



FAQs – For Applicant Families

Who is eligible to receive tuition scholarships from APESF?

- Any K-12 student enrolled in a partner private school
- Any preschool student with a documented disability enrolled in a partner private school

Is there a deadline for applying?

- All families must apply one time per school year to be considered
- An application must be submitted by the last day of the month in order for a student to be considered for the following month's distribution (APESF does monthly distributions, with the exception of January and May.)
- Typically, the application process for a particular school year opens some time in April and closes some time in March. Exact dates will be listed on APESF's application page when determined each year.

Can you explain the different types of scholarships my child might be eligible to receive?

Original Individual Income Tax Credit

Scholarship Prerequisites
None

Switcher (Overflow/PLUS) Individual Income Tax Credit

Scholarship Prerequisites
Student must meet ONE of the following prerequisites: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student attended an Arizona public school as a full-time student for at least 90 days of the prior fiscal year and then transferred from the public school to a private school; OR• Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private school kindergarten; OR• Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private preschool program for students with disabilities; OR• Is a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in Arizona pursuant to military orders; OR• Received a switcher individual scholarship under one of the above criteria in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years; OR• Received a low-income corporate scholarship or a disabled/displaced corporate scholarship in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years.



Low-Income Corporate Income Tax Credit

Scholarship Prerequisites

Student's family income cannot exceed 185% of the income required to qualify a child for reduced price lunches AND student must meet one of the following:

- Student attended an Arizona public school as a full-time student for at least 90 days of the prior fiscal year or one full semester and then transferred from the public school to a private school; OR
- Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private school kindergarten; OR
- Is enrolling or currently enrolled in a private preschool program for students with disabilities; OR
- Is a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is stationed in Arizona pursuant to military orders; OR
- Received a low-income corporate scholarship under one of the above criteria in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years; OR
- Received an original individual scholarship or a switcher individual scholarship in a prior year and the child continued to attend a private school in subsequent years.

Disabled/Displaced Corporate Income Tax Credit

Scholarship Prerequisites

Student must meet either the disabled qualification (have a current or expired IEP/MET or 504 plan from an Arizona public or charter school) or displaced qualification (have been in Arizona foster care system at some point in time).

What happens once I apply?

- After applying, you should receive a confirmation email letting you know we received the application.
- If there are any documents you were not able to upload when you applied, you may send those via email, fax or mail.
- Parents are notified on the **last day of the month** (in distribution months) *if, and only if*, their child is receiving a scholarship.

Anything else I should know?

- All awards are one-time awards, and there is no guarantee prior to the actual scholarship notice being sent of funding that will be available for your child.
- A student may receive one award notice, multiple or none throughout the school year, depending on funding-available.
- You may have your family and friends recommend your student with their tax-credit donation.