



St. James Catholic School offers the following scholarship and tuition assistance opportunities to those who qualify.

1. FACTS Grant & Aid

- For St. James Catholic Church Parishioners only.
- All families who apply **MUST** be enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** Complete and submit application and all supporting documents by Thursday, April 17, 2025.

2. Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund

- This is a needs-based scholarship
- Students do **NOT** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship.
- All current students in PK4 through 5th grade who are currently registered for Kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year are eligible to apply.
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** All applications must be received in the school office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made for this requirement, for any reason.

3. ACE Mississippi Scholarship

- This is a needs-based scholarship awarded to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Students do **NOT** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship.
- **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** Through April 15th, at 11:59 p.m.

Detailed information for each scholarship opportunity is attached and is also posted on the school's website at [www.stjamesgulfport.com](http://www.stjamesgulfport.com).



## **Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2018, the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund awards a scholarship(s) in honor of Nola Lambing, David Lindh, and Philip Mayer for their generosity and support of Catholic Education at St. James Catholic School. The scholarship(s) are awarded each spring for use during the next immediate school year.

All current students in PK4 through Grade 5 and students currently registered for Kindergarten through Grade 6 for the 2025-2026 school year are eligible to apply for the scholarship(s) awarded by The Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship(s) is a **Needs Based Scholarship(s)**, and it will be awarded to a student(s) demonstrating satisfactory academic and behavioral performances. A student **does not** have to be Catholic to receive the scholarship. The **Needs Based** qualifications will be determined by the “Essay” section of the scholarship application below.

The scholarship(s) awarded by the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund is a **1-Year scholarship(s)**. Recipients of a scholarship are eligible to reapply for a scholarship in subsequent school years. Depending on the funds available each year, the scholarship(s) may be a partial scholarship(s) or a full scholarship(s). All information obtained via this application is confidential and will be secured by St. James Catholic School to assure future confidentiality. Furthermore, the information obtained via this application will only be used to determine the scholarship award recipient(s) from the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund.



## **Applicant Information**

***Applicant's Name:***

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***Grade for 2025/2026 School Year:***

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***Name of Applicant's Father:***

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***Name of Applicant's Mother:***

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***Name of Applicant's Legal Guardian:***

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***Phone # for Applicant's Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian:***

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***E-Mail Address for Applicant's Father, Legal Guardian, or Mother:***

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## **Needs Based Qualifications Essay**

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**\*\*Please attach additional pages if needed for your essay.**

**\*\*Additional questions may be asked to finalize the scholarship award recipient(s).**

**All applications must be received in the school office via U.S. Mail or hand delivery no later than 3:00pm on Friday, March 28, 2025. There will be no exceptions made for this requirement for any reasons.**

**Scholarship(s) will be awarded by April 30th, 2025 for the 2025/2026 school year.**

If you would like to donate to the Lambing, Lindh, & Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact the school office. Your support of this scholarship(s) award is greatly appreciated.

***Signature of Applicant's Father, Mother, or Legal Guardian***

**Date**



## → WHICH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE?

A wide variety of private schools partner with ACE Scholarships. It is up to the families of potential scholarship recipients to select the best school for their child. To see a complete list of schools in Mississippi, please visit our website. Don't see your private school choice on our list? Have the school reach out to us to inquire about partnering with ACE.

## → DOES THE ACE SCHOLARSHIP FOLLOW MY CHILD?

An ACE Scholarship is transferable among ACE partner schools. Award amounts may change, however, based on school's tuition.

## → HOW DO I APPLY?

The application for an ACE scholarship is completed on a website called FACTS at the link and QR code below. The application will be open from Monday, February 3 through Tuesday, April 15 at 11:59 p.m. (in the time zone in which the school you are applying with resides).

### FOR FAMILIES NEW TO THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



1. Confirm that you qualify for an ACE scholarship based on the financial guidelines listed in the chart on the front.
2. Identify the right ACE partner private school for your child.
3. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child. If the school you are applying to also uses FACTS for their school application, you will use your same FACTS username to apply to both ACE as well as the school. You must complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application.
4. Answer all application questions and submit. You may upload supporting documents later; however, they must be submitted before 11:59 pm on the April 15 deadline in order for the application to be considered complete and eligible for a scholarship.

### FOR FAMILIES ALREADY RECEIVING THE SCHOLARSHIP



1. Complete the school's application and enrollment process for your child. If the school you are applying to also uses FACTS for their school application, you will use your same FACTS username to apply to both ACE as well as the school. You must use the same FACTS username as the previous school year and complete an application for ACE Scholarships separate from your school application. If the school you are applying to does not use FACTS for their school application, you must still use the same FACTS username as the previous school year.
2. Answer all application questions and submit prior to the deadline at 11:59 p.m. on April 15.

\*It is imperative that the application is submitted and complete in order for your child to remain on scholarship.



To apply, visit: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/grant-aid/inst/4PNT6/landing-page>

**For any questions on the process, please contact (856) 746-6521 OR [mssupport@acescholarships.org](mailto:mssupport@acescholarships.org).** You will be routed to either ACE or FACTS depending on the nature of your question.

APPLICATION OPEN FEBRUARY 3 - APRIL 15

## → WHO WE ARE

Our vision is that every child has access to a quality education. Since 2000, ACE has provided more than 94,000 scholarships to children from lower-income families totaling over \$257 million and established partnerships with over 1,100 private schools across the country. Since launching in Mississippi in 2023, ACE families have accepted more than 724 scholarships totaling over \$2.2 million. ACE Scholarships has also established partnerships with 50 partner schools throughout the state.

## → 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.

## DOES MY CHILD QUALIFY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

ACE scholarships are based solely on the family's total income, both taxable (which is line 9 on the 1040 for those who file) and nontaxable and cannot exceed the income guidelines below. See the chart for ACE Scholarships' financial eligibility.

### ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

Persons in Family/Household	2025 Poverty Guideline	ACE Maximum Qualifying Income: 350%
2	\$21,150	\$74,025
3	\$26,650	\$93,275
4	\$32,150	\$112,525
5	\$37,650	\$131,775
6	\$43,150	\$151,025
7	\$48,650	\$170,275
8	\$54,150	\$189,525
9	\$59,650	\$208,775
10	\$65,150	\$228,025

For families/households with more than 10 persons, add \$5,500 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>

## HOW MUCH ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS?

ACE Scholarships are partial tuition, intended to provide added assistance lower-income families may need to enroll their child in a private school. Standard ACE award amounts are \$3,000 for K-8 and \$4,000 for high school, not to exceed 50% of private school tuition, yet may vary dependent upon unique circumstances. Families are responsible for working out a payment plan with the school for the remainder of the tuition.

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