Career Education Dual Enrollment ACE Scholarship Criteria

As ACE has added criteria that now includes students whose parents meet the 200% poverty level and are enrolled in a career program of study, the accuracy of submitting ACE application will be crucial to ensure the awarding of funds to OPS students. Therefore, this guide has been developed to assist building ACE approvers, Curriculum Specialists, and Teachers of Career programs of study courses successfully complete this process.

As each high school has different career programs of study and career academies, different rules may apply building to building. Please find your building name and use the checklist provided to identify what criteria students should apply for ACE: under. The two criteria are as follows:

Criteria 1: Federal Need-Based programs (typical criteria)

- Free or Reduced Priced Lunch
- Supplemental Security Income
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Special Supplemental Assistance Program

Criteria 2: Career Program of Study (NEW criterion)

A student whose family income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and who is enrolled in a career program of study can apply for an ACE Scholarship. Career program of study means a sequence of at least three high school courses that:

1. Are part of a career pathway program of study aligned with:
   a. the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Department of Education (http://cestandards.education.ne.gov/),
   b. a professional certification requirement, or
   c. the requirements for a postsecondary certification or diploma; and

2. Have a least one local member of business or industry partnering as an official advisor to the program.

*Career Academies: An active advisory board implies an advisory meeting has taken place.