

## **ScholarSkills Online Academy introduces the S.T.A.R.S. SAT Prep Scholarship Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **What is ScholarSkills Online Learning Academy (S.O.L.A.)?**

ScholarSkills Online Learning Academy is a live, interactive, online institute which helps students to gain better grades in school, achieve higher scores on tests, and qualify for admission to schools that offer them the best. ScholarSkills also offers private tutoring and test preparation at its headquarters in Brooklyn, NY.

#### **What is the S.T.A.R.S. SAT Prep Scholarship Program?**

S.T.A.R.S. is an acronym for Studious Teachable Ambitious Responsible Students. S.T.A.R.S. offers hard-working, economically disadvantaged students full access to our long-term premier preparatory program through need and merit-based financial aid. ScholarSkills also offers private tutoring and test preparation at its headquarters in Brooklyn, New York.

#### **Why is this intensive, long-term preparatory program necessary, especially for economically disadvantaged students?**

The SAT scores of economically disadvantaged students continue to plummet. Short-term test preparation simply does not address or redress the substantive educational deficiencies that these students have faced throughout their academic careers as a result of having lived in under-resourced communities. Indeed, one of the greatest mistakes parents and students make in preparing for the ACT and SAT is to invest time and money in short-term test prep courses that emphasize strategy over content. While these courses can be effective for students who have already shown significant mastery of either test's content, they cannot help those who need to review and master the cumulative verbal and mathematical skills that the tests assess.

#### **How much does our long-term, premier preparatory program cost?**

Our long-term learning program offers four times as much as other online prep programs and is priced accordingly. Programs that are short-term and strategy-based offer four to six weeks of classroom instruction. ScholarSkills offers six months of live instruction and self-paced interactive skill-building mastery lessons. Test prep companies charge approximately \$900 for four to six weeks of brush-up lessons. ScholarSkills charges \$2,400 in tuition for six months of intensive, skill-based lessons that lead to success in school and on standardized tests.

#### **Is financial assistance available?**

Yes! Full and partial scholarships are available through the **S.T.A.R.S. Scholarship Program**.

#### **What do the scholarships cover? And how are they allocated?**

Scholarships are awarded to students by need and merit based on the following tiered tuition criteria:

**Tier One:**

**50% tuition reduction** leaving the program's tuition cost at \$1200 which would be payable in installments of \$200 over six months.

**Tier Two:**

**75% tuition reduction** leaving the program's tuition cost at \$600 which would be payable in installments of \$100 over six months.

**Tier Three:**

**100% tuition reduction** leaving the program's tuition cost at \$0.00.

*Please note that registration, resources, and assessment fees in the amount of \$199 are not covered by tuition scholarships and are required for enrollment. This includes 9 hours of proctored real SAT exams with personalized, actionable score reports, books and digital learning resources, and guaranteed lifetime access to our interactive skill-building library of lessons in reading, writing, and math.*

**How are students selected for the S.T.A.R.S. Scholarship Program?**

S.T.A.R.S. is highly selective. Candidates qualify for this program, not simply by demonstrating significant financial need, but by showing that they are Studious Teachable Ambitious Responsible Students (or S.T.A.R.) who are eager to learn and willing to work tirelessly in a quest for the very best.

**Summary of criteria for admissions to the STARS Scholarship Program:**

- Outstanding academic potential attested to by current academic transcript
- Eagerness to learn and devotion to hard work attested to by a current teacher
- Significant financial need attested to by completion of the financial aid form

**How do students apply for this program?**

Students must complete an online application.

**How do families apply for financial aid?**

Parents or guardians must complete a brief online financial aid application.

**How long does the program last?**

S.O.L.A. is a long term preparatory program. As such, students will be required to devote a minimum of 144 hours over six months to intensive skill building in reading, writing, and mathematics to prepare for the skills that are assessed on the most important standardized tests.

**How can I learn more about this program?**

Please visit our website at: <https://www.scholarskills.com/scholarskills-sat-tips.html> Or call (718) 258-4647. Inquiries may also be addressed to [contactme@scholarskills.com](mailto:contactme@scholarskills.com)

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