

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

'25-'26

ACSTO

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and complete this entire application. The Scholarship Application consists of five parts: Student Information, Student Narrative, Family Financial Info, Overflow Scholarship Qualification, and ESA Status. **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 '25-'26 school year. **This application will expire on May 31, 2026, 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

(We only need one application per school year.)

SUMMER AWARD JULY 15

WINTER AWARD JAN 31

FALL AWARD OCT 15

SPRING AWARD MARCH 31

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please complete ALL fields.)

Student Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Student Full Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

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(After all discounts are applied.)

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Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
LAST FIRST

Mailing Address _____

CITY STATE ZIP

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

School Name _____

School City _____

PLEASE ✓ '25-'26 GRADE

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| ☐ 12 th | ☐ Preschool w/ disabilities | |

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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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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.

A. NAMES

List the first and last name of every person living in your household.

Include adults and children.

B. GROSS INCOME

Following each person's name, for each type of income, list the **annual** amount received.

If no income, check the "No Income" box.

C. EARNINGS FROM WORK

List gross income from work (wages, salaries, tips, commissions). This is not the same as take-home pay. It is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub. If self-employed, you may report income after expenses (your own business, freelance work, farm, or rental property).

D. WELFARE, CHILD SUPPORT, SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE

Include TANF, General Assistance, General Relief, etc.

NOTE: Food stamps and FDPIR benefits are not included as income.

A. NAMES	CHECK IF NO INCOME	B. GROSS INCOME	C. Earnings from Work	D. Welfare, Child Support, Spousal Maintenance	E. Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	F. All Other Income
Example: John Doe	☐	\$ 38,000 / annually	\$ 1,800 / annually	\$ 1,200 / annually	\$ 600 / annually	
	☐	\$ / annually	\$ / annually	\$ / annually	\$ / annually	
	☐	\$ / annually	\$ / annually	\$ / annually	\$ / annually	
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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 _____

Child's Personal Use Monthly Income \$ _____

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

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OVERFLOW (SWITCHER) SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____

ACSTO awards two types of tuition scholarships, Original and Overflow. All students with a complete application and who are enrolled at a Partner School will be considered for Original Scholarship awards. To be considered for Overflow Scholarship awards, students must also meet **one** of the qualifications on this page.

If one of the following options applies to your child, check the appropriate box and include the required documentation (if any is requested) when you submit this application. ***If the student previously received an Overflow Scholarship from ACSTO and has remained continuously enrolled in a Partner School since, we do not need additional verification.***

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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 **Public School Enrollment Verification Form** available at acsto.org/parents/apply-now.

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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.

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All students entering Kindergarten at a private school are eligible. *In addition*, 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.

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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.

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If your student was homeschooled in Arizona and did not have an ESA immediately prior to enrolling in a private school, complete our **Homeschool Verification Form** available at acsto.org/parents/apply-now.

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If your student moved to Arizona from out of state immediately prior to enrolling in a private school, complete our **Out of State School Verification Form** available at acsto.org/parents/apply-now.

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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.

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If your student previously received an Overflow or Corporate Scholarship from another school tuition organization and has remained enrolled in private school since, please submit the award letter, or a **Scholarship Verification Form** available at acsto.org/parents/apply-now.

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ESA STATUS

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: _____

Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) are an entirely separate tuition funding source from tax credit scholarships (i.e., ACSTO scholarships). ESAs are administered by the [Arizona Department of Education](#), **not 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. The parent must provide documentation from the Arizona Department of Education confirming that the student's ESA contract was closed or not renewed before any tax credit scholarships can be sent to the school.

Students with an ESA contract can still be considered for tax credit scholarship awards, but awards must be **held by ACSTO** in the student's name until documentation is received that the ESA was closed or not renewed. Awards are only held if the parent: 1) Submits an ACSTO application each school year and 2) The student remains continuously enrolled at an ACSTO Partner School.

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



ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

For the school year that you are applying for, do you intend to sign or have you already signed an ESA contract for this student?

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YES

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NO

For the school year immediately prior to the school year you are applying for, did you sign an ESA contract for this student at any time during that school year?

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YES

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NO

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

Signature

Print Name

Date

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.