

## HOW DO I RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR MY CHILD?

To be eligible, parents need to apply for scholarships online through our website at [schoolchoicearizona.org](http://schoolchoicearizona.org). You may also download an application to complete from our website. You may submit it to us by mail, fax, or email ([info@schoolchoicearizona.org](mailto:info@schoolchoicearizona.org)). The same application is used for all scholarships. Based on the application, the income guidelines, and additional documentation submitted, we will determine which scholarships you qualify for.

Low-Income and Disabled/Displaced Corporate Scholarships for the 2022- 2023 school year are awarded in June 2022 and January 2023. Applications are available beginning on March 1, 2022, and must be submitted by May 15 to be considered during both award cycles, or by December 31 for the January award cycle only.

School Choice Arizona can only make an award if your student is enrolled at the school named on your application. Applications expire at the end of the school year shown on the application, regardless of when they are received.

## HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AND WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED?

Please keep in mind that, per the tax credit laws, scholarships are not guaranteed. Our Selection Committee considers the financial circumstances of the student's family (*a required factor by state law, which we hold in the strictest confidence*) and the narrative provided by the parents. Every student who has a current application on file, is enrolled, and meets the qualifications for the Corporate Tax Credit Scholarships is considered.

Regardless of our desire to award every student during each Award Cycle, we do not always have the funds available to meet this goal since we are a donation-based organization.

## ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO FAMILIES?

Per the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR), scholarship awards are only given to individual students. There are no family accounts.

## WHAT IF MY STUDENT RECEIVES AN AWARD BUT TRANSFERS TO ANOTHER SCHOOL?

As long as the new school is a private school in Arizona that partners with School Choice Arizona, the unused portion will follow the student. Otherwise, any remaining scholarship amount would be awarded among other students at the school.

## MAY A STUDENT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION (STO)?

Yes, we encourage you to apply for any opportunities available. There is no limit on the number of Low-Income Scholarships a student may be awarded. However, with Disabled/Displaced Scholarships, the student may not receive more than the sum of the cap which is determined by the Arizona Department of Education.

## IF MY STUDENT RECEIVES EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT (ESA) MONEY FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CAN THEY ALSO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP FROM SCHOOL CHOICE ARIZONA?

The ESA statute (*A.R.S. 15-2402 (B)(3)*) requires that while a parent has a contract with the ESA program, a student cannot accept ESA and STO money concurrently. If a parent ends their ESA contract during the school year, there is no conflict if that student receives an STO scholarship for the remainder of the academic year.

## HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION?

*Our friendly customer service staff is always available to help! Give us a call at 480.722.7502, or email us at [info@schoolchoicearizona.org](mailto:info@schoolchoicearizona.org) today!*

# SCHOOL CHOICE ARIZONA

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CORPORATE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

2022-2023

# REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

## WHAT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

School Choice Arizona awards two different scholarships which are funded by Corporate Income Tax Credits.

### LOW-INCOME

Low-Income Corporate Scholarships are funded by the Low-Income Tax Credit Law (A.R.S. 43-1183) which was enacted in 2006. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a private school in grades K-12 (or a preschooler with disabilities). The student's family income cannot exceed 185% of the income required to qualify a child for reduced price lunches.

FEDERAL REDUCED PRICE LUNCH GUIDELINES '22-'23 School Year		INCOME MAXIMUMS FOR AZ LOW-INCOME CORPORATE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL GROSS INCOME 185% of Poverty Level	ANNUAL GROSS INCOME 185% of Amount in Column 2
1	\$25,142	<b>\$46,513</b>
2	\$33,874	<b>\$62,667</b>
3	\$42,606	<b>\$78,821</b>
4	\$51,338	<b>\$94,975</b>
5	\$60,070	<b>\$111,130</b>
6	\$68,802	<b>\$127,284</b>
7	\$75,534	<b>\$143,438</b>
8	\$86,266	<b>\$159,592</b>
EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	\$8,732	<b>\$16,154</b>

Qualified students must **also** meet one of the eligibility requirements below:

- 1 The student attended an AZ district or charter school for at least 90 days in the prior school year, then transferred to a private school.
- 2 The student is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at a private school.
- 3 The student is a dependent of a member of the US Armed Forces who is stationed in Arizona under military orders.
- 4 The student previously received an Overflow or Corporate Scholarship in a prior year, and has attended private school continuously since.

*Beginning with the '21-'22 academic year, eligibility prerequisites were expanded to include:*

- 5 The student was homeschooled immediately prior to enrolling in a private school.
- 6 The student moved to Arizona from out of state immediately prior to enrolling in a private school.
- 7 The student participated in the ESA program and did not renew or accept the scholarship in order to accept STO scholarships.

### DISABLED/DISPLACED

Disabled/Displaced Corporate Scholarships are funded by the Disabled/Displaced Corporate Tax Credit Law (A.R.S. 43-1184 - Lexie's Law) which took effect in 2009. For a student to qualify, they must be enrolled in a private school in grades K-12 (or a preschooler with disabilities). Students must also meet one of the following requirements:

- 1 K-12 students must have an MET, IEP, or 504 plan. Preschoolers with disabilities must have an MET or IEP and be attending a private school offering services that address the student's identified disabilities. All documentation must be from an Arizona public school.
- 2 K-12 students currently or previously placed in the Arizona foster care system.

Please review our website and Scholarship Application for more details.

### HOW ARE THE CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED?

Arizona law allows C Corporations and S Corporations to donate up to their state income tax liability for the given tax year. Insurance companies can donate as well from their premium tax liability.

If you know of a corporation interested in helping families have an Educational Choice that best fits their child's individual needs, have them call us at 480.722.7502!

Corporations may identify one or more schools with their tax credit donation, however, they may not recommend specific students per the tax credit law.

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