



# Georgia School Eligibility Flyer

## Eligible Schools

**Georgia Eligible schools** are private schools (grades pre-K4-12) that meet the following criteria as determined by the Georgia Department of Education (DOE):

- Accredited or in the process of becoming accredited by one or more accreditation agencies:
  - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; or
  - Georgia Accrediting Commission; or
  - Georgia Association of Christian Schools; or
  - Association of Christian Schools International; or
  - Georgia Private School Accreditation Council; or
  - Southern Association of Independent Schools.
- Physically located in Georgia;
- \*Adheres to the provisions of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
- Satisfies the private school requirements prescribed in Georgia state law.
- Private schools can not be accredited as a Non-Traditional Education Center (serving home-schooled students)

\* <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/resources/specialtopics/tanf/crrequirementsstvi.html>

**An eligible household may not accept a tax credit scholarship for their student from more than one Scholarship Organization and/or from any other tax credit program for the same time period they have accepted an AAA scholarship.**

## Parental Tuition Payments

Parental tuition payments are necessary when an eligible private school's tuition and fees total *more* than the awarded scholarship. The household is responsible for the additional charges that exceed the awarded scholarship.

At times, the school may award a supplemental scholarship to the household, but if this does not occur, the difference is the sole responsibility of the household. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All households must remain current with their payments to the school for any fees owed by the household, not including the scholarship payments. Failure to pay, or make arrangements to pay, a balance owed may result in the school suspending or expelling your student. If the student is expelled they will no longer be eligible for the scholarship.

AAA Scholarship Foundation will not renew or transfer scholarships while money is owed to a school.

**\*\*\* Download the Georgia Parent & School Handbook for more detailed information on our policies and procedures \*\*\***

### **Scholarship Payments**

By accepting the scholarship student(s) and scholarship payment(s) the school agrees to repay any incorrectly made or overpayment of funds on behalf of the student(s), regardless of the reason. Failure to return the funds to AAA could lead to loss of eligibility as a participating school in the scholarship program and/or may lead to legal ramifications relating to the scholarship laws. The household is responsible for any balance of tuition/fees not covered by the scholarship.

Scholarships are paid in four installments throughout the school year. The payment calendar can be found at [http://aaascholarships.org/School\\_Information.html](http://aaascholarships.org/School_Information.html).

### **Depositing Scholarship Checks**

Schools must process and deposit the checks for scholarship students promptly. Upon receipt of a scholarship check, the school must immediately stamp/write the first three of the following lines on each check before the Parent/Guardian signs the check. The back of the check should read:

**For Deposit Only  
(Name of School's Bank)  
Into the account of (Name of School/Account Number)  
Parent Signature**

The school should notify the household that the scholarship check has arrived and have them come in to "restrictively endorse" the check to the school. Failure of the designated parent to sign the check within five business days of being notified by the school or within the time specified by school policy, whichever is less, may result in the loss of the scholarship.

**The check will be made payable to the name of Parent/Guardian A listed on the application. That individual MUST be the person who endorses the scholarship check when received by the school. ONLY the individual on the check can endorse the back of the check. If a household needs the parent listed to be changed they must make a *request to AAA in writing to change the name to the other parent/guardian.***

### **NO POWER OF ATTORNEY OR OTHER TRANSFER OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITY IS ALLOWED.**

The scholarship checks may not leave the possession of the school. Students may not bring scholarship checks home for parent endorsement (signature).

Failure by the school to follow these procedures may result in loss of eligibility as a participating school for the Scholarship program, legal ramifications with the state attorney's office, and reimbursement in full of any overpaid monies due to AAA.

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