



# WHO IS ACE



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## VISION

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Every child has equal access to a quality education.

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## MISSION

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To provide children of low-income families with scholarships to private schools in grades K-12, and to advocate for expanded school choice.

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## ACE IN LOUISIANA

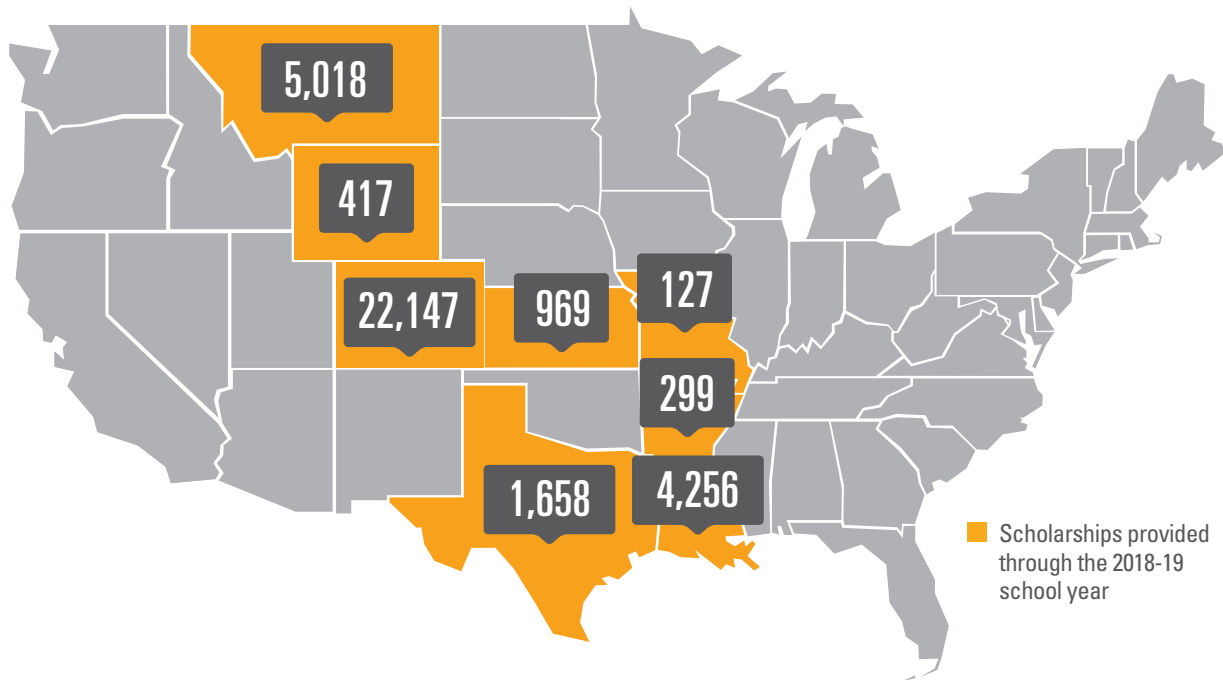
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ACE Louisiana is the largest School Tuition Organization (STO) providing K-12 private school scholarships under the Tuition Donation Credit (TDC) program. The TDC provides a state tax credit to individuals and corporations who contribute toward scholarships for economically disadvantaged Louisiana students.

# AN ESTABLISHED LEGACY



ACE Scholarships was founded in 2000 in Denver, Colorado. ACE reduces inequality in our education system by providing scholarships to economically disadvantaged students to attend K-12 private schools. Over the course of nearly two decades, we have awarded over 35,000 scholarships worth more than \$83 million in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Texas, and Wyoming.

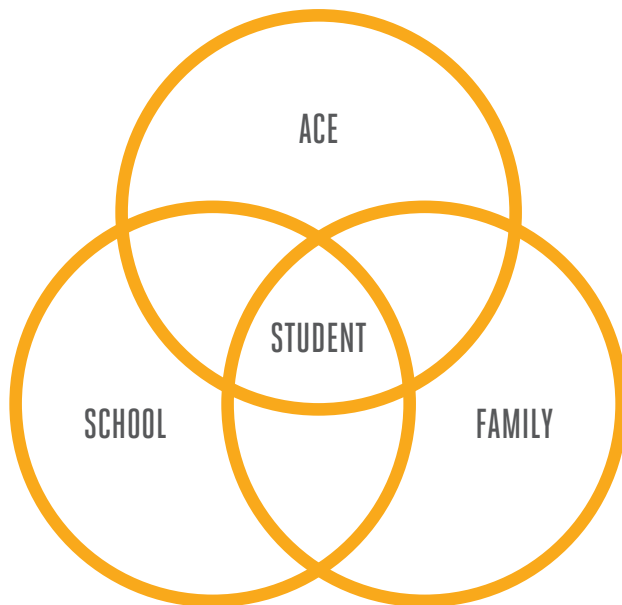


# A PROVEN MODEL



Key to ACE's success is our three-way partnership model in which ACE, the school, and the family are all invested in the student's success.

An ACE K-12 scholarship is a partial scholarship. In Louisiana, the maximum scholarship awarded is \$4,200 for K-8 and \$4,500 for high school per year. The average ACE family in Louisiana has a household income of \$28,550, yet these families contribute an average of \$1,000 for K-8 and \$3,100 for high school. We're a hand up, not a hand out.



**\$28,550**

Average Income for an ACE Family of Four

**\$4,800 | \$7,900**

Average School Tuition Cost (K-8) | (HS)

**\$4,200 | \$4,500**

Max. ACE Partial Scholarship (K-8) | (HS)

**\$1,000 | \$3,100**

Average Family Investment in their  
Child's Education (K-8) | (HS)



# ACE LOUISIANA



# IMPACT ON FAMILIES



Once on scholarship, ACE families experience positive changes in both habits and behavior compared to average low-income families in the United States.



72% of ACE parents read to their children



88% of ACE families report eating dinner together as a family on a regular basis



Many ACE parents begin to pursue more education themselves, progressing toward a post-secondary credential



Household incomes rise 12+% and families move less



Parents are more engaged in their children's learning, and students spend more time on schoolwork.



Kids are more involved in extracurricular activities, and families volunteer more often



All these behavioral improvements encourage social and economic upward mobility. In providing just one child with a scholarship, ACE can shatter the cycle of poverty.

# ACE TESTIMONY



my family can not begin to express our gratitude for your generosity. Because of you, our son is getting a quality education. One that will no doubt affect his future in so many positive ways.

When I was diagnosed with cancer, ~~when~~ we had to move out of our home in town, and into a more reasonably priced one. Unfortunately, the new school zone the move put us in had our son zoned for a school that is academically not even close to state standards.

My children and family are the most precious gift. The tuition that you paid for my son will give him an advantage in life that he otherwise may never have had. He loves his school. He learns so much every day. His teacher is wonderful, and he comes home every day excited about his school day! You have given us a priceless gift. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Sincerely,  
The Stuxell Family

# IMPACT ON SOCIETY



Higher educational attainment provides the means to live independently. Independent, contributing members of society reduce costs and strengthen economic prospects for communities.

Based on our 90+ percent national average high school graduation rate, it is estimated that ACE is on track to save society over a half billion dollars in costs associated with high school drop outs.

Moreover, since parental education is often identified as the single strongest correlate of children's success in school, the impact of an ACE scholarship will be exponential as it extends into future generations, continuing a cycle of opportunity.



**90+%**

NATIONAL ACE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION RATE



**2X**

ACE STUDENTS GRADUATE AT A RATE  
ALMOST DOUBLE OF THEIR PEERS FROM  
PREDOMINANTLY LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS



# ACE TESTIMONY



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My son Evan was lost, angry and going down a dark path. He hated school, was bullied, and classes were too big. His anxiety was through the roof. He tried to run away from school more than once and had behavior issues. Now at his private school he is thriving. He loves going to school, gets up ready and walks to school by himself. I've received nothing but positive feedback about my son from his school. I always knew that my son is polite, highly intelligent and motivated. It just took the right environment for others to see it as well. Thanks to ACE we have been able to take the money saved on tuition and put it towards the down payment for the Habitat House. If we didn't have the help from ACE for school we might not have qualified for Habitat. I couldn't be happier, not only do I feel like my son has a future and feels accepted, but my family will finally have our own home. A big part of that is the help received from you. Thank you ACE!

Nicole

# CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



We have proven our model works. Our partner schools are empowering our scholars to succeed, and our scholars are strengthening their communities.

Many of our scholars and alumni once struggled to succeed. They got into fights, were multiple grade levels behind, hated school and were at risk of dropping out. Today, these "lost causes" are in medical school, running businesses, and working as engineers - proving that with access to opportunity, anything is possible.

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equal access to a  
quality education**

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# THANK YOU!





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