



# AZ Transportation Education Scholarship Program

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## THE PROGRAM

AZ Transportation Education Foundation (ATEF) has established a scholarship program to assist member employees' children and grandchildren who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

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## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be an employee of AZ Trucking Association Member companies OR a child, stepchild or grandchild (age 24 and under) of AZ Trucking Association Member employees.
- Be high school seniors or graduates or be current postsecondary undergraduates.
- Plan to enroll in part-time\*\* or full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university or vocational program for the entire upcoming academic year.

\*\*Employees of AZ Trucking Association Member companies may attend part-time (six credits per term or the equivalent). Children or grandchildren must attend full-time (12 credits per term or the equivalent).

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## AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award ranging from \$500 up to \$3,000. Awards are not renewable, however students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

Preference in the selection process will be given to applicants enrolled or planning to enroll in a field of study including business administration, diesel, truck body or truck mechanics.

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## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **May 15**. Only the first 50 applications received will be processed. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Instructions for completing the Financial Data section of the application are included below. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

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**SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Recipients must demonstrate need. Financial need will be calculated based on information provided by the parent(s) who claims the applicant as a federal income tax exemption.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of ATEF play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in mid-June. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

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**PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of ATEF. Payments are made in one installment on August 1.

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**OBLIGATIONS**

Recipients have no obligation to ATEF. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

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**REVISIONS**

ATEF reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

**AZ Transportation Education Scholarship Program**

Scholarship America  
One Scholarship Way  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Telephone: (507) 931-1682

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL DATA SECTION OF THE APPLICATION

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The Financial Data section of the application should be completed by the applicant's parent who claims the applicant as a federal income tax exemption. Information should be from a completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed with the IRS.

1. **State of Residence** is the state where the parents reside and pay state income tax.
2. **Adjusted Gross Income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income reduced by specific adjustments allowed by law.
3. **Total Federal Tax Paid** includes the total amount of **federal** income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040. This is **not** the amount withheld from employee's paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do **not** report state income tax.
4. **Total Income** of parent(s) should be reported individually. Provide information for both natural parents, when possible. **If the student resides with only one parent**, financial information **must** be received from the employee or member of the company sponsoring the scholarship program **and** from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. **If necessary, two Financial Data sections may be submitted by the student.** A copy of the Financial Data section may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.
5. **Untaxed Income and Benefits** include any other income or benefits not included in the adjusted gross income figure. Do not include untaxed contributions to retirement plans.
6. **Medical and Dental Expenses** include only those expenses not paid by insurance. Do not include premium payments.
7. **Total Cash, Checking, Savings, Cash Value of Stocks, etc.**, includes liquid assets that can be used for educational expenses. **Do not include** IRA, 401k, or other retirement plan funds.
8. **Total number of family members** living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income may include:
  - the applicant
  - the applicant's parents
  - other children living in the household
  - dependent college students living away from home
  - other people who live in the household and receive more than half of their support from the reported income
9. **Marital status** is the current status of the person from whom the financial information is submitted.
10. **Of the total number of family members on line 8, number of students attending college** includes family members attending a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school at least half-time. Include the applicant in this number. Do not include parents.

**NOTE:** Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to Scholarship America in writing.