



Determination Scholarship: Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply for the Determination Scholarship?

Follow this [link](#) to view the full instructions on our website. Before applying, please verify that you are eligible for the scholarship.

2. How do I know if I am eligible for the Determination Scholarship?

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- Demonstrate the need for full financial assistance.
- Have academic excellence.
- Have an intermediate or advanced level of English.
- Be studying in your third year of secondary school in a public or **private** school for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Live in the Guadalajara metropolitan area. (San Pedro Tlaquepaque, Tonalá, Zapopan, Tlajomulco de Zúñiga or Guadalajara)
- Be fluent in reading and writing both English and Spanish
- Be a student with:
 - leadership skills
 - academic excellence
 - social participation
 - a desire to study at a highly reputable, international, bilingual, and bicultural private high school

3. How do I know if my family is financially eligible for the scholarship?

Your family should have a financial study carried out during the year 2023-2024. This process will be explained to you soon.

4. I understand that previously this scholarship was awarded to students who came from public schools, is this correct?

As of the 2023-2024 school year, students from public or private schools, who meet the requirements, are welcome to apply.

5. How do I apply for a Determination Scholarship?

The first thing you have to do is complete the form that you will find [here](#). If accredited, you will receive an email with the instructions to follow.

6. What are the stages of the selection process?

For a complete description of the process, we invite you to click [here](#).

7. What tests will I have to take if I am invited to the second stage of the application process?

If it is determined that you are a strong candidate who is eligible for this scholarship, you are invited to take different tests:

- 1) **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP):** Consists of two computer adaptive tests. Both exams are taken in **English**. Each of these tests will take approximately two hours to complete.

What are the MAP Reading and MAP Math tests?

Each student will receive different questions because the computer adjusts the difficulty of the questions individually. If you get many answers correct, the computer will give you more difficult questions. If the questions are too difficult, you will be offered easier questions. Each student should expect to see questions that are very challenging for them, as the computer adaptive tests will identify the upper limits of their reading and math skills.

How can I prepare for the MAP [Reading](#) and MAP [Math](#) tests?

One way to prepare for these tests is to familiarize yourself with the computerized testing format. Visit the websites where you can try some sample interactive questions. The sample questions will not show a score and the difficulty levels will not be adjusted like the real tests. This site is strictly for understanding the format in which you will be tested and will allow you to become familiar with using tools such as the calculator and annotation functions.

What should I study for reading and math tests?

Due to the broad scope of computer adaptive testing, it is impossible to identify specific topics to study; instead, candidates should read as much as possible in English and include a variety of different types of text (nonfiction, narrative, poetry, etc.). In mathematics, candidates must do a broad conceptual review, keeping in mind that the tests will determine the upper limits of each individual's knowledge.

- 2) [PIENSE II](#): Contains four tests that are applied on the same day: Cognitive ability, achievement or performance in Spanish, Mathematics and English (the first three are administered in Spanish; the fourth is obviously in English).

How can I prepare for the PIENSE II test?

This exam is presented in a printed, multiple-choice booklet,

3) Participation in Workshops: Science, leadership, art and Spanish.

There is no way to prepare yourself; this is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your abilities by interacting with a group of other candidates and/or ASFG students. You can find a sample practice test [here](#)

4) English Skills Test: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

This is a series of face-to-face appointments where expert teachers in the field will evaluate you. There is no way to prepare, as you will be assessed on the knowledge and skills you already possess.

5) Interview with the Psychologist:

One-on-one interview.

8. Will the scholarship cover 100% of the cost of attending ASFG?

Yes, the scholarship covers 100% of tuition.

9. What if I already started my application process at another high school?

We recommend that you continue with both application processes, then make your choice.

10. Why does ASFG high school last four years, from 9th-12th grades?

Students who graduate from ASFG earn two diplomas: the Mexican UNAM diploma and an American high school diploma. It takes time to meet the requirements for both of these diplomas. American high schools require four years of study in certain subjects, and ASFG maintains these high standards.

Are scholarship recipients required to add a year and attend all four years of high school?

Yes. Candidates for the Determination Scholarship must be prepared to lengthen their high school studies by one year. We encourage families to view this extra year of study in a positive light, as a unique opportunity to expand on critically important academic and linguistic skills.

11. Do we need to have medical insurance to enroll?

It is not a requirement. If you don't have a health insurance policy, your parents will deliver a letter releasing the school from responsibility. A health insurance policy is required, however, for school trips.

12. Will I need to buy books?

Textbooks are provided by the school and there would only be a replacement charge if you lose any of them.

13. Are school supplies included?

Supplies like notebooks, pens, etc. are not covered by the scholarship. Families will need to pay for these.

14. Do I need to have a computer?

No, ASFG will provide you with a laptop for your school work. This device has its restrictions and commitment to use and will be returned to the school upon graduation.

15. Are uniforms required in high school?

For daily attendance, students wear their own clothes. Sports uniforms are not required in high school. The only situation in which a student would need a uniform would be if they joined an extracurricular sports team. These uniforms do have a cost.

16. What extracurricular sports or activities can I join at ASFG?

ASFG has soccer, volleyball, basketball, and robotics teams, all of which require registration and an additional payment to participate.

17. Are there any activities that have no cost to participate?

We participate with different [community service](#) groups, as well as clubs that have no cost to participate.

18. Do students have to comply with service hours (community service)?

During the four years of high school, students are required to complete 100 hours of community service as part of the service learning graduation requirement.

"A" hours (at least 50%) can be described as opportunities off campus. For example, helping the community by volunteering with an environmental institution, helping at a local hospital, visiting an orphanage, etc.

"B" hours are usually earned by helping our ASFG community in some way. For example, students could help collect trash, promote a green school to their friends, support the Educational Scholarship Foundation (ESF), organize events, etc.

For more information, visit the ASFG High School [service learning website](#).

19. How does the library work?

Reading is one of the most important activities at ASFG. Students can check out books using their student ID. The books are on loan for three weeks. After this, if they still need the book, they can renew it. If they lose the book, they are asked to pay a fee.

20. Are study tours or trips included?

No trips or field trips are included.

21. Is school transportation available?

Yes, there is optional school transportation to specific zones and with an extra cost. It is the responsibility of the family to bring students to school.

22. Are there cafeterias inside the school?

There are two cafeterias:

One is primarily for middle and high school students, where they serve baguettes and salads.

Another is primarily for elementary students, where they serve home style food, with breakfast and lunch menus.

Although they are named according to school sections, you can go to either cafeteria, giving priority to the users to whom it is addressed. Both cafeterias are run with strict hygiene and nutrition care for the students, with fair prices and very good quality.

Will we need to pay for food?

Yes, it is the responsibility of the student to pay for the food, or bring their own food.

23. Is there a stationery store inside the school?

Yes, we have a stationery store for the entire community. Its prices are competitive and paid by the customer. ASFG offers this option, but students are free to shop where they choose.

24. Is there an infirmary?

Yes, we have an infirmary that you can visit at no cost. There are two nurses on duty. They attend to minor situations (headaches, stomachaches, as well as a fall or other minor matters). In addition, some of our security personnel are certified paramedics.

25. What hours is the school open for students?

The high school class schedule is Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

However, students can enter:

From Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

26. Are my family members invited to attend school events?

Family and friends are always welcome to our events: Art Fest, drama productions, International Family Day, and others. They require an official identification to enter.

Parents are given an ASFG ID card at the start of the school year and will have them renewed periodically. They will need it to attend interviews, appointments and school presentations. Parents are invited to attend free webinars and parent school programs as well as workshops, offered at a discount.

27. How are the classes organized?

Students are organized into generations. Each student has their own schedule, so their classmates in each class are not the same.

Will I have classes with students from other grades?

Yes, it is one of the many unique experiences at ASFG. It may seem strange the first time it happens, but as you go through high school, it will be more normal for you to meet and work with students from other generations..

28. Will the students have social and psychological support?

Yes, there is the high school counselor, who will be monitoring the students, as well as the Determination Scholarship coordinator.

29. Will there be support for integration with new classmates?

Yes, students will have the support of students who are currently attending ASFG supported by the Determination Scholarship, as well as their classmates.

30. Where can I learn more about the school?

We invite you to to learn more about:

- [our commitment](#)
- [our affiliations & accreditation](#)

31. I know a perfect candidate who is not currently in tercero de secundaria. Can they apply for the scholarship?

The Determination Scholarship is designed to bring students into the 9th grade at ASFG, entering the school with other students of the same age. If the candidate is not currently (2023-2024 school year) enrolled in “tercero de secundaria,” they are not eligible to apply.

32. If I earn this scholarship, will my younger brothers and sisters also be admitted to ASFG?

No, this scholarship does not extend to admission of family members. All scholarship applicants are considered on an individual basis.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS LIST, WE INVITE YOU TO SEND THEM VIA EMAIL TO: determination@asfg.edu.mx
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