https://myfamilychoice.org/students/
Contact:	717-545-0600 familychoice@pafamily.org
Description:	A partial scholarship awarded on a yearly basis for families wishing to enroll their students in private pre-K programs; award dependent on the Family Choice Scholarship program’s own available funds and the family’s demonstrated need; \$25 application fee.

Children’s Scholarship Fund Philadelphia

Grades:	Pre-K-8th
Target Audience:	Low-income Philadelphia families that meet income eligibility guidelines
Eligibility Requirements:	See website for income eligibility guidelines. Family must live in city of Philadelphia and children must be entering Pre-K—8th
Application Process:	Online application for random lottery selection process. Lottery application available September –March 1st for the following school year.
Website:	https://www.csfphiladelphia.org/scholarships/apply/
Contact:	215-670-8411 paperwork@csfphiladelphia.org
Description:	A partial tuition-based four-year scholarship awarded by random lottery; for Pre-K, select schools ONLY (see website). For K-8 , over 170 partner schools are eligible. No fee to apply.

Pre-K – 12th Grade

The Children’s Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania	
Grades:	Pre-K and K-12th
Target Audience:	Pennsylvania families with demonstrated financial need
Eligibility Requirements:	Must be a resident of Pennsylvania intending to enroll in an EITC Eligible Program in the State of Pennsylvania and fall under a capped income dependent on family size (more info found on website)
Application Process:	Application and supporting documentation MUST be received by August 30th along with a non-refundable application fee of \$25
Website:	https://csfofpa.org/
Contact:	(814) 226-9723 info@csfofpa.org
Description:	Provides a partial scholarship to children in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to a list of participating schools. <i>*Note: See school list. Only eligible school in Philadelphia area is Lansdowne Friends School.</i>

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Scholarships	
Grades:	Pre-K-12th
Target Audience:	Pennsylvania families interested in Jewish education
Eligibility Requirements:	Must intend to enroll in specific Jewish day schools, preschools, or supplementary schools
Application Process:	Reach out to schools directly rather than scholarship organization for specific information about applying
Website:	https://jewishphilly.org/resources/scholarships/day-school-scholarships/
Contact:	215-832-0525 ematz@jewishphilly.org
Description:	Need-based scholarships for Jewish Pre-K and day schools, as well as camp scholarships and additional college and enrichment scholarships for members of the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community

Pre-K – 12th Grade

Bridge Educational Foundation	
Grades:	Pre-K and K-12th
Target Audience:	Pennsylvania families with demonstrated financial need
Eligibility Requirements:	Must be a resident of Pennsylvania intending to enroll in an EITC Eligible Program in the State of Pennsylvania and fall under a capped income dependent on family size (more info found on website)
Application Process:	Schools must submit a scholarship request letter on behalf of a family (families do not apply directly). See website and contact your child's school directly.
Website:	https://www.bridgeedu.org/
Contact:	717-214-6792 Contact form on website
Description:	"Bridge Educational Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that provides scholarship opportunities to Pennsylvania's low-income families."

K – 12th Grade

Go Forward Education Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

Grades:	K-12th
Target Audience:	Families in Pennsylvania with financial need and demonstrated commitment to Christian education .
Eligibility Requirements:	Must meet eligibility requirements (see website application) and be applying to a Christian school.
Application Process:	Application available online, must be submitted by mail
Website:	https://goforwardeducation.org/support-for-students/
Contact:	215-860-7800 info@goforwardeducation.org
Description:	Provides scholarships for families wishing to send their students to a high-quality Christian school.

CEO America Children’s Educational Opportunity Fund

Grades:	2nd-11th
Target Audience:	Families in need looking to move their students from public to private schools
Eligibility Requirements:	Students must be enrolled in Public School at the time of application, wishing to transfer into Private School located in Pennsylvania. Families must live in Pennsylvania and may not have a collective family income greater than \$60,000/year as indicated by submission of documentation of any and all income sources.
Application Process:	Apply by mail —deadline in July
Website:	https://www.ceoamerica.net/index.php
Contact:	484-553-1255
Description:	Offers a partial scholarship of up to \$3,500 for up to two years, contingent upon reapplication

K – 12th Grade

BLOCS Scholarship

Grades:	Pre-K-12th
Target Audience:	Families with Pre-K—12th grade students enrolled in participating Catholic schools in Philadelphia that demonstrate financial need.
Eligibility Requirements:	Talk to your child’s school or see website for eligibility requirements.
Application Process:	Reach out to schools directly rather than scholarship organization for specific information about applying.
Website:	https://blocs.org/about-us/
Contact:	Contact your child’s school with questions.
Description:	BLOCS is the premier needs-based scholarship organization in the Philadelphia region providing students opportunity in Catholic schools.

Sky Community Partners Scholarship

Grades:	K-12th grade
Target Audience:	Philadelphia families with demonstrated financial need
Eligibility Requirements:	Families attending participating tuition-based schools in Philadelphia that demonstrate financial need. See website for list of participating schools.
Application Process:	If your child attends a participating school, reach out to schools directly rather than scholarship organization for specific information about applying.
Website:	http://www.skycommunitypartners.com/about-us/
Contact:	Contact your child’s school with questions or see website.
Description:	Sky Community Partners improves outcomes in K-12 education by directly supporting families and students with financial resources and information.

Maguire Scholars Program for Middle & High School Students

Grades:	6th-8th grade; 9th-12th grade
Target Audience:	High-achieving students from low-income families attending Catholic or Independent schools in Philadelphia and Camden (see website for list of participating schools)
Eligibility Requirements:	Demonstrated financial need and academic merit
Application Process:	Reach out to schools directly rather than scholarship organization for specific information about applying.
Website:	www.maguirefoundation.org
Contact:	Contact your child's school with questions.
Description:	"The Maguire Scholars Program is a lifeline for students in need, from grade school through college, providing low-income families with scholarship dollars to attend institutions that otherwise would be a financial burden."

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Young Scholars Program

Grades:	8th-12th grade (apply in winter of 7th grade)
Target Audience:	National-level scholarship for high-performing middle school students with financial need
Eligibility Requirements:	Apply in 7th grade year; see website for eligibility requirements.
Application Process:	Online application open January-March.
Website:	https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/young-scholars-program/
Contact:	scholarships@jkcf.org
Description:	Selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. It provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities.

6th-12th Grade

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Scholars Program	
Grades:	8th-12th grade (apply in 8th grade)
Target Audience:	National-level scholarship for high-performing middle school students with financial need
Eligibility Requirements:	Must be a student currently in 8th grade attending public or charter school , with sufficient standardized test scores and other eligibility requirements.
Application Process:	Competitive application process and requirements; see website
Website:	https://cty.jhu.edu/scholarships/cty_scholars/application.html
Contact:	ctyinfo@jhu.edu 410-735-6277
Description:	CTY Scholars was developed as a way to close the excellence gap among our nation's brightest students. This four-year scholarship and advising program has helped over 700 low-income and underrepresented high school students achieve at top levels, preparing them for success in college and in their careers.

High School Only

The Neumann Scholars Program

Grades:	9th-12th
Target Audience:	Academically qualified 8th grade students wishing to attend an Archdiocesan high school in Philadelphia
Eligibility Requirements:	Attendance in a parish/regional elementary school located in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the entire 7th grade academic year; see website for full details
Application Process:	Must take the Neumann Scholars exam in October of 8th grade year to qualify, and submit an essay. See website for timelines.
Website:	https://www.connellyfdn.org/signature-programs/neumann-scholars
Contact:	610-834-3222
Description:	"Initiated in 1995, this scholarship program identifies academically talented eighth grade students in the parochial school system through an independently administered competitive examination and provides four year scholarships to attend one of seventeen Archdiocesan high schools."

Josephine C. Connelly Achievement Award

Grades:	9th-12th
Target Audience:	Academically qualified students wishing to attend an Archdiocesan high school or Mercy Career and Technical High School
Eligibility Requirements:	Must have attended a parish, regional or IMS elementary school in both 6th and 7th grade <u>AND</u> currently attend 8th grade in a participating parish, regional or IMS elementary school, with involvement and success in both school and parish activities
Application Process:	Apply in 8th grade; See website or contact school for details
Website:	https://www.connellyfdn.org/signature-programs/josephine-c-connelly-achievement-awards
Contact:	610-834-3222
Description:	Offers incoming high school freshman four-year grants at 40% tuition to a choice of 17 Archdiocesan high schools or Mercy Career and Technical High School, in addition to personal academic counselors

High School Only

Ellis Trust for Girls: Ellis Tuition Assistance Grants	
Grades:	9th-12th
Target Audience:	Girls entering 9th-12th grades in Philadelphia-area private or parochial schools.
Eligibility Requirements:	Must live in Philadelphia; must live in a household where one or both parents are absent or mentally or physically disabled; must meet income guidelines; see all eligibility requirements here .
Application Process:	Apply in 8th grade; application live from Jan 1—March 15. See website for details
Website:	https://ellistrust.org/tuition-grants/
Contact:	ellistrust@philadelphiafutures.org
Description:	“The Ellis Trust helps eligible young women in Philadelphia attending parochial and independent high schools by awarding grants to ease the cost of their tuition. Grants are provided for current year tuition expense only and do not cover the full cost of tuition or past due amounts.”

Ellis Trust for Girls: Ellis Enrichment Grants	
Grades:	9th-12th
Target Audience:	Girls entering 9th-12th grades in Philadelphia-area public or charter schools.
Eligibility Requirements:	Must live in Philadelphia; must live in a household where one or both parents are absent or mentally or physically disabled; must meet income guidelines; see all eligibility requirements here .
Application Process:	Apply anytime while in high school.
Website:	https://ellistrust.org/enrichment-grants/
Contact:	ellistrust@philadelphiafutures.org
Description:	“The Ellis Trust provides funding for our scholars at Philadelphia public and charter high schools to have meaningful experiences and opportunities. These grants go towards strengthening their academic skills, developing their character, perfecting their talents and helping them discover who they are and who they hope to be. ”

College

Here is a sampling of **scholarship search engines** and **highlighted scholarship programs**. But don't stop here! There are numerous resources available online and through your child's high school.

Highlighted Resources	Website
College Board Scholarship Search	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
Community College of Philadelphia—Scholarship Opportunities	https://ccp.academicworks.com/
Fastweb	https://www.fastweb.com/
Philly Goes 2 College	https://phillygoes2college.org/finance/scholarships/
Scholly	https://myscholly.com/
US News: List of Loan-free Colleges & Universities	Www.usnews.com/education

Highlighted Scholarship Programs	Website
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation	https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation	https://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships/
Gates Millennium Scholarship	https://gmsp.org/
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	https://www.hsf.net/en_US/scholarship
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program	https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/
QuestBridge National College Match Program	https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match
Groove Fund Scholarship Award	http://www.groovefund.org/

Pro Tips:

- Apply for **need-based financial aid** from the college and from the federal and state government (FAFSA).
- Search for **school-specific scholarships** when applying to colleges.
- See if your child's high school has any college scholarships.
- **Do your research!** Work with your student to identify scholarships based on interest, intended major, talent, etc. at local, regional, and national levels.

Mentorship & Academic Support Programs

In addition to applying for financial assistance, we recommend considering programs that could enrich your student's mentorship opportunities and academic support network.

Organization	Ages/ Grades	Description	Website
Breakthrough Collaborative	7th grade – college	Ten-year engagement and academic support for selected 7th grade students, with summer and after-school programming and more.	www.breakthroughcollaborative.org
Influence Action Movement	High School	Mentorship program for high school students in Philadelphia; emphasis on building professional and social skills for future career success	www.influencingaction.org
Minds Matter Philadelphia	High School	Three-year mentoring program for public high school freshmen and sophomores; emphasis on academic support and college preparation	www.mindsmatterphilly.org
Steppingstone Scholars	5th-college	Various programs; Steppingstone Academy supports students from 5th through college with summer and academic support programming	www.stepscholars.org/the-steppingstone

This is not an exhaustive list; programs will be added periodically and families are encouraged to do their own research online.