

The Alabama Educational Scholarship Program

The K-12 **Alabama Educational Scholarship Program** was begun with the passage of the 2013 Alabama Accountability Act, which enabled the creation of scholarship granting organizations (SGOs) in Alabama. All Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Mobile participate in this program. SGOs fund scholarships for eligible students zoned for “failing schools” as defined by the act. After Sept. 15 of each year, SGOs may award remaining unallocated funds to eligible students whether or not they are zoned for a failing school.

One of the scholarship eligibility requirements is tied to household income. Students may be eligible to receive scholarships if their family income falls into one of these categories:

Scholarship Income Guidelines	
<i>Household size</i>	<i>Maximum Annual Income</i>
1	\$ 23,340
2	\$ 31,460
3	\$ 39,580
4	\$ 47,700
5	\$ 55,820
6	\$ 63,940
7	\$ 72,060
8	\$ 80,180
9	\$ 88,300
10	\$ 96,420
	<i>Each additional member, add \$8120</i>

Maximum allowable income may vary slightly by year and by SGO; check with the SGO of your choice.

If you would like to find out more about the scholarship program, additional information can be found on the following websites:

- The American Federation for Children,
<http://www.federationforchildren.org/state-by-state/alabama/>
- The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice,
<http://www.edchoice.org/School-Choice/Programs/Alabama-Accountability-Act-of-2013-School-Choice-Scholarships.aspx>

For a list of all the scholarship granting organizations in Alabama, visit www.ador.alabama.gov/accountability/documents/Qualified_Scholarship_Granting_Organizations.pdf. You may check with each SGO directly to find out their requirements and application deadlines, or contact the Catholic school nearest you.