

AZ State Tax-Credit Tuition Scholarship Information: Summarized

Primary Organizations we work with at St. Augustine:

- **Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO)** - We encourage all our families to apply to FAIR to determine scholarship eligibility. CTSO offers all four types of scholarships, *D/D has a separate application*. Start Applying Dec. 1, (\$19 fee) www.fairapp.com (schoolcode:800, password:ctso800, once in the application select school code 805)
- **Arizona School Choice Trust (ASCT)**-Opens the application process early on January 15 each year for the fall semester through TADS. (\$35 fee) Apply right away; they are a First come-First Serve STO! (They give priority to those already in the system) www.asct.org 623-414-3429
- **Institute for Better Education (IBE)**-This fund is available to all students, all 4 types of scholarships are available. They have a Recommended Fund Program. Family and friends can designate your student as recipient of their donation. www.IBEScholarships.org 520-512-5438
- **Brophy Community Foundation** - These awards are primarily corporate scholarships. Opens February 1, 2022 to May 1, 2022. Application fee \$35.00. www.brophy.org/apply 602-264-5291 (They use FACTS grant and aid division)
- **Arizona Leadership Foundation (ALF)**-Known by many as the Geico one! Applications open April 18, 2022. They now offer online applications. Very strict guidelines and deadline. They only offer Corporate and D/D types. *D/D has a separate application.*
<https://arizonaleader.org/students-families/applications>
- **Arizona Tuition Connection (ATC)**-This organization deals mostly with donor based designations, similar to IBE and AZTXCR. They do a great job of assisting you in finding donors. They offer all four types of awards and applications open mid-February 2022. Apply and learn about their donor program at www.arizonatuitionconnection.com 480-409-4106.

Other STO's that May offer Scholarships:

- **Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund (APESF)**-Limited funds available for our school. www.apesf.org 480-699-8911
- **TOPS for Kids (TOPS)**-This STO offers all 4 award types. Application start May 1st.
<https://www.topsforkids.com/SchoolAccount.aspx> 480-414-8677
- **AZ4EDUCATION (AZ4ED)** - This STO offers all 4 types. Application start May 1st.
www.az4education.org (480) 478-0624
- **Arizona Tax Credit (AZTXCR)**-They work similar to ATC and IBE, in that they accept student recommended donations. www.aztxcr.org 480-939-2151
- **School Choice Arizona (SCA)** - This STO offers 3 of the 4 types. *Applications open all year and expire May 31st, of that school year.*
<https://schoolchoicearizona.org/application-intro> 480-722-7502.

If you currently have either of the following two types of scholarships. Please Contact the Finance Department: They can advise if it will be beneficial for you to keep them or transfer to other types of STO's

- 1. AAA Scholarship Foundation**-This is a “corporate” donation STO organization, they will offer the maximum, if eligible, of \$6900 per year, but you *cannot* accept any other STO scholarship at the same time. They do not cover the full tuition costs at St. Augustine.
- 2. ESA Scholarship is NOT an STO: The ESA: Empowerment Scholarship Award** is a different state program for military families, disabled/displaced eligible students, or a student coming from a D or F public school. If you accept an ESA scholarship, you are *NOT* eligible to receive any other STO scholarship, and they do not typically cover the full tuition costs at St. Augustine.

Other Important, Helpful Scholarship Bits of Information:

- **The law specifically states, however, that a parent CANNOT designate their donation to directly benefit their own children, AND you cannot “swap” donations with another parent for their children. Please do not jeopardize the program by doing this!**
- Parents can donate to an STO and designate the school to receive their donation. The parent can then apply to that same STO to receive funds from the monies in that schools pool.
- Arizona is one of only a few states in the country that offers a tax-credit tuition scholarship program for private schools K-12 grades.
- If you work and pay taxes to the state of Arizona, you may direct all or a portion of your tax liability, that would otherwise go to the state, to an STO. It doesn't cost you anything extra than you would already be paying to the state of Arizona, and it supports these vital scholarship funds.
- Corporations and Individuals can donate to a State Tax-Credit Organization (STO) and receive a tax-credit on their Arizona State Income Taxes.
- You can designate St. Augustine Catholic High School with any STO donation to increase our scholarship pools. All donations are greatly appreciated.
- Learn how the tax-credit program works, check with your tax accountant.
- Attend a Scholarship Information Session offered at St. Augustine.
- Make an appointment with a Finance Team member to learn more about your specific qualifications and what types of scholarships your student is eligible to receive.
- Each school works with many STO's for your student to apply to for scholarships.
- Most students are eligible for more than one type of scholarship, and can receive that type of scholarship from several different STO organizations.
- Each STO has their own application and filing dates, learn which is best for you to apply to.
- There are four pools of money in this state tax credit program. Individuals can contribute to the “Individual” and “Switcher, Plus, or Overflow” pools. Only ‘C’ or ‘S’ Corporations and Insurance agencies can contribute to the “Corporate” or D/D pools.