

General Questions

Question: How often do I need to apply for the scholarship?

Answer: Every Year

Question: Do I need to fill out a scholarship application for Morning Star and Ensign?

Answer: No, only one application is needed. Both applications are the same.

Question: Does tuition cost the same for a Morning Star student and an Ensign student?

Answer: K4 and K5 students are half the price of 1st-6th grade students.

Question: Who is eligible to receive the Employee Discount?

Answer: Employees of Morning Star and Ensign that work 30 or more hours a week are eligible to receive up to a 20% discount on their tuition. However, if the employee is already receiving scholarships and discounts that cover 90% of their tuition, the Employee Discount will be adjusted so that the employee is paying at least 10% of tuition out of pocket.

Question: Why did I receive the Notice of Modified Tuition, but others did not?

Answer: We are sending a smaller group of parents through the New Tuition Model first to test it out before we send everyone through. The smaller group of parents include families that are part of school administration and a few other families.

Question: Who do I talk to if I have additional questions?

Answer: You can call Ensign or Morning Star and ask to talk to someone about Scholarships or Tuition.

Question: Why is tuition increasing?

Answer: Tuition is increasing to help cover the increasing costs of running the schools and the new school buildings.

Question: What if I haven't filed my tax return yet?

Answer: You will be asked to provide other documents for income verification, such as, most current W2, the last 3 months of paystubs and the last 3 bank statements.

Question: How much of an income based scholarship can I qualify for?

Answer: You can qualify for an income based scholarship that covers from 0% to 80% of your tuition depending on your household income.

PS: Scholarship Director PKT: Processing Scholarship Application Packet
Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Question: Should I include my adult child's income when calculating my income based scholarship amount?

Answer: The income based scholarship amount is calculated using the Adjusted Gross Income on the applicant's taxes. This does not include income of your adult child.

Question: How much of an academic scholarship can I qualify for?

Answer: You can qualify for an academic based scholarship that covers from 0% to 20% of your tuition. If all of your children had a GPA of 3.75 or higher in the previous term, you qualify to get the maximum scholarship that covers 20% of your tuition. If half of your children had a GPA of 3.75 or higher in the previous term, you qualify to get a scholarship that covers 10% of your tuition. The scholarship is calculated based on the % of kids that have a GPA of 3.75 or higher. You can include K4 students that don't have a GPA yet.

Question: Does my academic scholarship change if my child's grades change?

Answer: Yes, your child's grades will be looked at quarterly. The academic scholarship amount will be updated quarterly.

Question: Can scholarships and discounts cover all of my tuition?

Answer: The Income Based Scholarship, the Academic Scholarship and the Employee Discount will only cover up to 90% of tuition.

Questions About Household Size

Question: Should I include my new baby in my household size even if new baby is not on taxes?

Answer: Yes, you can submit a birth certificate or social security card to include new baby.

Question: Should the number of adults in my household include both the father and mother of my children?

Answer: You should calculate your household size the same way you calculate your household size for tax purposes according to the tax laws. Household size should be the same as your tax return other than if you have a new baby born that is not on your taxes yet.

Question: Can I include older children in my household size that are not on my tax return?

Answer: If you did not include the older child on your tax return because they did not qualify as a dependent, you should not include them in your household size. Your household size should match your tax return other than if you have a new baby born that is not on your taxes yet.

Question: Can I include my adult children in my household size?

Answer: You can include an adult child in your household size only if they are listed as a dependent on your tax return.

Questions About Calculating Tuition, Scholarships, Discounts and Adjustments

Question: How do I calculate the total monthly tuition costs before discounts or scholarships?

Answer: Look at the Tuition Matrix to find the "Full Monthly Tuition Rate Per Student". Multiple the Full Monthly Tuition Rate Per Student by the number of students you have attending Morning Star and Ensign. Remember K4 and K5 is half the price shown on the Tuition Matrix.

Question: How do I calculate the total monthly tuition cost after the "# of Students Discount"?

Answer: Look at the Tuition Matrix to find the "Full Monthly Tuition Rate Per Student". Find the Full Monthly Tuition Rate Per Student that corresponds to the number of students you have attending both Morning Star and Ensign. Multiply this rate by the number of students you have attending Morning Star and Ensign. Remember K4 and K5 is half the price shown on the Tuition

Question: How do I calculate my Income Based Scholarship Amount?

Answer:

Step 1: Get your Adjusted Gross Income on Form 1040, line 11 of your tax return. If your Adjusted Gross Income is less than \$15,080 for 1 adult or less than \$30,160 for 2 adults, you must use \$15,080 for 1 adult or \$30,160 for 2 adults instead of your Adjusted Gross Income.

Step 2: Calculate your household size the same way you calculate your household size for tax purposes according to the tax laws. Household size should be the same as your tax return other than if you have a new baby born after your taxes were filed.

Step 3: Using your Adjusted Gross Income and household size, look at the Poverty Level Guidelines attached to the scholarship application to determine what percent of poverty you fall under. For example, if you have a household size of 5 and an Adjusted Gross Income of \$30,000, your income falls between 75% and 100% of poverty level.

Step 4: Now that you have your poverty level, look at the Tuition Matrix to determine your Income Based Monthly Scholarship percent. Find the Scholarship Percent that corresponds to your poverty level. For example, if your household income is below 75% of poverty, your Income Based Monthly Scholarship Percent is 80%, which means your Out of Pocket Percent is 20%.

Step 5: To calculate your Income Based Monthly Scholarship amount, do the following:
Discounted Rate Per Student X Number of Students Attending Morning Star and Ensign X Scholarship Percent You Found on Step 4. Remember, K4 and K5 students are half of amount shown on Tuition Matrix.

Question: How do I calculate my Monthly Employee Discount?

Answer: Morning Star and Ensign employees that work 30 or more hours a week are eligible to receive the Employee Discount. The maximum Employee Discount is 20% of tuition. However, if you are already receiving scholarships and discounts that cover 90% of your tuition, the Employee Discount will be adjusted so that you are paying at least 10% of tuition out of pocket.

Question: How do I calculate my Monthly Academic Based Scholarship Amount?

Answer: Parents may qualify for an academic scholarship that covers up to 20% of their tuition. If all of the parent's children that attend Morning Star and Ensign received a GPA of 3.75 or higher in the previous term, the parent qualifies to receive up to the full 20% of tuition scholarship amount. If only half of the parent's children received a GPA of 3.75 or higher in the previous term, the parent only qualifies for half of the scholarship amount, which is 10% of tuition. Note: the academic scholarship percent will automatically decrease if the parent is already receiving scholarships and other discounts that cover 90% of their tuition. For example, if the parent receives an income based scholarship that covers 60% of tuition and an employee discount of 20%, the maximum Academic Performance Based Scholarship will be 10% of tuition because the parent is already receiving other scholarships and discounts that cover 80% of their tuition. Note: You can include K4 students in count if they don't have any record yet. The Monthly Academic Scholarship Amount can be calculated by doing the following: Academic Based Scholarship Percent X Discounted Monthly Rate Per Student X Number of Students Attending Morning Star and Ensign. Remember K4 and K5 is half of price shown on Tuition Matrix.

Question: Why is there an adjustment to my tuition?

Answer: The minimum required out of pocket amount is a 10% increase from last years tuition rate. If the Total Monthly Amount Due After Discounts and Scholarships is less than a 10% increase from last years tuition rate, the final amount will be adjusted to meet this minimum requirement. Calculate the adjustment by subtracting the Monthly Amount Due After Discounts and Scholarships from the Minimum Required Amount.