

## TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Deadlines & Frequently Asked Questions

### Deadlines and Notifications

**March 6** - Completed applications, required documents and \$34 application fee are due to TADS. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

**April 30** - (April Round) Notification letters are sent informing you if you will or will not be receiving a tuition scholarship. Students who are in preschool/junior kindergarten or who did not submit a complete application will not receive a letter from the AEF.

**August 1** - (August Round) Scholarships that were forfeited by the April Round recipients will be awarded and recipients notified by mail.

**September 30** - Tuition Scholarship checks are sent to schools for credit to student's tuition account. Check your child's tuition account at the end of October to ensure the scholarship has posted.

*Note: The AEF tuition scholarship can only be applied to the cost of tuition (lunch, morning/afterschool care, books, etc. are not eligible). The AEF tuition scholarship cannot be used as a refund if a recipient has a zero tuition account balance.*

### Scholarship Eligibility & Application Process

**How do I apply?** Use this link - <http://augustinefoundation.org/scholarships.html>

**Who is eligible for a scholarship?** All students (grades K-12) who will attend a Hawaii Catholic School during the upcoming school year. Students do not have to be currently enrolled to apply for a scholarship, but you do need to be officially enrolled at the time the scholarship is awarded.

**How much are the scholarships?** The amount of the tuition scholarship varies from year to year. In the past, the scholarships awarded were \$1,000 (grades K-8) and \$1,250 (grades 9-12).

**What about students who are in preschool or junior kindergarten?** Due to our limited funding, we do not provide scholarships to children in preschool or junior kindergarten. Although, the AEF Tuition Scholarship Program does not provide scholarships to preschools/ELCs, some preschools/ELCs use our application to evaluate your level of need for their own school's financial aid program. Please inquire at your preschool/ELC.

**What if I am applying for more than one student or to different Catholic schools?** One application per family, even if the children attend different schools or you are applying to different schools.

**What if I applied with TADS with another school or program for the 2017-2018 school year?** You will need to update your TADS application to include the Augustine Educational Foundation. Log-in to your existing application with TADS, go to the "Scholarship" tab. You will then check the box for the student listed under the school name with "Scholarship: Augustine Educational Foundation".

**Do I have to make a certain amount of money to apply for a scholarship?** No, any family can apply for a scholarship. A priority is given families who have a financial need.

**Do I have to be Catholic to apply?** No, you do not need to be Catholic to apply. Families, regardless of religious affiliation, can apply.

**Can students from public schools apply?** Yes, if they intend to enroll in a Hawaii Catholic School in the upcoming school year.

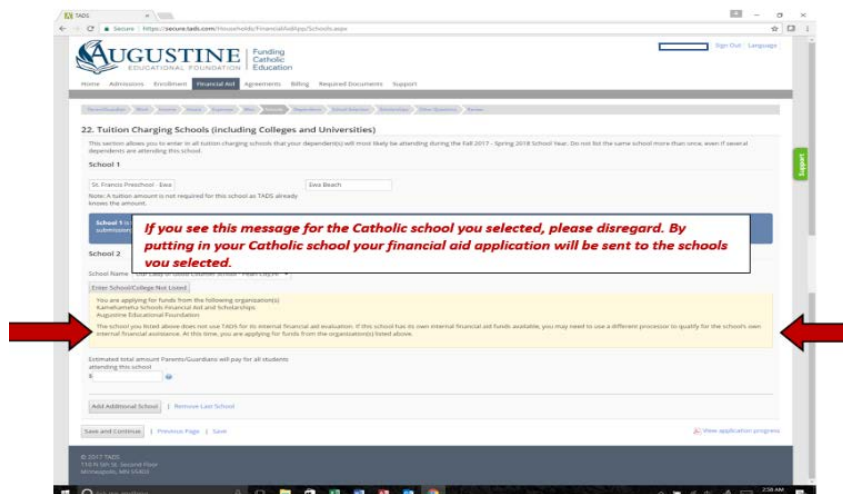
**Do I have to reapply each year?** *Yes, you must reapply for a tuition scholarship each year.*

**What if I am divorced, separated, or never married?** *The primary parent completes and submits the TADS application.*

**“Schools” Tab Message Alert: If you get the following message:**

*The school you listed above does not use TADS for its’ internal financial aid evaluation . . . .*

**Please disregard, the Hawaii Catholic school(s) you selected will receive your application. All Hawaii Catholic Schools are covered by the AEF Application.**



## **Application and Document Submission**

**How do I submit my application?** *On-line, directly to TADS via the on-line application portal. Paper application are not available. The AEF does not accept applications or any required documents. All documentation must be turned in directly to TADS.*

**Is the application process secure?** *Yes. All documentation received is imaged upon receipt and then destroyed. Then, the application data becomes property of the AEF.*

**How do I submit my documents?** *Once you completed and submitted your application on-line, directly to TADS, you have three ways:*

- Upload (Preferred Method) - *you will have the opportunity to upload your documents at the end of your application and any time after, by logging back into your account. The \$34 fee is paid via VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or Electronic Bank Check (ACH).*
- Fax - *fax your documents to TADS at 612-548-3326*
- Mail - *you can mail your documents and \$34 (check or money order only, payable to TADS):*

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**\*\*Please be sure to include your TADS Reference Number on ALL documents and correspondence\*\***

**What happens after I apply?** *You can log into your TADS account to check the status of your application.*

## **Processing Fee**

**Why do I have to pay \$34?** *The \$34 covers the cost of processing/evaluating your application by TADS.*

**Do I have to pay the \$34 fee for each student applicant?** *Fees are assessed on a per family basis, not a per student basis. A family with two or more student applicants, would still pay \$34.*

**What if I cannot afford to pay the \$34 processing fee?** *Call the Foundation directly at (808) 203-6748.*

## **Questions**

**Applying, Submitting Documents or Paying Service Processing Fee:** *Please contact TADS directly by phone at 1-800-477-8237 or 612-548-3320 - Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST. You may also visit support on their website for FAQs and live chat - <http://www.tads.com/contact-us/>.*

**Further Questions?** *Contact Tonya Stevenson at (808) 203-6748 or [tonya@augustinefoundation.org](mailto:tonya@augustinefoundation.org).*