ACS Tuition Exchange

You can apply for ACS Tuition Exchange at <http://colleges.org/programs/tuition-exchange-program/>

**What is the ACS Tuition Exchange Program?**

The Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) Tuition Exchange Program is a benefit (though not an automatic one) for employees of 15 ACS member institutions to allow their children or dependents to attend another ACS college or university at a relatively low cost.

**Are there fees associated with the program?**

 Participation costs parents just $2,000 per year.  The fee is due July 15 each year and once paid, it is not refundable (if, for example, the student decides not to attend that year).

**Which costs are covered by the award at Rhodes?**

 The ACS award covers all tuition and fees. This does not include room, board, and special fees not charged to all students. Students with additional need are encouraged to discuss financial aid with institutions to which they are applying.

**Which school are a part of the American Colleges of the South?**

The following colleges make up the American Colleges of the South: Birmingham-Southern College, Centenary College, Centre College, Furman University, Hendrix College, Millsaps College, Morehouse College, Rhodes College, Rollins College, Southwestern University, Spelman College, Trinity University, University of Richmond, Sewanee: The University of the South, and Washington and Lee University.

**Are all students eligible to apply?**

 Entering first year, currently enrolled, and transfer students are eligible to apply. The parent/guardian must be employed by a participating institution. The ACS Tuition Exchange Coordinator must certify the applicant’s eligibility, but eligibility does not guarantee acceptance to Rhodes or approval for tuition exchange.

**How do I apply for the Tuition Exchange benefit**?

Students and parents/guardians should contact the ACS Tuition Exchange Coordinator at their home institution, who will collect necessary information from them to apply for Tuition Exchange.  Usually the parent/guardian must fill out an informational form, available at <http://colleges.org/programs/tuition-exchange-program/> and give this to the ACS Tuition Exchange Coordinator/Human Resources contact to begin the process. The point of contact for students and parents/guardians is their Tuition Exchange Coordinator/Human Resources Contact.

**Do I still need to apply for admission to Rhodes?**

 Prospective first-year students seeking the Tuition Exchange benefit must apply for admission at Rhodes, submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile, according to decision deadlines. The ACS priority deadline is January 15. ACS applications will be reviewed during each decision period if spots are still available. Rhodes application deadlines are as follows”

Early Decision – November 1

Early Action - November 15

Regular Decision – January 15

Preference may be given to Early Decision students. Rhodes retains full autonomy over admission and retention of its ACS Tuition Exchange students. Your counselor in the Rhodes Office of Admission will be happy to help you with the application process. Please contact 800-847-5969 or email adminfo@rhodes.edu to speak with your admission counselor.

**How are student applications evaluated?**

Students are considered for but not guaranteed an ACS Scholarship at Rhodes. We evaluate ACS applications with a holistic approach, as we do with admission in general, taking into consideration grades, courses, test scores, essays, recommendations and extracurriculars. We do anticipate having 1-2 slots available for students enrolling in the 2021-2022 academic year. Through each decision period we will notify awardees as well as other applicants who will be added to our waitlist.

**Restrictions**. There are certain limitations including the following:

* The student must be full-time (12 units per semester) and must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree.
* The ACS award is available for a maximum of four academic years, and if a student withdraws during a term, the term is still counted as a term of ACS participation.
* Students must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards as outlined in the Rhodes College Handbook and maintain a 2.0 GPA.
* Student eligibility must be recertified each academic year and is not guaranteed.
* Summer classes are not covered by the ACS award
* The ACS award covers tuition Rhodes Exchange and Affiliated Study Abroad programs

**How will I be notified of my ACS award decision?**

If a student is admitted to Rhodes and offered a tuition exchange scholarship, they will find it included in their financial aid award. Students who are not awarded an ACS scholarship will also be notified, added to a waitlist and considered for other types of scholarships, grants, student loans and work study. If additional scholarships are available after the admission decision deadline, students on the waitlist will be re-evaluated and notified if they are awarded a scholarship.