



2018-19 Walmart Dependent Scholarship Program Guidelines

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants are required to meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States.
- Must be the dependent of a Walmart associate (employee) who has been actively employed within any division of Walmart for at least six consecutive months as of April 2, 2018.
- Must be a high school (or home school) senior graduating between August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018 or a GED candidate earning their diploma between August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2018.
- High school/home school seniors must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
- Must enroll for the Fall 2018 semester as a freshman/1st year student in a full-time program of study at a two-year or four-year college or university. The school must be an accredited U.S. institution and listed on the official website for the U.S. Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>). Military academies are not approved institutions.
- Must have financial need and be able to demonstrate the need with required documents.

Notes:

- Dependents of the Walmart Board of Directors or of Walmart officers (Vice President and above) are not eligible to apply.
- Students with other funds that pay entirely for tuition, fees, books & supplies and on-campus room & board are not eligible to receive this award.

Application Period

The application is open from January 5, 2018 – April 2, 2018.

Required Documents

Applicants are required to upload electronic copies of the following documents:

- High school (or home school) **transcript** showing grades and GPA through the first semester of senior year
- Current **FAFSA Student Aid Report** (SAR)
- Copies of the most recent **IRS Form 1040** of the Walmart associate parent(s) who claimed the applicant as a dependent

Notes:

- The high school (or home school) transcript does not need to be official, but it must contain the applicant's full name and the name of the school as part of the document.
- The FAFSA submission confirmation page is not the same as the Student Aid Report (SAR) and will not be accepted in place of the SAR.

Award Details

- The maximum award amount for the Walmart Dependent Scholarship is \$13,000, which can be used over four academic years of continuous, full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university.
- Recipients are required to complete an online acceptance form before the initial award payment of \$1,625 (for the fall 2018 semester) will be disbursed to the designated institution.
- The award must be renewed prior to the start of each subsequent semester, beginning with the spring 2019 semester. (Refer to the Renewal Support section below for more information.)
- Funding can only be applied to fall and spring semesters. Scholarship funds cannot be used for summer coursework.
- Scholarship funds will be applied to tuition, fees, books & supplies and on-campus room & board at an accredited U.S. institution. Military academies are not approved institutions.
- Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award; *all school transfers are subject to accreditation approval.*



Scholarship Payments

- Payments are issued by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS).
- Checks are made payable to and mailed directly to the accredited college or university last designated by the scholar.
- Fall semester disbursements will be mailed each year in early August; spring semester disbursements will be mailed in early February.
- The initial payment of \$1,625 (for the fall 2018 semester) will be issued only after the scholar submits the online acceptance form. Instructions, including deadline dates, will be emailed to winning dependents.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to notify ISTS should the scholarship check not arrive at the institution within 30 days of the issue date.

Conditions of Award

- The applicant's parent or legal guardian must be an actively employed associate with any division of Walmart at the time the scholarship is awarded.
- If, at any time, a scholar receives additional funding from another source that covers full tuition, fees, books & supplies and on-campus room & board for the academic year, the scholar will no longer be eligible to receive Walmart funding and must relinquish the scholarship.

Winner Selection and Announcements

ISTS will provide a selection committee, independent of Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, to ensure the impartial and confidential evaluation of applications. Scholarships will be awarded to 25% of the eligible applicants, in accordance with IRS regulations. Selections are based on academics and financial need. Winner and non-winner announcements will be emailed in May.

Responsibilities of Recipients

- Recipients must enroll for the fall 2018 semester as a freshman/first-year student in a full-time program of study at a two-year or four-year college or university. The school must be an accredited U.S. institution and listed on the official website for the U.S. Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>). Military academies are not approved institutions.
- If a recipient is attending a two-year institution, **he/she must transfer to a four-year institution** prior to the junior/third year of school.
- Recipients must continue in school the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service.
- Recipients must verify receipt of funds by their institution and to notify ISTS should the check not arrive within 30 days of the issue date.
- Recipients must maintain an active email address that is able to receive communication from ISTS and inform ISTS of any changes to their contact information, including email address.

Renewal Support for Current Scholars

To remain eligible to renew their award, scholars must:

- Be continuously enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit hours or more) each semester/term
- Achieve a minimum semester/term grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (on a 4-point scale) for the previous semester/term

*Scholars attending two-year institutions **must transfer to a 4-year institution** prior to their junior/third year of school. Scholars who are not enrolled at four-year institutions by their junior/third year in school will no longer be eligible to receive Walmart funding and will forfeit their scholarship.*

To renew their award, scholars must:

- Submit an online renewal form for each semester
- Provide a current transcript showing continuous, full-time enrollment and final grades from the most recent semester/term

Questions

For additional information regarding the scholarship program, contact us by email at walmartdependent@applyISTS.com or call toll free (800) 311-6823. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central.

The Walmart Foundation reserves the right to alter or discontinue this program at any time without notice.

