

Silver State Scholarships

School Choice Scholarship for School Year 2023/2024

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRANT QUALIFICATION

Silver State Scholarships will be accepting applications from our RETURNING families starting May 1, 2023 through May 12, 2023 as part of the Nevada Educational Choice Scholarship Program. Though we are waiting for Legislative determination for accepting new students this year, former returning families to School Grant Organizations (not awarded last year by Silver State Scholarships) and NEW families, can submit applications starting May 15, 2023 through May 18, 2023. We will not accept any submissions that are postmarked before or after the dates for your category. 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 or transfers to another student 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 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 indicated on application.)
3. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must fill out the application provided by *Silver State Scholarships* for school year 2023-2024. 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. *If you are applying for a new child who is a sibling of a returning student, they can be sent together, but he/she will be regarded as a new student for consideration.
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 filing 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 2022 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. 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) most recent two (2) pay statements (regular working hours, not holiday, vacation or loa). If you are self-employed and do not receive a paycheck, please provide a copy of your last two (2) month's bank statements which show proof of income deposits. (Check or highlight all that apply.) You may include a P & L statement that shows expenses to offset the income. You must include some form of payment verification to be considered.
 - i. For tip positions: if your company paystub includes tip amounts not actually received (i.e. Tips Distributed) write on your pay statement how much in tips you are actually making for that pay period so we do not calculate a much higher rate of pay.
 - ii. If you have more than 1 job, you need to send in pay verification for all jobs.
 - iii. All employment beginning January 1, 2023 must be included with documentation whether you have a new job or are unemployed at the time you send in your application. If you've ended or started a new job during 2023, please list end and start dates.
 - iv. If you do not work 12 months per year, please indicate that on the application where indicated.
 - c. If you receive government aid such as food stamps (SNAP), Social Security, student loans/grants, housing assistance, veterans pay, workers compensation, disability, unemployment, etc., please provide all documentation verifying recipient and 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 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. *(If we are unable to process your application(s) due only to legislative restrictions or lack of funds, your fee will be returned.)**
- 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 cannot accept DROPPED OFF applications. And we strongly suggest sending with tracking as well as keeping a copy of the application and documents for yourself. *Silver State Scholarships* will not be responsible for lost applications.**
- 11. We anticipate determinations to be completed by July. Parents will receive notification by mail/and or email if they are approved or not. Please do not ask us for determinations before then.**
- 12. Please be advised that all non-returning and new families are not guaranteed awards. Granting scholarships, if the legislation allows, will be based on your qualification and the amount of funding we have available for the 2023-2024 school year after all the returning families have been awarded.**