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# INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and complete this entire application. The Scholarship Application consists of five parts: Student Information, ESA Status, Student Narrative, Family Financial Info, and Overflow Eligibility. To be eligible for scholarship awards, we must have a complete application and the student must be enrolled at an ACSTO Partner School.

Only one application is required per student, per school year. Applications may be submitted by email, fax, mail, or online at ACSTO.org. Applications must be received or postmarked by the deadline to be included in each remaining award cycle for the '24-'25 school year. *This application will expire on May 31, 2025 regardless of when it is received.* 

Please do not submit multiple copies of your application. If you need to update your information, please contact our office.

APPLICATION DEADLINES	SUMMER AWARD	JULY 15	WINTER AWARD	JAN 31
(We only need one application per school year.)	FALL AWARD	OCT 15	SPRING AWARD	MARCH 31

## **STUDENT INFORMATION** (*Please complete ALL fields.*)

<b>'24-'25 TUITION</b> (After all discounts are applied.)	Student Full Name		Student	Date of Birth	_//
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PLEASE √ '24-'25 GRADE	Mailing Address		LAST	FIRST	
K $1^{st}$ $2^{nd}$ $3^{rd}$ 4 <sup>th</sup> $5^{th}$ $6^{th}$ $7^{th}$ 8 <sup>th</sup> $9^{th}$ $10^{th}$ $11^{th}$	city Parent/Guardian Email		STATE	_ Phone (	ZIP )
12 <sup>th</sup> Preschool w/ disabilities	School Name			School City	

## **ESA STATUS**

Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) are a separate tuition funding source from tax credit scholarships (i.e., ACSTO scholarships). ESAs are administered by the Arizona Department of Education, <u>NOT</u> by ACSTO.

Per the ESA law, tax credit scholarships cannot be sent to the student's school while a parent has a signed ESA contract for the student, ACSTO **can hold** scholarship awards for future use after the student's ESA has been discontinued as long as: 1) the parent submits an ACSTO application each year and 2) the student remains enrolled at a Partner School.

### AN ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION IS REQUIRED.

Do you intend to sign or have you signed an ESA contract with the Arizona Department of Education for this student during the school year that you are applying for?

YES NO

If your student's ESA status changes at any time during the school year, please notify ACSTO immediately.





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# **STUDENT NARRATIVE**

### **STUDENT'S FULL NAME:**

In the space below (or on a separate page), write a 2-3 paragraph narrative about your student. You may discuss the following as they apply to the student and his/her age: student's character, leadership, community involvement, perseverance, school achievement, personal accomplishments, spiritual life, and/or extracurricular interests. Financial information should be included on the *Family Financial Info Form* on page 3 of this application, not in the Student Narrative.

ACSTO's Selection Committees will consider donor recommendations, financial circumstances, and the student narrative when making scholarship awards. ACSTO cannot make any awards solely on the basis of a donor's recommendation, therefore, donation recommendations are not guarantees. The Selection Committees have complete discretion regarding scholarship awards.

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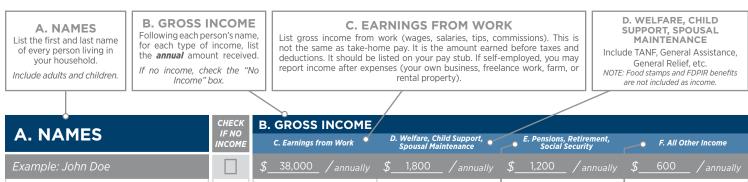
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## FAMILY FINANCIAL INFO (HOUSEHOLD INCOME)

You only need to fill out one Family Financial Info Form per family. This information will be held in the strictest confidence.

We determine financial circumstances based on the USDA's definition of household income. A household is a group of related or unrelated individuals who share housing, income, and expenses. You do not have to list those who are economically independent from you or their dependents, even if you share housing. *If the student is a foster child, skip this section and complete the Foster Child information at the bottom of this page.* 

Include ALL household members below, including children, students away at college, and individuals without income. Processing delays will occur for applications containing incomplete Financial Info Forms.



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Total # in Household:	-			

E. PENSIONS, RETIREMENT,

SOCIAL SECURITY Include Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's (VA) benefits, and disability benefits.

#### F. ALL OTHER INCOME

Include workers' compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, net rental income, annuities, net royalties, interest, dividend income, cash withdrawn from savings, income from estates, trust and/or investments, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income. If you are in the military, you do not have to include combat pay as income.

# **FOSTER CHILD**

If this is an application for a child who is the legal responsibility of an Arizona welfare agency or court, and is currently living in your household, please provide the following information. Foster Child Name

If foster child has no income, please check this box.

Child's Personal Use Monthly Income \$ \_

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# **OVERFLOW ELIGIBILITY**

If any of the following criteria apply to your student, they can be considered for an Overflow Scholarship as well. Please check the box, and include any requested information when you submit your application. *If you've already received an Overflow Award from ACSTO, we don't need additional verification.* 

If your student is transferring from a public (district or charter) school in Arizona (after attending at least 90 days in the prior school year) to a private school, complete our <b>Public School Enrollment Verification Form</b> available at <i>acsto.org/parents/ apply-now</i> .
Preschool students with disabilities are eligible; please submit an IEP or MET plan from an Arizona public school. Tax credit scholarships can only be used at schools offering services that address the student's identified disabilities.
All students entering Kindergarten at a private school are eligible. <i>In addition,</i> they must be five years old on or before December 31 of their Kindergarten year to receive tax credit scholarships. No additional documentation is required.
If your student is a dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, stationed in Arizona pursuant to military orders, please attach a copy of those orders showing the location of the Arizona station.
If your student was homeschooled in Arizona immediately prior to enrolling in a private school, complete our <b>Homeschool Verification Form</b> available at <i>acsto.org/parents/apply-now</i> .
If your student moved to Arizona from out of state immediately prior to enrolling in a private school, complete our <b>Out of State School Verification Form</b> available at <i>acsto.org/parents/apply-now</i> .
If your student participated in the ESA Program and did not renew or accept the scholarship in order to accept STO scholarships, please submit documentation from the Arizona Department of Education stating the ESA was not renewed or was closed.
If your student previously received an Overflow or Corporate Scholarship from another scholarship organization and has remained enrolled in private school since, please submit the award letter, or a <b>Scholarship Verification Form</b> available at <i>acsto.org/parents/apply-now</i> .

#### I certify that all the information provided in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge:

Signature

Print Name

All awards made by ACSTO can only be used for tuition for students attending grades K–12 (or preschoolers with disabilities) at a private Christian School that partners with ACSTO (see our website for a list). The student must be enrolled to be considered for scholarships. **NOTICE:** A school tuition organization cannot award, restrict, or reserve scholarships solely on the basis of a donor's 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. A.R.S. 43-1603 (C). Any designation of your own dependent as a potential recipient is prohibited.

Date