



Catholic Diocese of Memphis

The Tennessee Education Freedom Scholarship (EFS) Program will officially kick-off next Thursday, May 15, at 12:00pm (noon), for all Tennessee families to submit an eligible student application. Please go to this website for details: [Tennessee Education Freedom Scholarship Program](#)

EFS Background

During the Tennessee General Assembly's special legislative session in January 2025, the Assembly passed the Tenn. Education Freedom Act. On February 12, Governor Bill Lee signed the legislation into law.

EFS Program

Through the Education Freedom Act, 20,000 tax-exempt Education Freedom Scholarships of approximately \$7,296 will be available in the 2025-26 school year.

Half of the scholarships will go to students living in households with an annual income less than 300% of the level to qualify for the federal free and reduced-price lunch program, an estimate of \$173,160 for a family of four.

The remaining 10,000 scholarships will be available to students across the state, regardless of income or zip code.

EFS Requirements

On April 10, the Tennessee Department of Education released the Education Freedom Scholarship Program student application checklist. Please click on the EFS Website button below to view and use the list. Families are encouraged to gather the documentation now to submit when the application launches.

EFS Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Tennessee Residency-two documents of proof required
- Student's Proof of US Citizenship-one proof or Lawful Presence in US-two proofs
- No more than 13 years in school and entering grades K-12
- Student must be five years old by September 30, 2025
- Income documents or Individualized Education Account (IEA) eligibility or Education Savings Account (ESA) eligibility.

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