

ICS PTSA Scholarship Policy

What is the purpose of scholarship?

To partially fund the cost of certain pre-selected activities for students selected on the basis of financial need.

Which specific activities will the scholarship fund support?

The following student activities are currently on the list of pre-selected activities:

- Focus week activities
- Spanish Level III international trip (if available)
- Junior Level International Trip (if available)
- Music Ensemble
- Fall Camp

Who is eligible to apply?

Open to students at all grade levels at ICS. Any student currently enrolled in ICS is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Generally, a student will be eligible for only one scholarship award per academic year. To qualify for a scholarship the student shall not have received scholarship funds previously in the academic year. The review committee will consider special circumstances.

Who reviews scholarship applications and decides on scholarship awards?

An independent scholarship review committee comprised of two parent volunteers and a representative from the Finance Committee will process scholarship applications for Focus Week and trips. A member of the Music Committee will be included in reviewing scholarship applications for Music Ensemble. Camp scholarship applications will be reviewed by a representative of the Finance Committee and the ICS staff, as needed.

How much is the scholarship award?

In general, the scholarship fund for each activity will be divided equally among all qualified applicants. However, a minimum or maximum award may be established, if necessary in the judgement of the scholarship review committee. Also, the different cost of the various Focus Week activities shall be given consideration when determining the amount of an award for Focus Week and may result in different amounts being awarded to each applicant.

What is the basis of determining financial need?

Family income shall be the primary guideline for determining financial need; however the review committee will consider special circumstances.

How is Family Income determined?

Family Income shall be determined from the primary household's previous tax year adjusted gross income plus any qualifying additional income from a secondary household, if applicable. Primary household is defined as the household where the student lives most of the time. Secondary household is defined as a household providing additional support for the student.

What are the Family Income guidelines for qualifying for a scholarship award?

The Family Income guidelines are based on the King County definition of livable wage (200% of the Federal Poverty Level) increased by 25% and rounded to the nearest \$100.00. For the 2009-2010 school year, qualifying 2008 family income levels are shown below.

Number of Individuals in Primary Household	Family Income	Number of Individuals in Primary Household	Family Income
2	\$36,400	6	\$73,800
3	\$45,800	7	\$83,200
4	\$55,100	8	\$92,500
5	\$64,500	9 or more	\$101,900

What is the application process?

Submit scholarship application by the specified due date for each activity (to be announced during the year).

Scholarship Review Committee shall meet within 14 days following the application deadline.

Applicants will then be notified of the committee's decision by mail or phone.

Scholarship funds must be applied toward the eligible activity. Student shall be responsible for the balance of the cost of activity.