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Strengthening, Growing, and Advocating for Christian Schools in Iowa!

Three IACS Schools Recipients of Yass Award for Educational Freedom

In June of 2023, the [Yass Prize](#), an educational philanthropic organization, launched a new initiative in response to states boldly enacting student-centered education policies called the [Yass Award for Educational Freedom](#).

Iowa, Arkansas, and Oklahoma Governors were asked to nominate up to ten outstanding education providers who have capacity to ramp up quickly to serve more students.

[Des Moines Christian School](#), [Faith Academy](#), and [Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School](#) join six other Iowa schools as recipients of the YASS Award for Educational Freedom in the state of Iowa. Congratulations to these schools for their dedication and commitment to expanding educational options to serve more students and families in Iowa. We are proud of our schools!

School Spotlight

[Mt. Olive Lutheran School](#) is a 3 year old preschool through 8th grade serving students in Des Moines. Facing an enrollment increase, MOLS expanded over the summer to an additional campus close by. MOLS East Campus houses 5-8th grades for the 23-24 school year. At Mount Olive, students learn about the world God created, but more importantly about His Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Students are being prepared for success in high school and beyond!



Mt. Olive Lutheran School students gather for a chapel service.

Become a Future Leader Fellow with American Federation for Children (AFC)

Applications are open for AFC's 2024 Future Leader Fellowship program. From AFC's website: *AFC's Future Leaders Fellowship is designed to identify and develop tomorrow's leaders in the educational choice movement, those who can speak best to its urgent need and potential: the men and women who credit school choice for changing their lives.*

The program is looking for college students who are graduates of a publicly funded K-12 school choice program who are willing to share his or her story and be a voice for educational choice!

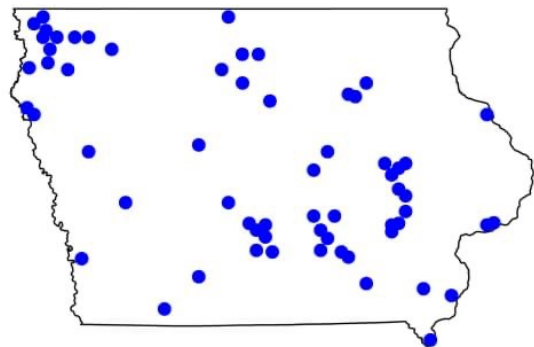
[Learn more and apply today at this link](#). Applications are due by November 15!



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