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TUITION EXCHANGE
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Overview of the Tuition Exchange Program

Tuition Exchange (TE) is a reciprocal scholarship opportunity for eligible faculty and staff dependents at all 700+ individual TE member schools. TE Scholarships are available to eligible employees and qualifying dependents at TE member schools.

GW offers a new value of Tuition Exchange funding for each cohort enrolling at the university. The Tuition Exchange Scholarship amount for students entering GW in 2026-2027 is set at $60,000 or about 80% of the cost of tuition (The TE scholarship amount has not been set for 2027-2028 yet but it will likely cover around 80% of the cost of tuition.) Each cohort of students entering GW can expect that they will receive the same amount each year for the Tuition Exchange Scholarship. (Example: Students entering in Fall 2026 will receive $60,000 for Tuition Exchange for each eligible semester. If you are applying as a Transfer student or are a Continuing student with GW the scholarship amount would be based on your level. If you are a 2nd year you would be offered a scholarship based on the cohort are also 2nd years not the 1st year rate. Students must be enrolled full time each semester (12 or more credit hours) and maintain an overall 2.0 GPA or better to remain eligible. This scholarship is offered for a maximum of 8 semesters.

Types of Students

Export = a George Washington University dependent receiving tuition exchange at another TE school
Import = a non-GW employee dependent receiving tuition exchange at GWU

Who is Eligible for Tuition Exchange?

GW employees in benefits-eligible positions (e.g., Full-Time, Part-Time) with more than four (4) years of continuous service at the university. The TE scholarship covers only undergraduate degrees for dependent children of GW employees and up to four (4) years or eight (8) semesters. The TE scholarship does not cover graduate programs.

Things to Know

Tuition Exchange Scholarships are not guaranteed and selectivity varies by school. Families should do their research prior to applying for Tuition Exchange. Students may add up to 20 schools to their Tuition Exchange application.
The value of the TE scholarship is full tuition for the annual TE set rate or a custom rate that individual schools may choose. The set rate is $44,000 for 2026-2027 and $45,000 for 2027-2028; schools at minimum offer that amount for TE. Students should check with schools they are applying to for details regarding the offered TE scholarship amount and details.

Application Process

****TE FALL FAMILY WEBINARS – TE offers several webinars to learn more about Tuition Exchange and how to navigate college admissions and financial aid processes in conjunction with applying for TE.****

1. During your Junior/Senior year select your schools of interest
2. Apply for admission at your selected schools and then apply for TE Scholarships. Application for admission and TE should be happening simultaneously so that all records match up and students can receive full consideration.
3. Create a Tuition Exchange account. The TE application is all about the student, so the student should use an email address besides their high school or parent employer's email. This account will stay with you throughout your TE journey.
4. The maximum number of active schools on your TE Application at any one time is 20. You can add or delete schools at any time. If you are no longer interested in a school, please remove them from your list so that the school knows you no longer wish to be considered for TE. Additionally, please notify the admissions office.
5. Once the export eligibility has been reviewed and confirmed by HR, the TE application(s) is certified and sent to the importing schools selected on the TE application.
6. At this point the Importing (schools your GW dependent is applying to) institutions take over the process.
7. Please make note of all the deadlines your import school set for when applications for Import are due by and any other requirements they may have for admission. Applicants should also file for FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st. By filing FAFSA you may be eligible for additional need based financial assistance. If you demonstrate financial need, any federal or state financial assistance that you receive will be coordinated with TE if you are offered the scholarship. Each import institution can provide guidance when you receive your Financial Aid offer for how TE would be impacted.