

## ACE MONTANA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Private scholarship program for students grades K-12

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) One application per student
- (2) Please print your responses below, sign and return this application to your private school along with your 2017 IRS 1040 A or EZ forms (1st and 2nd pages only) and any other additional forms that may be needed.
- (3) Complete Parent Expectation Survey and return to your private school

### INCOME ELIGIBILITY:

- (1) Families must qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch program as follows (the below are the reduced lunch standards for the 2018-2019 school year):

| Household Size | Annual Income |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1              | \$22,311      |
| 2              | \$30,044      |
| 3              | \$37,777      |
| 4              | \$45,510      |
| 5              | \$53,243      |
| 6              | \$60,976      |
| 7              | \$68,709      |
| 8              | \$76,442      |

Each additional family member above 8, add \$7,733.

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Please choose the option below that best describes your family situation.

I am currently -

- Raising my child with spouse/partner – If this box is marked please complete Primary Household Information ONLY
- A single parent raising my child by myself – If this box is marked please complete Primary Household Information ONLY
- Divorced and I share custody with the other parent – If this box is marked please complete Primary AND Secondary Household Information
- Other – Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
If this box is marked please complete Primary Household Information ONLY

### PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD

First Name of Parent / Guardian 1:

Last Name of Parent / Guardian 1:

Relationship of Primary Parent/Guardian 1 (Circle One)

Father / Mother / Grandparent / Aunt, Uncle / Guardian / Other

Highest education level of Parent/Guardian 1 (Circle One)

Some High School / High School Graduate / Certificate Program / Some College / Associate's Degree / Bachelor's Degree / Graduate Degree

| PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD CONTINUED   |   |
|---|---|
| First Name of Parent / Guardian 1 Spouse:   | Last Name of Parent / Guardian 1 Spouse:                |
| <b>Relationship of Primary Parent/Guardian 1 Spouse: (Circle One)</b><br>Father / Mother / Step-Father / Step-Mother / Grandparent / Aunt, Uncle / Guardian / Other   |   |
| <b>Highest education level of Parent/Guardian 1 Spouse: (Circle One)</b><br>Some High School / High School Graduate / Certificate Program / Some College / Associate's Degree / Bachelor's Degree / Graduate Degree |   |
| <b>Preferred Language of Parent(s) / Guardian(s) 1: (Circle One)</b><br>English / Spanish / German / French / Other   |   |
| Parent / Guardian 1 Mailing Address:  | City, State, Zip  |
| Primary Phone Number:   | <b>Type: (Circle One)</b><br>Home / Work / Cell / Other |
| Secondary Phone Number:   | <b>Type: (Circle One)</b><br>Home / Work / Cell / Other |
| Spouse Primary Phone Number:  | <b>Type: (Circle One)</b><br>Home / Work / Cell / Other |
| E-Mail:   | Spouse E-Mail:  |
| SECONDARY HOUSEHOLD (if applicable)   |   |
| First Name of Parent / Guardian 2:  | Last Name of Parent / Guardian 2:                       |
| <b>Relationship of Primary Parent/Guardian 2 (Circle One)</b><br>Father / Mother / Grandparent / Aunt, Uncle / Guardian/Other   |   |
| <b>Highest education level of Parent/Guardian 2 (Circle One)</b><br>Some High School / High School Graduate / Certificate Program / Some College / Associate's Degree / Bachelor's Degree / Graduate Degree         |   |
| First Name of Parent / Guardian 2 Spouse:   | Last Name of Parent / Guardian 2 Spouse:                |
| <b>Relationship of Primary Parent/Guardian 2 Spouse: (Circle One)</b><br>Father / Mother / Step-Father / Step-Mother / Grandparent / Aunt / Uncle / Guardian / Other  |   |
| <b>Highest education level of Parent/Guardian 2 Spouse: (Circle One)</b><br>Some High School / High School Graduate / Certificate Program / Some College / Associate's Degree / Bachelor's Degree / Graduate Degree |   |
| E-Mail:   |   |
| Primary Phone Number:   | <b>Type: (Circle One)</b><br>Home / Work / Cell / Other |
| Spouse Primary Phone Number:  | <b>Type: (Circle One)</b><br>Home / Work / Cell / Other |

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

|                    |                     |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>First Name:</b> | <b>Middle Name:</b> | <b>Last Name:</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|

|                   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| <b>Birthdate:</b> | <b>Gender (Circle One):</b><br>Male / Female | <b>Ethnicity: (Circle One)*</b><br>African American / Asian / Caucasian / Hispanic / Multiracial / Other (specify):<br><i>* For data purposes only. ACE does not award scholarships on the basis of ethnicity.</i> |
|-------------------|--|--|

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|--|--|
| <b>School where student attended during 2017-2018 School Year:</b> | <b>Type of school attended:</b><br>___ Public ___ Private ___ Charter ___ Homeschool |
|--|--|

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Students Cell Phone:</b> | <b>Students E-Mail:</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|

**Name of public school district student would be assigned to:**

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Private School Student is Applying to:</b> | <b>Student Grade Fall 2018:</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|

**Tuition for Student (to be completed by school) –**  
*This is the cost the school will charge for the individual student in tuition AFTER multi-student discount, parish/church discounts, etc. (do not include fees, books, etc.)* \$

**INCOME INFORMATION:**

**Total Number people living in household reflected on Tax Return:**  
**Number of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Children/Dependents:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if the number in household is different than what is on the tax return, please explain in the family history.)

**2017 Annual Household Income (from 2017 IRS 1040 A or EZ Forms) :** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you own a business please also provide the following forms from the 2017 tax return:** 1120s (s corp), form 1065 (partnerships), schedule c (sole proprietor)

**Additional Source of Income – If NOT reported on the 1040 Form**  
*Please enter Annual Amount or "0" if receiving none*

|                    |          |        |
|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Social Security:   | \$ _____ | Yearly |
| Child Support:     | \$ _____ | Yearly |
| Disability:        | \$ _____ | Yearly |
| Housing Allowance: | \$ _____ | Yearly |
| Food Stamps:       | \$ _____ | Yearly |
| Other:             | \$ _____ | Yearly |

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Do you currently have, or have you in the past had, a student receiving ACE funding? If so, please list student(s) name(s).

Please provide a brief family history (including family size and make-up, country of origin, circumstance for requesting financial aid, etc. Provide additional page if you like).

**PARENT & STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

If awarded a scholarship, the following are the parent responsibilities and student expectations:

**Parent Responsibilities:**

- Provide accurate information on the application and complete all requested paperwork by established deadlines
- Each year, submit financial statements (first and second pages of tax returns) to ensure financial qualifications by established deadlines
- Attend ACE family events throughout the year
- Each year, write a thank you letter to an ACE donor (donor name and instructions to be provided by ACE)
- Agree to have children meet with ACE staff once or twice a year. Meeting to be held at student’s school with the approval of school administration and representative from school present
- If student leaves the ACE program, complete an exit interview for ACE data tracking purposes
- Participate in ACE surveys periodically (at most once per year) to help ACE collect data and assess the effectiveness of our scholarship program

**Student Expectations:**

- Remain in good academic and behavioral standing with your school
- Attend ACE family events throughout the year
- Each year, write a thank you note to an ACE donor (donor name and instructions to be provided by ACE)
- Participate in ACE surveys periodically (at most once per year) to help ACE collect data and assess the effectiveness of our scholarship program
- Meet with ACE staff once or twice a year. Meeting to be held at student’s school with the approval of school administration and representative from school present.
- Upon graduation from high school, communicate with ACE staff on an annual basis to provide ACE with information on college and work place

**Please Check box if you agree to the following policy (optional):**

I agree to give ACE Scholarships permission to use the quotations, video and audio footage, and/or photographs that I (or my child) either provide directly to ACE or allow ACE staff or their contractors to capture at ACE sanctioned events, photos sessions or other meetings and gatherings. I understand that these photographs and quotations could be used in publications, print advertisements, direct-mail pieces, electronic media (like video, CD, internet), or other promotion materials. I release ACE and its designees from liability for any violation of any personal or proprietary rights I may have in connection with using these quotations or photos.

**Parent/Guardian Permission:**

By signing this application, I hereby authorize the release of any academic information or records (including, but not limited to, midterm reports, final grades, class schedules, transcripts, test scores and financial information) from all schools included in the Student Information section on the prior page to ACE Scholarships. I understand that such information will not be made public unless either (1) I consent to the public disclosure of such information or (2) such information is not individually identified as being related to the student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Disclaimer: Applicants are NOT guaranteed a scholarship by completing this form.** Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis by ACE in its sole and absolute discretion. If a student is awarded a scholarship, ACE will pay up to 50% of the tuition to a private school (limited to \$2,000 annually for grades K (5)-8 or \$3,000 annually for grades 9-12) for the school year in which the scholarship was awarded. Any funding for future school years will be determined by ACE at its sole and absolute discretion.

**2018 Please complete ONE form for each child Applying for an ACE Scholarship.**

Please take a few moments to complete the following survey. This survey is completely voluntary and will not affect your child's scholarship. No responses will be made public, with only aggregate data reported to ACE leadership. All survey administration and data collection adhere to the standards and ethics established by the American Evaluation Association. If you have any questions regarding this survey please contact Sarah Wolff, Program Coordinator, at 715-773-0431.

Child's School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Gender  Male  Female  
 Years at this school \_\_\_\_\_

I am  Male  Female Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am  Parent  Grandparent  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am currently...  
 Raising my child with a spouse/partner  
 Single parent/raising children by myself

What is the name of your neighborhood/assigned public school? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did your child attend a Pre-K/Nursery School?  Yes  No If so, Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you or your spouse attend a private school? Me:  Yes  No Spouse:  Yes  No

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years at this address: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent  Own  Other

Previous Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years at this address: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent  Own  Other

Your Current Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Previous Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Current Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Spouse's Previous Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Years with this employer: \_\_\_\_\_

I am... (check all that apply)  
 Not registered to vote  
 Registered Democrat  
 Registered Republican  
 Registered Independent  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year I voted last \_\_\_\_\_

On a typical school day, my child spends  
**NUMBER of Hours**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours in school  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours doing homework  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours doing chores at home  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours in clubs/after school activities  
 \_\_\_\_\_ hours exercising/playing outside

My highest level of education:  
 High School, no diploma  
 High School Graduate  
 Certificate Program  
 Some College  
 Associates Degree  
 Bachelor's Degree  
 Graduate Degree

I volunteer at my child's school.  Yes  No  
 It is mandatory that parents volunteer at school.  Yes  No

On average, I volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ hours for my child's school each month.  
 Aside from my child's school, I volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ hours each month.  
 On average, I spent about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes every day reading the news.

This past year which tasks have you performed as a parent volunteer at your child's school? *Check all that apply.*

- Fundraising
- Coaching
- Clerical/General Labor
- Special Projects/Events
- Mentoring
- PTO/PTA
- Teaching/Tutoring
- Committees

I would like to sit on a decision-making panel or committee  Yes  No  
 Most of my friends have children at this school.  Yes  No  
 I attend most school functions.  Yes  No  
 I feel comfortable contacting my child's teacher.  Yes  No  
 I know what my child wants as a career when they grow up.  Yes  No

Including this school year, how many years have you wanted your child to go to this school? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank order the **TOP FIVE** reasons for selecting your child’s private school. Place a “1” for the top reason, “2” for the next, and so on. **ONLY FIVE.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Fairer discipline practices
- \_\_\_\_\_ Access to teachers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safer environment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Better academics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Closer to home
- \_\_\_\_\_ Better chance of graduation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Administrators return calls
- \_\_\_\_\_ Better before/after school programming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith-based curriculum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Better chance of going to college

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Since September, how many times have you visited: **Numbers Only**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Library
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art, Science, History Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Zoo, Nature Preserve, Arboretum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Live Performance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Fair, Festival
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parade

**Please check the BEST answer.**

|   | Strongly Disagree        | Disagree                 | Somewhat Disagree        | Somewhat Agree           | Agree                    | Strongly Agree           |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| I stay informed on education matters.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I expect my child to go to college.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My child is excited to attend a private school.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be very involved at my child’s school.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am concerned about my child getting into trouble at school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It’s important that my child gets good grades.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My child isn’t afraid of making mistakes with school work.    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Usually, we have dinner together as a family.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I’ve heard of bullying going on at my child’s school.         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parents should be regular volunteers at their child’s school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Most of my friends have children at this school.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I was not happy with our neighborhood school.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I know what my child wants as a career when they grow up.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schools spend too much time on standardized testing.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| We need tuition assistance in order to afford private school. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |