

Am I eligible for the program?

*The Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia encourages families to apply **only** if they meet our three basic conditions:*

1. Families must reside within the City of Philadelphia and will be required to provide proof of residency.
2. A family's household income must fall within the requirements of the *Income Eligibility Chart* included on this application form. If you are selected for a scholarship you will be required to provide your 2015-1040 tax form and/or 2015 public assistance statements.
3. All students must be entering kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8th) by fall 2016.

How do I apply?

- We encourage you to apply online at: www.csfpphiladelphia.org.
- Or, if you do not have access to the Internet, fill out the application on the reverse side and return it to Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia.
- **Complete only one application per family and list all eligible children.** If your application is accepted, CSF Philadelphia will offer a scholarship to each eligible child (up to a maximum of three children per family).
- **Only the first 10,000 applications received will be processed and eligible for the CSF Philadelphia scholarship lottery.**
- **Applications must be received no later than March 1, 2016.**
- Families who are awarded a scholarship will be notified by mail. If you are not selected and want notification, you must submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your lottery application.
- Families are responsible for enrolling children in the private school of their choice – CSF Philadelphia will pay the awarded scholarship portion of the tuition directly to the school.
- If your child is eligible for an OSTC scholarship, you only need to complete this application to be considered for our CSFP/OSTC lottery.

CSF Philadelphia Facts

- CSF Philadelphia will offer scholarships to eligible students entering kindergarten through eighth grades (K-8th) enrolling in the fall.
- Scholarship amounts will be based on household size and income; the financial grants usually cover 25%, 50%, or 75% of the selected school's tuition.
- The scholarships are for a maximum of \$2,500 annually per child. **Families are responsible for the balance of a school's remaining tuition and fees.** In addition to tuition, there can be roughly \$250-\$500 in additional fees for things such as registration, books and uniforms. However, you should not get discouraged! Many schools have programs available to help lower income families with these costs.
- Scholarship recipients are selected at RANDOM through a computerized lottery to be held on March 15, 2016.
- Students currently attending either private or public schools are eligible. The majority of the scholarships go to students entering private school for the first time.
- If your family is chosen, all eligible children in your family will receive tuition assistance grants [up to a maximum of three (3) children per family]. The grant will be awarded for up to four (4) years provided you continue to meet our program requirements.
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Scholarship Application

Apply Now!



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giving parents a choice • giving children a chance

The Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening educational opportunities for children by helping low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private K-8th grade schools.

Currently more than 5,500 Philadelphia children have a CSFP scholarship to attend a private or parochial school. Due to the generous support of area donors, CSFP is pleased to offer an additional 2,000, new, K-8th grade scholarship awards to students this coming school year.



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Scholarship Application for 2016-2017 School Year

Online applications are available at: www.csfphiladelphia.org

Annual Income Eligibility Scale for 2016-2017 School Year

Maximum Income Based on 2015 Adjusted Gross Income

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	UP TO 75% TUITION (100% POVERTY)	UP TO 50% TUITION (185% POVERTY)	UP TO 25% TUITION (270% POVERTY)
2	UP TO \$15,930	\$15,931 – \$29,471	\$29,472 – \$43,011
3	UP TO \$20,090	\$20,091 – \$37,167	\$37,168 – \$54,243
4	UP TO \$24,250	\$24,251 – \$44,863	\$44,864 – \$65,475
5	UP TO \$28,410	\$28,411 – \$52,559	\$52,560 – \$76,707
6	UP TO \$32,570	\$32,571 – \$60,255	\$60,256 – \$87,939
7	UP TO \$36,730	\$36,731 – \$67,951	\$67,952 – \$99,171
8	UP TO \$40,890	\$40,891 – \$75,647	\$75,648 – \$110,403
8+	For each additional child add \$4,160	For each additional child add \$7,696	For each additional child add \$11,232

TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY:

1. Calculate your household size. Your household includes all family members and relatives who reside with you plus any other people who resided there from January–December, 2015.
2. Calculate your total household income. Total household income is your income and the income of any other adult in your household. Your income, for example, includes any payments from public assistance, social security, child support and unemployment compensation.
3. Using the chart at left, compare your family size with the matching maximum income. If your household income is below this amount, your family may qualify for the scholarship program.
4. CSF Philadelphia bases your income on your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your 2015 federal tax return (2015 income) and/or public assistance forms. You will be required to provide these documents if you are selected as a scholarship recipient. **DO NOT SEND THESE DOCUMENTS WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

To complete your application and be eligible for a scholarship ALL applicants MUST answer the following question:

If selected, how would this scholarship help your child(ren)?

Your answer should be no longer than one paragraph and attached to your application. Applicants WILL NOT be judged by the content of their answer, however, NO application will be accepted without answering this question.

Parent/Guardian Information: (please print)

PARENT'S FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____ PARENT'S LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT: _____

CITY: _____ **PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS ONLY** STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

HOUSEHOLD SIZE 2015: _____ TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (ESTIMATE): _____

WHERE DID YOU LEARN OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY? (if school, please specify which school) _____

List the names of children you are applying for the scholarship along with the current grade and type of school she/he currently attends. All students must be entering kindergarten through eighth grade (K–8th) in fall, 2016. All children must be listed on your 1040 Income Tax Form or your public assistance statements.

1. _____ D.O.B. _____ CURRENTLY IN _____ GRADE ☐ PUBLIC SCHOOL ☐ PRIVATE SCHOOL
2. _____ D.O.B. _____ CURRENTLY IN _____ GRADE ☐ PUBLIC SCHOOL ☐ PRIVATE SCHOOL
3. _____ D.O.B. _____ CURRENTLY IN _____ GRADE ☐ PUBLIC SCHOOL ☐ PRIVATE SCHOOL

My signature certifies that the information I am providing to CSF Philadelphia is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have read and understand the eligibility guidelines on the back of this application.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DATE _____

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2016. SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO: CSF Philadelphia, P.O. Box 22463, Philadelphia, PA 19110

Or apply online at: www.csfphiladelphia.org

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