

# AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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### NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

**Purpose:** The purpose of need-based scholarships is to help families already enrolled at American Heritage School who are having substantial difficulty in making tuition payments.

**Requirements:** Before a family is considered for a need-based scholarship, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- Student must have been enrolled a minimum of two consecutive terms at American Heritage School.
- Family must be current on tuition payments.
- Family must have carefully explored other sources of assistance, such as sponsorship from extended family members.
- Student must demonstrate Christian behavior and adherence to the mission statement of the School.
- Student must demonstrate consistent, satisfactory academic and behavioral performance.
- A completed need-based application (available on the School's website) must be submitted, including the following attachments:
  - o A written letter stating the reason for the request and the family's current circumstances.
  - o A signed copy of the most-recent tax return as filed with the IRS.

| <u>Applications<br/>Submitted by:</u> | <u>Will be considered for<br/>award beginning:</u> |
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| March 1                               | May 1  |
| July 1                                | August 1   |
| October 1                             | November 1   |
| December 1                            | January 1  |

**Terms of Scholarship:** A family that receives a need-based scholarship should be aware of the following terms of the scholarship award:

- A need-based scholarship grant is effective only for the academic year for which the family applies. A new application is required for each subsequent year.
- A need-based scholarship grant is effective only if the student is enrolled at American Heritage School. If a student withdraws from the School, the remainder of the scholarship grant is forfeited.
- A need-based scholarship grant is effective only so long as the student continues to demonstrate a good faith effort to adhere to the mission statement and policies of the School.
- A family who receives a need-based scholarship can expect to be called upon from time-to-time to provide service to the school beyond the 30-hour minimum service hour commitment (examples might include temporary lunchroom help, special event set-up or take-down, special event assistance, project-based custodial assistance, etc.).

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

**Purpose:** The purpose of the merit-based scholarship program is to acknowledge and reward incoming Ninth through Twelfth Grade students who demonstrate superior academic performance and outstanding self-government.

**Requirements:** To be considered for a merit-based scholarship, a student must demonstrate superior academic performance (as measured by GPA and rigor of courses elected) and outstanding self-government. Generally, merit-based scholarships will only be awarded to those students coming into grades 9-12 whose most recent four-term cumulative GPA is in the approximately 95<sup>th</sup> to 99<sup>th</sup> percentile when compared to their grade level peers. Note that this percentile test is a *general* approximation and only a *general* indication of the superior standard of academic performance necessary to receive a merit-based scholarship. It does not mean that all students in this relative GPA range will receive a merit-based scholarship, nor does it mean that a student who is below this relative GPA range cannot or should not apply. The actual GPA range of students who ultimately receive merit-based scholarships in any given year will be different from year to year depending upon various factors, including the amount of money available in the scholarship fund, the relative performance of the applicants in each grade level, and the number of students that apply, and, ultimately, Scholarship Committee discretion.

In addition to superior academic performance, the following other requirements include:

- Student must articulate his/her merit in a letter to the Scholarship Committee. The letter may include the following:
  - o Why the student appreciates being able to attend American Heritage School.
  - o Why the student should be considered for a merit-based scholarship (including any financial considerations).
  - o Student's academic accomplishments during the previous year.
  - o Student's educational goals for the future.
  - o How the student strives to be a model student of the principles incorporated in the Mission Statement of American Heritage School.
  - o Examples of service the student has rendered to the school, church, community, or nation.
- Student must have completed at least one year at American Heritage School.
- Family must be current on tuition payments.
- Student must demonstrate Christian behavior and adherence to the mission statement of the School.
- Student must demonstrate consistent, satisfactory academic and behavioral performance.

**Application Deadline:** Applications for merit-based scholarships must be submitted no later than March 1 to be considered for the next school year.

**Terms of Scholarship:** A student who receives a merit-based scholarship should be aware of the following terms of the scholarship award:

- A merit-based scholarship award is effective only for the academic year for which the student applies.
- A merit-based scholarship award is effective only if the student is enrolled at American Heritage School. If a student withdraws from the School, the remainder of the scholarship award is forfeited.

A merit-based scholarship award is effective only so long as the student continues to demonstrate a good faith effort to adhere to the mission statement and policies of the School.