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AAA Scholarship Foundation

Nevada Educational Choice Scholarship

- Serves Economically-Disadvantaged Students
 - Household Incomes Up to 300% of Federal Poverty Level
- Funded by Contributions from Companies Which Receive MBT Tax Credits in Return
- Scholarships Can be Used for
 - Tuition, Books and Fees at Eligible Private Schools or
 - Transportation to and from a Nevada Public School, Including a Charter School, if the School Does Not Provide Transportation for the Student



AAA Scholarship Foundation



- Mission: To Provide Economic Assistance to Low-Income Families and Families of Children with Disabilities to Enable Them to Select the Best Educational Setting (Up to Grade 12) for Their Children
- Approved Scholarship Organization in Nevada, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Pennsylvania
- Administer Innovative Scholarship Programs that Pay for Education-Related Expenses Exclusively For Low-Income, Foster and Disabled Children

AAA Scholarships – SY2017-2018

Nevada Stats as of 5/31/18:

- \$6.68MM in Scholarships Awarded to 1,004 Students
- 863 Students Actively Attending 67 Schools
- Counties of Residence
 - Carson City - 1.9%
 - Churchill – 1.0%
 - Clark – 88.1%
 - Douglas – 1.7%
 - Elko – 0.1%
 - Lyon – 1.8%
 - Nye – 0.4%
 - Washoe – 5.0%



Household Income Levels

Household Income Levels (% of Federal Poverty)

- 74.4% at or below 185% of Poverty
- 7.9% between 186% and 200%
- 10.7% between 201% and 225%
- 6.4% between 226% and 250%
- 0.6% between 251% and 300%



Demographics

<u>Grade Level</u>		<u>Gender</u>	
Kindergarten	12.0%	Male	52.0%
1st	11.8%	<u>Female</u>	<u>48.0%</u>
2nd	10.6%	Total	100.0%
3rd	10.1%		
4th	9.2%	<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	
5th	8.4%	Asian	8.8%
6th	9.4%	Black or African American	16.4%
7th	6.6%	Hispanic/Latino	30.3%
8th	6.0%	Native American/Alaskan	0.2%
9th	5.7%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	0.6%
10th	3.9%	White or Caucasian	29.3%
11th	3.3%	Mixed Race	13.3%
<u>12th</u>	<u>3.4%</u>	<u>Did Not Report</u>	<u>1.1%</u>
Total	100.0%	Total	100.0%

Empowering Parents

Parents Actively Seek Options



- Proactively choose a different educational option for their children besides their zoned schools
- Successfully complete the application process for scholarships
- Enroll their children in eligible private schools of their choosing
- Understand that they have the option to exit those schools if they are not meeting their children's learning needs and to take their children - and scholarship funding - with them to another school



Empowering Parents Cont'd

“Our girls are thriving in an environment that provides them with the education they need to succeed, while reinforcing the morals and character qualities that we try to instill at home.” – Melanie Emery

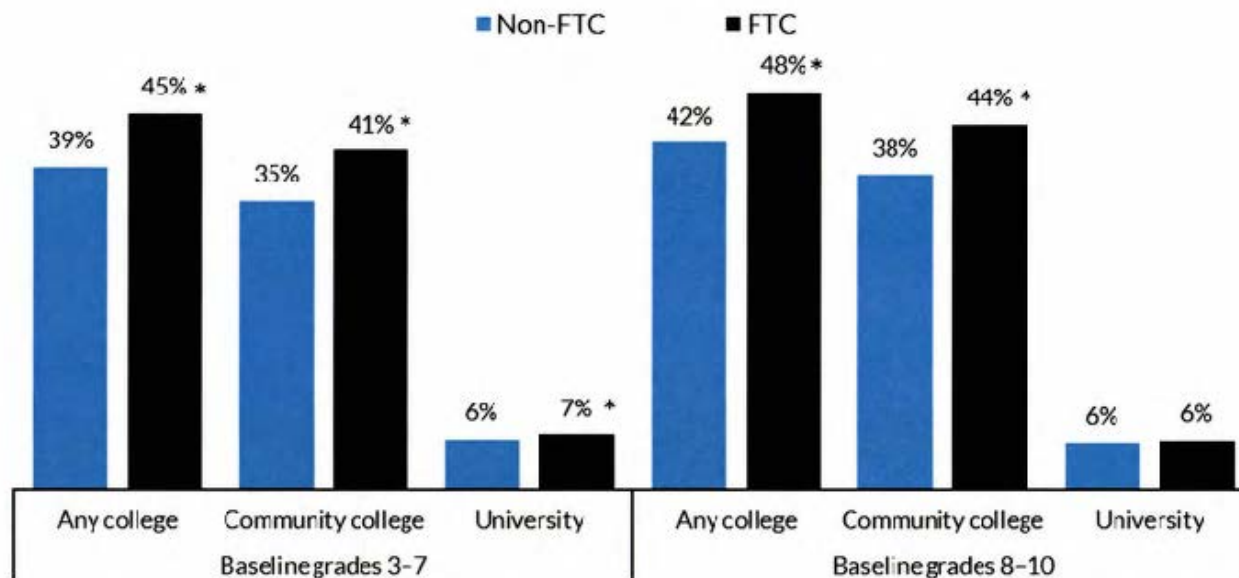
“This school has changed my son’s life as well as mine.” – Tessa Ambrose

“This scholarship is the best thing to ever happen to our family. I remind Sofia every day to make the most of her work because her being able to attend this school is a blessing and not many children have this chance.”
– landell Tabaniag

“I just want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support, we are so happy to be one of the scholarship families in Reno, Nevada. Thank you!” – Karla Martinez

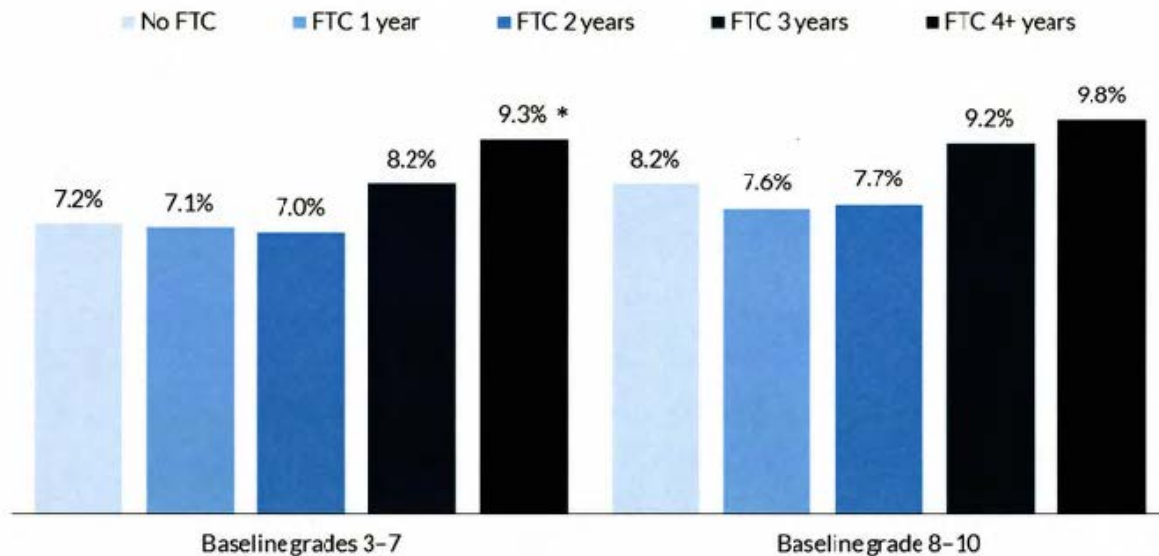
These Programs are Effective

FTC Effects on College Enrollment



Program Effectiveness Cont'd

FTC Effects on Associate Degree Attainment



Review of Research Studies

Research on Private School Choice



When reviewing studies of choice programs using appropriate research methods, the findings are spectacularly positive.

Research Topic	Positive Finding	Neutral Finding	Negative Finding
Academic Outcomes of Scholarship Recipients	14	2	2 ⁺
Academic Outcomes of Remaining Public School Students	25	1	0
Effect of Choice Program on Integration of Schools	8	1	0
Effect on Civic Values of Scholarship Students (civic knowledge, respect for rights of others)	8	3	0
Fiscal Impact on Taxpayers and Districts	25	3	0

