

ADOR Scholarship Guidelines

requirements

To our partner schools:

You have an important responsibility with respect to the monies you receive from STOs and what the state requires of you as a steward of those funds. Following are the scholarship acceptance guidelines issued by the Arizona Department of Revenue. Should there ever be confusion, please contact APESF.

Many thanks,
APESF Staff & Board



- STOs can only award tuition scholarships to qualified private schools.
- STOs cannot award tuition scholarships for a prior academic year.
- Once the current school year comes to a close, schools can no longer apply awards to that (prior) school year.
- The combined scholarship awards for a student from a single or multiple STOs during a particular academic year cannot exceed the published tuition rate for that year.
- Scholarship awards must be credited specifically to the student named by the STO as the scholarship award recipient. If the named student is no longer enrolled when a school receives the award, the funds must be returned to the STO for re-allocation. Schools cannot allocate or re-allocate STO scholarship funds for ANY reason. (This includes overages that create a credit balance and could be rolled into the next school year - even if permission is given by the STO.)
- If a student's tuition is funded in full by STO scholarships, and subsequent awards create a credit balance, the school must refund the excess (or all of) funding to the STO(s) for re-allocation.
- If a parent has paid part or all of the tuition for the current academic year, and a scholarship award is made for his/her child, the school may refund up to the total published tuition paid by the parent in order to accept the STO scholarship award. The decision whether to refund the parent or return the amount of the scholarship that exceeds the tuition balance to the STO(s) is entirely up to the school. The school cannot carry forward the excess tuition paid to the next school year.
- STO funding cannot be used for activities, enrollment fees, books, or any other extracurricular activities that are not included in the published tuition of the school.

A.R.S. 43-1089 NOTICE

A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of donor recommendation. A taxpayer may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent.