



## Become a Tri-County Partner School

Tri-County Scholarship Fund provides need-based scholarships to K-12th grade children from Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties so they can attend quality, values-based independent schools that offer a superior and safer option versus the public school alternatives available to them.

Tri-County typically offers 900 scholarships per year:

- \$2,250 for Grades K-8
- \$4,000 for Grades 9 – 12
- \$5,000 for Grades 9-12 – Freedom Scholars

### Which students qualify for scholarship assistance?

- The average income of a Tri-County family is \$34,500. Scholarships are awarded based upon family circumstances, with an annual income range of 0 - \$50,000
- Must reside within Morris, Passaic or Sussex County **or** the school they plan to attend must be located in one of these counties
- Applicants must fill out the FACTS form by February 15

## How to Become a Tri-County Partner School?

Please submit to Tri-County your school's Admissions Information packet including:

1. Accreditations
2. Grade levels/enrollment
3. Tuition
4. Existence of financial aid program
5. School Mission, including evidence of a values-based curriculum or policies, such as an official Honor Code, Peer Mentoring program, Community Service Programs, and any curriculum related to character building, and respect for others

### The Process:

1. Once the above items are submitted, reviewed and accepted, Tri-County can add your school's name to our **Partner Schools List** and inform FACTS
2. When a student applies for financial aid through FACTS, Tri-County will have access to their application in order to review it for a scholarship to your school
3. STUDENT Application DEADLINE is February 15
4. Decisions are made by mid-April. Tri-County will then notify the student's family and the school
5. High school *Freedom Scholars* must be recommended by the school, complete an application (found on the Tri-County website), provide test scores and report cards, and submit a personal essay to Tri-County by February 15
6. Scholarship payments are sent by Tri-County to schools in 2 installments: in December and June