

# Silver State Scholarships

*School Choice Scholarship for School Year 2022/2023*

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRANT QUALIFICATION**

*Silver State Scholarships* will be accepting applications from our returning families (formerly "Dinosaurs and Roses") starting May 9, 2022 and closing on May 23, 2022 as part of the Nevada Educational Choice Scholarship Program. Returning families to School Grant Organizations (but not awarded last year by D&R) and NEW families, can submit applications starting May 24, 2022 and closing on June 7, 2022. Note: Scholarships awarded are only to be applied to tuition and directly related expenses and can only be used for the current school year in which the grant is awarded. There is absolutely no carryover or carry back of funds for any scholarships.

In order for *Silver State Scholarships* to consider your application, the following are required:

1. You must be living in the State of Nevada and the student has to be entering K– 12. The school you are planning to attend or attending has to be a private registered school to receive the grant. A list of the schools can be found under our Home Page or by going to [www.doe.nv.gov](http://www.doe.nv.gov) under the Families tab and then by selecting NV Choice Scholarship Program.
2. Your family annual household income has to be within 300% of the federal designated poverty level. (Poverty Guidelines attached.)
3. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must fill out the application provided by *Silver State Scholarships* for school year 2022-2023. We will not accept last year's application. Answer or check all the questions. If a question doesn't apply, write N/A in the space. Leaving questions blank may lead to your family not being eligible. Each student needs a separate application; however, all can be mailed in the same envelope. Include only one set of financials per family.
4. Please write (or type) clearly and legibly, especially for your contact information. If we need to contact you, it will be through email, so make sure your email address is printed legibly. Failure to do so may result in not having your application considered.
5. All applications must be signed and dated by each parent/guardian to be considered.
6. In order for your application to be considered and *Silver State Scholarships* being able to determine if you are within 300% of the federal designated poverty level, you must include with your application the following supporting documents.

- a. A copy of your 2021 tax return (first 2 pages only, but make sure to include any additional pages that show dependents.) If you haven't been able to complete your return at the time of sending your application, please give approximate date of filing and email it as soon as finished to [scholarships@silverstatescholarships.org](mailto:scholarships@silverstatescholarships.org). If you are not required to file a tax return because of your income level, check the space on the application where indicated.
  - b. A copy of each parent(s)/guardian(s) last 2 (regular working hours) pay stubs. If you are self-employed and do not receive a paycheck, please provide a copy of your last 2 month's bank statements which show proof of income deposits. (Please check or highlight all that apply.) You may include a P & L statement that show expenses to offset the income.
  - c. If you receive government aid such as food stamps, social security, student loans/grants, housing assistance, workers compensation, disability, unemployment, etc., please provide all documentation verifying amounts.
7. The scholarship application should be completed by the parent/guardian with whom the child is living. If the parents are separated or divorced, it should be completed and signed by the parent that has primary custody. If the parent that has primary custody (parent/guardian "1") remarries, list the new spouse as parent/guardian "2."
  8. According to the regulations from the Dept. of Education, the Scholarships will be awarded in the order in which the completed application is received. For more information, please visit [www.doe.nv.gov](http://www.doe.nv.gov) under the Families tab and then by selecting NV Choice Scholarship Program.
  9. Please submit your application with a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee PER family. Make check payable to *Silver State Scholarships*. Cash or money orders are also acceptable. Please indicate child(ren) name(s) on payment.
  10. All applications must be mailed (USPS, FedEx, or UPS) to *Silver State Scholarships* at 6655 W. Sahara Ave. #D106, Las Vegas, NV 89146. We strongly suggest sending with tracking, as well as keeping a copy of the application and documents sent. *Silver State Scholarships* will not be responsible for lost applications. No early, late or dropped off applications will be accepted.
  11. We anticipate determinations to be completed by late July. Parents will receive notification by mail/and or email if they are approved or not.
  12. Please be advised that all non-returning and new families are not guaranteed awards. Granting scholarships will be based on qualification and the amount of funding we have available for the 2022-2023 school year.