

Navigating Tuition Exchange



Fall 2025



By the Numbers



700+
Member
Institutions



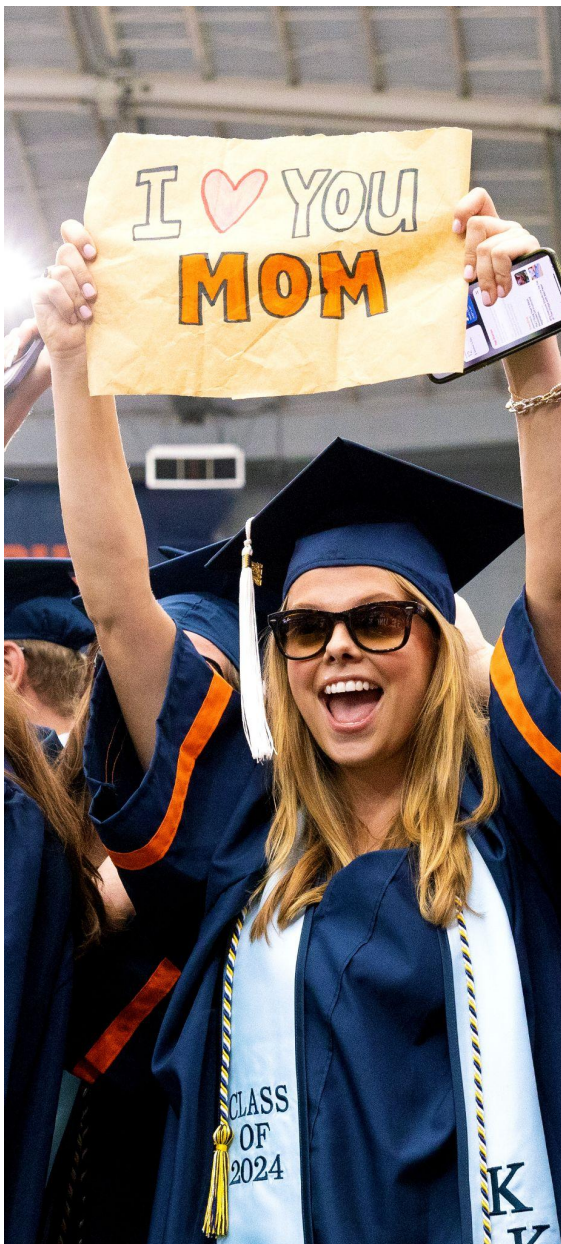
7,800+
TE
Scholars



\$328M
In Financial
Assistance

Agenda

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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:** Employees that support TE member schools/TELOs
- **TELO:** Tuition Exchange Liaison Officer designated by college to administer TE program. TELO's support their families!
- **Export:** TE Scholarship applicant emanating from employee's home institution
- **Import:** A student awarded a TE Scholarship by the host institution
- **TE Set Rate:** TE member schools can offer full tuition scholarship or TE set rate amount \$43,000/year for the 2025-2026 year*
- **FACHEX:** Catholic, Jesuit institution Exchange - 26 schools - full tuition scholarship offered to dependent Exports of other FACHEX schools

Meet the Clarks!

Chris Clark works at Potter University. Chris' daughter, Cassie Clark, is an eligible dependent acc. to Potter University's TE policy.

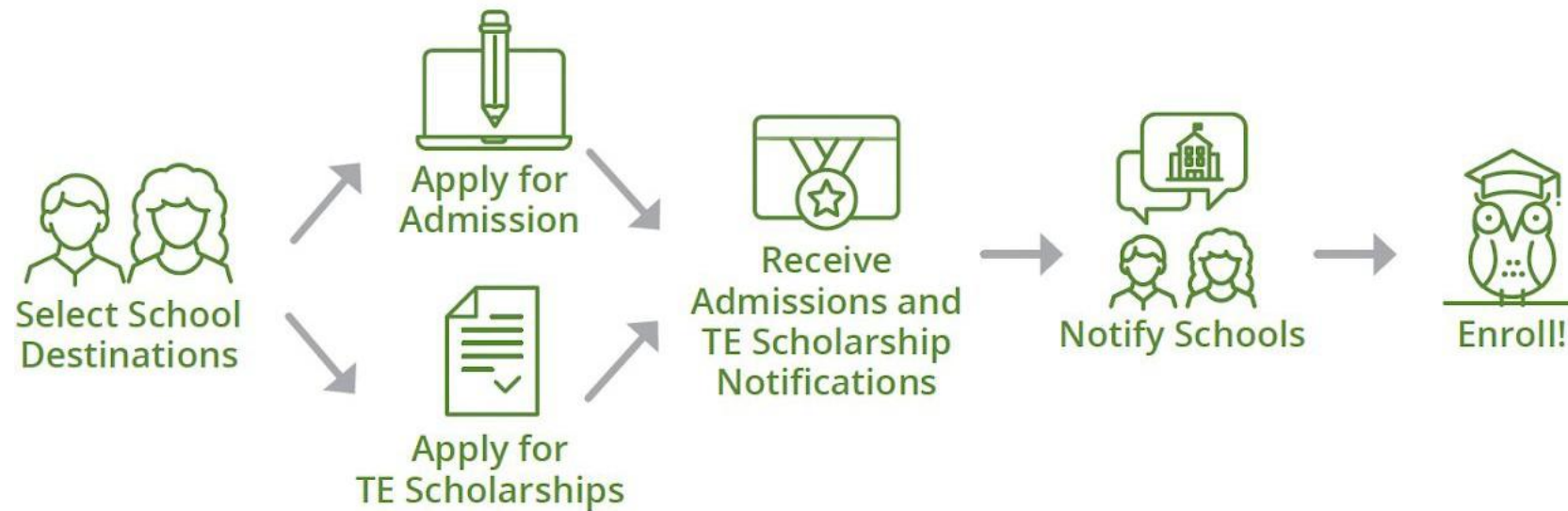
Cassie = Export of Potter University

Cassie applies for TE to 20 schools, including Griffin College. Griffin offers Cassie a TE Scholarship and she enrolls there.

Cassie = Import of Griffin College

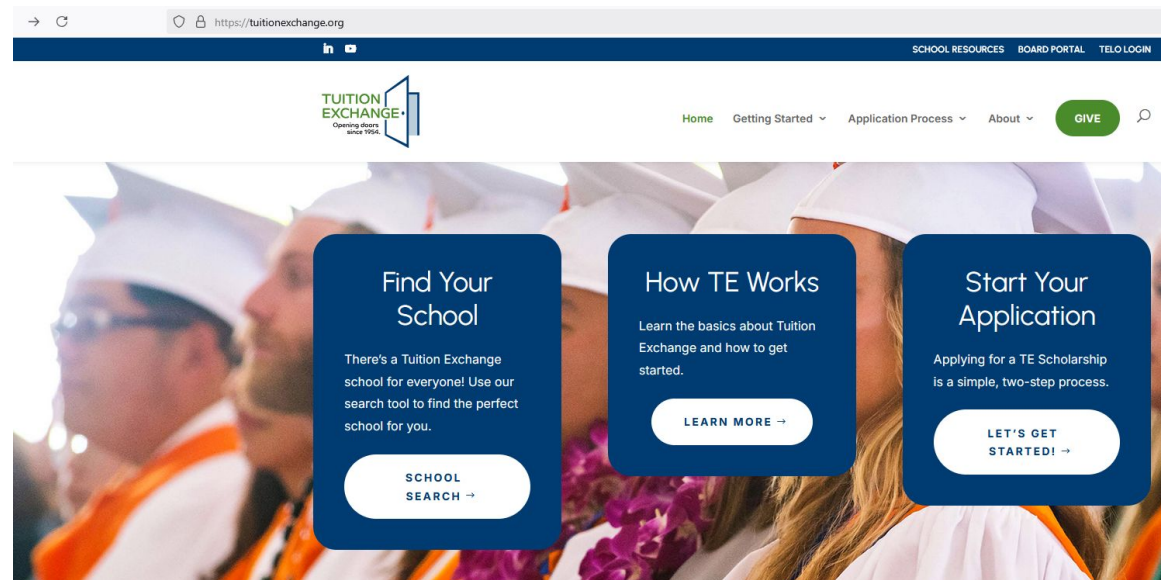


TE application process goes hand-in-hand with admissions process...



TE Member Schools

- A partnership of 710+ colleges/universities offering *competitive* Tuition Exchange (TE) Scholarships. Not guaranteed!
- See participating [school list](#) at 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 (go to tuitionexchange.org) such as: state, major, etc.



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, view school’s details via School List or via School Search
- Generally, TE is available for maximum of 4 years/8 semesters of undergraduate study. Some TE member 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.*



Navigating the TE Process

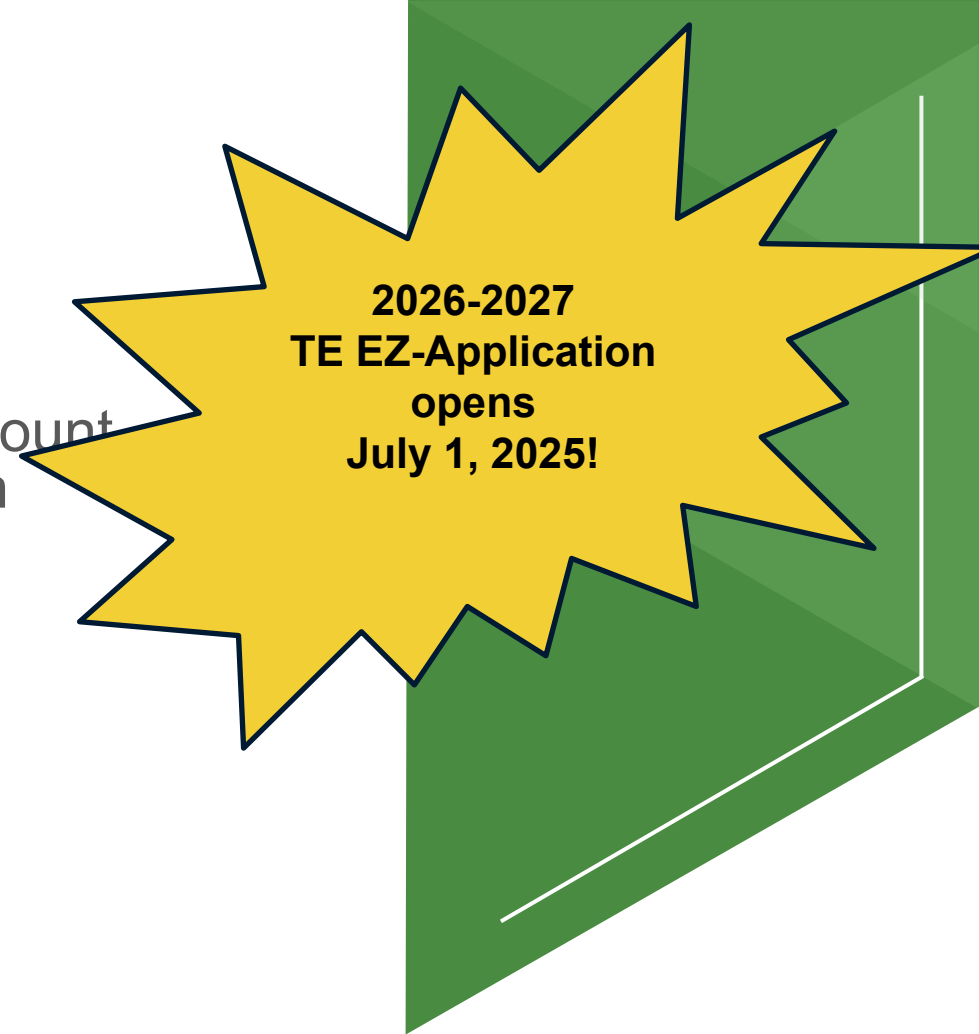
Two Steps:

1. Student applicant (not the parent!) creates TE account using their own email address that will remain with them after high school.
2. Student logs in and completes TE EZ-Application.

<https://te.tuitionexchange.org/applicantsignin>



- Select **2026-2027** year if seeking a Tuition Exchange Scholarship for Fall 2026/Spring 2027.



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
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- Email Import TELO (or ask during school visits) size of pool, # of scholarships offered, criteria used to award, timeline for awards.



Navigating the TE Process

- Chart it!

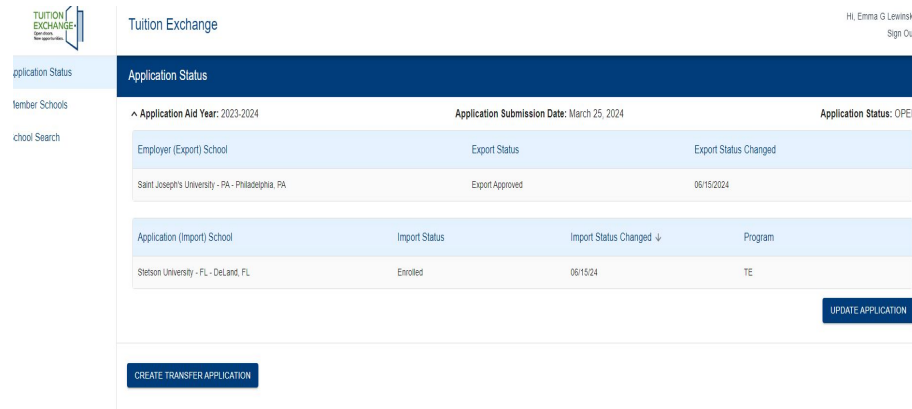
School	Admissions Deadline	TE Import App Deadline	TE Scholarship Amount	FAFSA/CSS Profile?	TELO
Syracuse University	12/1/25	4/14/26	TE Set Rate	No	test@test.edu
Tulane University	12/1/25	1/1/26	\$48,279	Yes (FAFSA)	test2@test.edu
Ithaca College	12/15/25	2/1/26	Full Tuition	Yes (FAFSA & CSS Profile)	test3@test.edu

- Cast a wide net!



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)



The screenshot shows the 'Tuition Exchange' application status page. The user is logged in as 'HL Emma G Levinsky'. The page displays the 'Application Status' for the 'Application Aid Year: 2023-2024', with an 'Application Submission Date' of 'March 25, 2024' and an 'Application Status' of 'OPEN'. The page is divided into two main sections: 'Employer (Export) School' and 'Application (Import) School'. The 'Employer (Export) School' section shows 'Saint Joseph's University - PA - Philadelphia, PA' with an 'Export Status' of 'Export Approved' and an 'Export Status Changed' date of '06/15/2024'. The 'Application (Import) School' section shows 'Stetson University - FL - Deland, FL' with an 'Import Status' of 'Enrolled' and an 'Import Status Changed' date of '06/15/2024'. The 'Program' listed is 'TE'. There are buttons for 'UPDATE APPLICATION' and 'CREATE TRANSFER APPLICATION'.

Employer (Export) School	Export Status	Export Status Changed
Saint Joseph's University - PA - Philadelphia, PA	Export Approved	06/15/2024

Application (Import) School	Import Status	Import Status Changed	Program
Stetson University - FL - Deland, FL	Enrolled	06/15/2024	TE

- 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).

Keep in Mind...

- TE EZ-Application is not a substitute for applying for admission
- 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 **SCHOOL LIST** at 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 offered annually
 - What criteria do they use when awarding
 - If not offered TE at point of entry, and student still enrolls, will they consider for TE in a subsequent year?



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



Questions?

