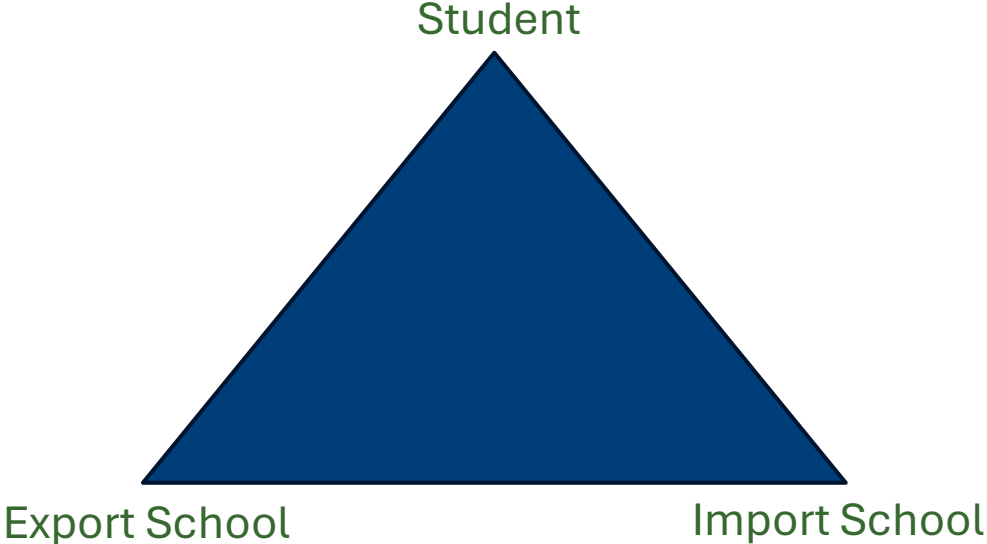


# Navigating the TE Triangle



Fall 2024



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# Tuition Exchange Defined



Founded in 1954 – TE Central is the conduit for member schools



700+ TE member institutions



A school choice for all



Potential tuition scholarship: 2025-2026: \$43,000/year  
full tuition or TE set rate



Tuition Exchange is a reciprocal scholarship program-  
no \$ exchanged!



# Terms to Know

- ▶ **TE Central:** The employees of the non-profit organization, The Tuition Exchange, Inc., who support schools in administering the program.
- ▶ **TELO:** The Tuition Exchange Liaison Officer designated by the college/university to administer the Tuition Exchange program for the institution.
- ▶ **Export:** TE Scholarship applicant or recipient emanating from employee's home institution. *Example: Bob Smith is an employee at Potter University. His daughter, Sarah, is an eligible dependent that can be considered for TE scholarship at other institutions according to Smith University's TE policy. Sarah is an **Export** of Potter University.*
- ▶ **Import:** A student awarded a TE Scholarship by the host institution. *Example: Bob Smith's daughter, Sarah Smith, applies for admission and is awarded a TE Scholarship by Griffin College. Sarah is an **Import** of Griffin College (but an **Export** of Potter University).*
- ▶ **TE EZ-Application:** Students seeking consideration for a TE Scholarship must create an account and complete a TE EZ-Application at [te.tuitionexchange.org/applicantsignin](https://te.tuitionexchange.org/applicantsignin).
- ▶ **TE Set Rate:** TE member schools have option to offer a full tuition scholarship or the TE set rate amount (amount set by TE Central annually). \$43,000/year for the 2025-2026 year.



# TE Member Schools

- ▶ A partnership of 700+ colleges/universities offering *competitive* Tuition Exchange (TE) Scholarships. Not guaranteed!
- ▶ See participating school list at [tuitionexchange.org](https://tuitionexchange.org)
  - ▶ Click on a school to learn: TELO contact email, application deadline for TE consideration, full tuition or TE set rate amount, FAFSA required (?), offered to freshmen only (?) etc.
- ▶ Search for schools based on variety of factors (from [tuitionexchange.org](https://tuitionexchange.org), click *Families, Tuition Exchange School Search*) such as: state, full tuition vs. TE set rate, undergraduate/graduate, etc.

The screenshot shows the Tuition Exchange website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'TE SCHOOL LIST', 'TE EZ-APPLICATION', 'TE EZ-APPLICATION PODCAST', 'TELO', and 'BOARD'. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a central banner featuring an illustration of four diverse students and the text 'TUITION EXCHANGE. Open doors. New opportunities.' To the right of the banner is a dropdown menu with options like 'Tuition Exchange - What is it?', 'News', 'Scholarship Award Process', 'Tuition Opportunities', 'Map of Tuition Exchange Member Schools', 'Tuition Exchange Member Schools', 'Tuition Exchange School Search', 'Tuition Exchange School Search', 'TE EZ-Application Instructions', 'TE EZ-Application', 'Continuing Student Reverification Status', and 'FACHEX School Search'. Below the banner is a video player titled 'TE EZ-Application: A How-To Guide for Families' with a 'LEARN MORE' button.



# Export Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Parent's (or spouse's) employer (Export School) determines both employee/spouse and dependent eligibility requirements. Varies from school to school. Check with your school's TELO.

INSERT YOUR SCHOOL'S SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS/APPLICATION PROCESS

Sample Text:

- ▶ Employee must remain employed FT at XXX for dependent/spouse to have continued eligibility for TE consideration.
- ▶ Employee must submit internal XXX form to HR by XXX along with the front page of most recent federal tax return showing student/spouse was claimed as dependent.
- ▶ XXX agrees to certify eligible Export for up to 8 semesters (4 years) as undergraduate or 4 semesters (2 years) as a graduate student (generally applies to employee/spouse only).
- ▶ What if job ends? When benefits-eligible employment @XXX terminates, tuition benefits continue through semester in progress but will not continue beyond that.



# Import Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ **Imports vs. Exports:** If your dependent receives a TE Scholarship to Sample University and enrolls, he/she is an “**Import**” student in Sample University’s view; however, from XXX’s view, your dependent is an “**Export**”
- ▶ Import school may have specific requirements for student to retain scholarship each year. (ex.-Full-time enrollment required, maintain a certain GPA)
- ▶ Read TE Scholarship award terms carefully! Questions to consider:
  - ▶ Is a study abroad semester covered?
  - ▶ What if my student takes a leave of absence?
  - ▶ Are there exceptions if student fails to meet GPA renewal requirements?
  - ▶ Are there any associated TE-related fees charged to Import students?
  - ▶ Is there a maximum # of credits covered per semester under the TE Scholarship or will TE Scholarship cover course overloads?
  - ▶ If TE set rate amount is offered, will scholarship amount increase as TE set rate increases in future years?



# TE Recap!

- ▶ Amount=either full tuition or “optional TE set rate” (\$43,000 for 2025-26 year)\*
- ▶ Host (Import) college determines exact value of the TE Scholarship it awards.
- ▶ All colleges/universities are required to minimally offer the optional TE set rate amount (if full tuition is higher) and must offer at least 3 scholarships to incoming, new students.
- ▶ Check [tuitionexchange.org](http://tuitionexchange.org), click *Families, Member Schools*, select school to see amount they offer.
- ▶ Generally, TE is available for maximum of 4 years/8 semesters of undergraduate study. A few select schools offer TE at the graduate/professional level.
- ▶ At most schools, awards apply to fall/spring semesters or periods of full-time enrollment.
- ▶ TE Scholarships are not subject to taxation for undergraduates.
- ▶ Some schools charge a TE administration fee.
- ▶ Some may deduct any federal/state grant aid from the benefit amount (offset).
- ▶ No institution can require a commitment (deposit) from a student prior to May 1st!

*\*Public institution members are obligated to provide a FT tuition award to in-state TE recipients; out-of-state recipients get ½ tuition based on the out-of-state tuition rate.*





# Scholarship Selection Process/Timeline

- ▶ Application review timelines vary by school.
- ▶ Number of awards offered varies (must minimally offer 3 to new students).
- ▶ Tuition Exchange Scholarships are competitive. Scholarships are limited and offers are typically based on a student's academic record. Some schools will also give consideration to:
  - ▶ Financial need (as determined by FAFSA or CSS Profile)
  - ▶ Athletic ability
  - ▶ Academic major
  - ▶ Legacy (parent/sibling)
  - ▶ Geographic diversity
  - ▶ Import school
- ▶ Email Import TELO (or ask during school visits) size of pool, # of scholarships offered, criteria used to award, timeline for awards.



# TE EZ-Application Process

## ▶ Two steps:

1. Student applicant (not parent!) creates TE account using email address that will remain with student after H.S. (if student is also the employee, must use different student email address).
2. Student logs in and completes TE EZ-Application at: <https://te.tuitionexchange.org/applicantsignin>

▶ Select **2025-2026** year if student is seeking TE for fall 2025/spring 2026. If you select incorrect year, your TELO has to delete the application before you can start again (TE Central cannot assist)!

▶ Student can list up to 20 active schools when applying for TE. Do not list a school student does not plan to apply to admission to! (can apply for admission & TE simultaneously)

## ▶ Once TE EZ-Application is submitted:

1. Export school TELO gets email notification the following morning.
2. Export school TELO then approves/denies Export for TE consideration in TELO system.
3. If Export is approved, the next day, Import school TELO receives email notification. Now it's up to the Import school to make a decision to offer/not offer the TE Scholarship. If offered, the Export TELO and student get notified.

▶ Students can log back into EZ-Application account at <https://te.tuitionexchange.org/applicantsignin> to: 1) add/remove schools as needed and 2) check the status of their application.

▶ Download Tuition Exchange mobile app from App store



# TE EZ-Application


https://www.tuitionexchange.org

The new TE EZ-Application has launched! Students can now apply for 2025-2026. Click the green TE EZ-APPLICATION button below!

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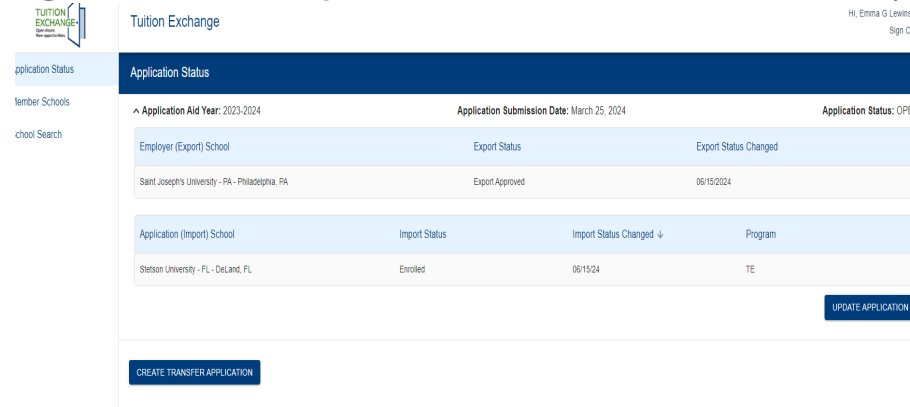
Students seeking Tuition Exchange Scholarships or FACHEX (Jesuit institutions only) must complete the TE EZ-Application. The TE EZ-Application is for eligible families and their dependent(s). Not sure if you qualify? Contact your Tuition Exchange Liaison Officer or FACHEX Administrator directly. Please take 15 minutes to review the TE EZ-Application Podcast (note-you will be prompted to sign up ...)

[LEARN MORE](#)



# TE EZ-Application Process

- ▶ Continuing TE scholars do **not** need to submit a TE EZ-Application in future years. Exceptions:
  - ▶ Student wants to transfer-student logs back into their account and selects CREATE TRANSFER APPLICATION button, listing institutions they are seeking TE at (use the original TE EZ-Application account login created; may need to delete schools to add)



- ▶ Parent separates from employer (Export school closes out existing TE application and student submits a new application listing parent's new employer as Export school).



# My Student Was Awarded! Now What?

- ▶ Carefully review the terms of the scholarship
- ▶ Visit campus if student has not yet done so
- ▶ Make decision to accept or decline admission/TE
- ▶ Confirm acceptance of the scholarship with the Import school TELO
- ▶ Submit deposit to hold spot in the entering class



# Keep in Mind...

- ▶ The TE EZ-Application is not a substitute for applying for admission to a school.
- ▶ The TE EZ-Application may be submitted before or after the student has formally applied for admission but TE is generally only offered to accepted students.
- ▶ Applying Early Decision is a personal choice but, keep in mind, it is binding!
- ▶ Apply early!
- ▶ Check with your **Export** TELO to determine your employer's TE policy, process and Export application deadlines.
- ▶ Click on the **TE SCHOOL LIST** button at [tuitionexchange.org](http://tuitionexchange.org) to get all the details, app deadline, TELO contact info., etc. for specific schools student is considering.
- ▶ Check with the **Import** TELO's at the schools your dependent is considering to learn:
  - ▶ Size of TE application pool
  - ▶ How many TE scholarships offer annually
  - ▶ What criteria do they use when awarding
  - ▶ How federal, state and other merit aid is treated if offered TE
  - ▶ If not offered TE at point of entry, and student still enrolls, will they consider for TE in a subsequent year?



# Resources

- ▶ [Tuitionexchange.org](https://tuitionexchange.org)
  - ▶ View TE School List
  - ▶ Create TE EZ-Application Account & Apply
  - ▶ Watch TE EZ-Application Podcast
- ▶ Your Export School TELO
  - ▶ Internal employer process & TE consideration policy
- ▶ Your Import School TELO (find at [tuitionexchange.org](https://tuitionexchange.org) on TE School List)
  - ▶ Award process, timeline and criteria for awards, renewal requirements
- ▶ Your Admissions counselor at Import school



# Questions?



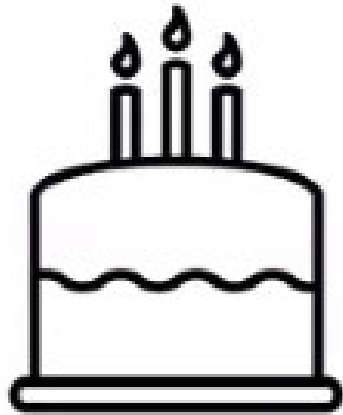
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