



**Pioneer Scholars Program
Income Eligibility Guidelines
(applicable to students applying for entry for the 2020-2021 school year)**

Families must use their 2018 or 2019 tax returns and the chart below to determine their family's eligibility for *Scholars to College*

Income Eligibility: To be considered for the *Pioneer Scholars* program at the Emily Krzyzewski Center, a family must have an adjusted gross income (AGI) that does not exceed 200% of federal poverty guidelines (based on family size). These guidelines are below.

After reviewing this chart, if you have determined that your family meets the eligibility requirements for this program (adjusted gross income for the year 2018 or 2019 does not exceed the amount listed according to the size of household), **please submit your 2018 or 2019 tax return with sensitive information concealed/blacked-out (Social Security Numbers, bank account and routing numbers) along with your child's application.** The program will use this information for eligibility verification purposes only and will destroy all collected data at the conclusion of the application period.

Q: Where Can I Find My Adjusted Gross Income?

A: Taxes are filed using the IRS Form 1040. Adjusted gross income can be found on line 7 of the 2018 form (<http://bit.ly/IRS1040Form2018>) and line 8b of the 2019 form (<http://bit.ly/IRS1040Form2019>).

Q: What if I am not required to file taxes due to disability, Social Security benefits, or I earned too little, etc.?

A: Please submit a Benefit Verification Letter or a document that demonstrates the amount of income earned in the year 2018 or 2019 (e.g. a w-2) along with your child's application.

Household Size*	Maximum Adjusted Gross Income (200% of Federal Poverty Line)
2	\$32,820
3	\$42,660
4	\$51,500
5	\$60,340
6	\$69,180
7	\$78,020
8	\$86,860

For households with more than 8 individuals, add \$4,420 for each additional person.
Source: aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines

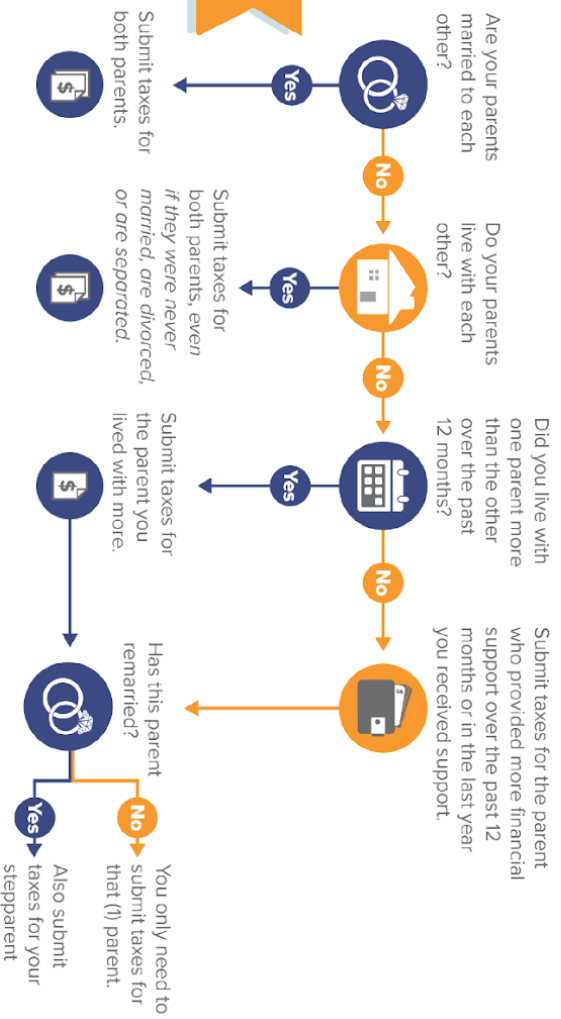
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Eligibility:

Whose Taxes Do I Submit To Verify My Eligibility?

Pioneer Scholars applicants are required to submit a parent tax return to determine their eligibility. For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family's situation).



If you are being raised by any of the following individuals, and they have not legally adopted you, please contact us:

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 Widowed Stepparent
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 Grandparents
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 Legal Guardians
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 Older Brothers or Sisters
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 Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to consider as a parent, you can contact us at nbailey@emilyk.org or (919)-680-0308

