

## ARETE SCHOLARS

Dear Louisiana School Partner,

The 2018-2019 scholarship application period is approaching. Please read the following carefully as it contains important details regarding the application process. An application brochure can be downloaded [HERE](#) and shared with prospective scholarship families.

Starting on February 27 at 9:00am, applications will be available at our website [AreteScholars.org](http://AreteScholars.org). Maximum award amounts for the 2018-19 school year are **\$4,205.09** for grades K-8 and **\$4,730.73** for grades 9-12.

**The current application deadline is April 30.** That date is subject to change, based on the number of applications. No applications will be accepted after we close.

The process will open to both new and returning applicants, and priority in funding is given to current students in the Tuition Donation Program and the Louisiana Scholarship Program. All new applicants are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited and an application does not guarantee a scholarship, so please encourage your families to apply promptly. All applications must be started at our website [www.aretescholars.org](http://www.aretescholars.org) or we will have no record of the application.

For 2018-19, Arete will continue working with TADS to process applications. Please log on to your TADS account throughout the application season to track applying families who choose your school on their application. Please pay special attention to returning families to ensure they apply promptly. We will email application notices to all returning scholarship families and ask that you also encourage them to apply early. As we continue to grow, we can no longer accommodate families who miss the application window.

Applications are not considered complete until **ALL** required documentation has been submitted by the family, and applicant priority will not be set until the application is complete. Families must upload the documents directly to TADS and any documentation sent to Arete will not be considered.

### PLEASE NOTE:

If your school already works with TADS, families will only need to fill out one application for both your school and for an Arete scholarship. If a family has already completed a 2018-2019 TADS application for financial aid through your school, they will need to follow the following steps:

- Applications must be started through our website [www.aretescholars.org](http://www.aretescholars.org).
- Applicants will be directed to their TADS account. Applicants will need to log into their existing account, select “Add School/Scholarship” and add ARETE Louisiana to their application.
- Once Arete is added, the applicant will need to complete the additional questions required by Arete Scholars. Additional documentation will also be required. Applications are not considered complete and cannot be processed until these questions are completed and all required documents are submitted.

Finally, our main mode of communication is email and we typically have one main contact per school to ensure consistency. If your contact information changes, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can keep you informed of any updates and pertinent information.

We look forward to working with you this coming year. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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