

ACS Tuition Exchange Program at Rhodes College

FAQ

1. 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.

2. How do I apply for the ACS Tuition Exchange Scholarship?

Students and parents/guardians should contact the ACS Tuition Exchange Coordinator/Human Resources at their home institution who will supply an informational form/application for the ACS tuition scholarship. The form will need to be filled out and submitted back to the ACS Coordinator/Human Resources contact. They will be the point of contact throughout the process.

3. How much is the ACS scholarship at Rhodes?

Rhodes will award full tuition, estimated at \$54,000, to recipients for the 2024-25 school year. The ACS award does not include the activity fee, 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.

4. 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).

5. Many families ask the question, “will my freshman Import be offered an ACS scholarship at Rhodes?”

Students are considered for, but not guaranteed, an ACS Scholarship at Rhodes.

6. How are student applications evaluated?

We evaluate ACS applications with a holistic approach, as we do with admission in general, taking into consideration grades, courses, test scores, essays, recommendations, extracurriculars and test scores if admitted. We do anticipate having 1-2 slots available for students enrolling in the 2024-2025 academic year. Through each decision period we will notify awardees as well as other applicants who will be added to our ACS waitlist.

7. Is there a deadline to apply for ACS Scholarship at Rhodes?

Yes, the ACS priority deadline at Rhodes is January 15. ACS applications will be reviewed during each decision period if spots are still available.

8. Do I still need to apply for admission to Rhodes?

Prospective first-year students seeking the ACS tuition exchange benefit must apply for admission at Rhodes, using the Common App, and submit the FAFSA according to decision deadlines. ACS applications will be reviewed during each decision period if spots are still available. Rhodes application deadlines are as follows:

Early Decision I – November 1

Early Action – November 15

Early Decision II – January 15

Regular Decision – January 15

Preference may be given to Early Decision students. Rhodes retains full autonomy over admission 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 call 800-847-5969 or email adminfo@rhodes.edu to speak with your admission counselor.

9. How/when will I be notified of my ACS award decision?

If a student is admitted to Rhodes and offered an ACS 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 ACS scholarships are available after the admission decision deadline, students on the ACS waitlist will be re-evaluated and notified if they are awarded a scholarship.

10. How many semesters does the ACS scholarship cover?

ACS awards are based on class levels with an 8-semester maximum. Scholarships are only available for first-time entering freshmen and transfer students. If a student withdraws, the term is still counted as a term of ACS participation.

11. Are all students eligible to apply?

Entering first year and transfer students are eligible to apply. The parent/guardian must be employed by a participating institution.

12. Can I attend summer school at Rhodes and use my ACS award?

No, ACS scholarships are not available for summer terms.

13. Do I need to submit any financial aid forms?

Yes, you will need to submit the FAFSA. The FAFSA application is free and may open additional grant, scholarship, work, and even student loan opportunities. You will also need to complete either the need-based aid supplemental questions in your portal or submit the CSS Profile.

14. Can I attend a Rhodes study abroad session in a fall or spring term?

Yes, as a Rhodes student, the ACS award is available for both semester and year-long Rhodes, Exchange and affiliated study abroad programs.

15. Are graduate studies offered through ACS?

No, Rhodes, as with most schools in the ACS program, participates in ACS at the undergraduate level only.

16. What are the academic requirements for maintaining an ACS scholarship?

Students must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards as outlined in the Rhodes College Handbook, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and enroll in a minimum of 12 units/credits per semester.

17. Do I need to apply every year for the scholarship?

No, ACS and administrators at both the import and export schools will handle the recertification process. The award is covered through graduation or a maximum of 8 semesters as long as eligibility requirements are met. You do, however, need to pay the yearly fee in July.

18. When will Rhodes re-certify my Import ACS eligibility annually?

Rhodes will recertify each year annually in September. However, please be aware that Rhodes reviews all Import student records at the conclusion of each semester to confirm that the student has met the academic requirements and the parent has maintained employment eligibility for the ACS scholarship.

19. What happens if my parent is no longer employed at the exporting institution? The scholarship will be terminated at the end of the semester in which the parent leaves their position.

20. Are there academic/service requirements I need to meet to apply for an ACS scholarship?

No, there are no academic or service requirements that need to be met to apply for an ACS scholarship.

21. I was offered a Rhodes scholarship; can I keep both that and the ACS scholarship?

ACS scholarships may replace institutional aid awarded to the student. Please check with your admission counselor.

22. Which schools are a part of the Associated Colleges of the South?

The following colleges make up the Associated 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.